

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

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on Saturday, June 26, and hurriedly submitted a draft resolution which, to the shame of Mitterand, "demanded the immediate withdrawal of the Israeli forces round Beirut to a distance of ten kilometers from the periphery of the city, as a first step toward the complete withdrawal of the Israeli forces from Lebanon, and the simultaneous withdrawal of the Palestinian armed forces from Beirut, which -- take note -- shall retire to the existing camps" with their weapons, of course. -- What hutzpah!

In this context, the Israelis have now disclosed that many of the camps under UNRWA supervision served as hideouts for PLO arms and that some of the UN - supported schools were used as guerrilla training centers -- with

the apparent approval of UNRWA officials. In one instance, a UN flag was flying on a building, which basement served as a PLO fortress. As regards the French anti-Israeli resolution, Charles Lichenstein, sitting in for Jeane Kirkpatrick and alone among the 15 Council members vetoed the draft, making it clear that an essential prerequisite for the restoration of Lebanese sovereignty was "the elimination in Beirut and elsewhere of the presence of armed Palestinian elements who neither submit to nor respect the sovereignty of the Lebanese Government."

The selfsame day, the General Assembly, in continuing its resumed seventh emergency special session under the presidency of the Iraqi Kittani on the item "The Question of Palestine," had before it a hurriedly - concocted draft which would have the Assembly demand that by 6 A.M. Beirut time on Sunday June 27, Israel withdraw all its military forces forthwith and unconditionally to the internationally-recognized boundaries of Lebanon; it also called upon all parties to the conflict cease immediately and simultaneously all military activity within Lebanon and across the Lebanese-Israeli border.

The draft cited the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people which must be given

equal footing in any settlement of the conflict and it closed by "condemning Israel for its non-compliance with resolutions 508 and 509 which had previously called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces."

Following a lengthy and frousome debate, the resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 127 in favor to 2 against with no abstentions. Some 28 absent.

Once again, the U.S. alone stood with Israel opposing the draft.

This writer has consistently held the view: come what may, in any showdown between Israel and its enemies, the United States, established on the bedrock of the Sinaitic Law, will stand side by side with its one dependable ally in the region.

HAIFA (WNS) -- Yosef Singer, 59, a member of the faculty of the aeronautical engineering department of the Technion, Israel's institute of Technology, has been named president of the Technion by the Institute's Board of Governors. Dr. Singer, the first president to be chosen from the Technion faculty, succeeds Amos Horev, who is retiring after nine years as president.



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