

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

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BLUM STANDS FIRM

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posed by my distinguished colleague from Spain does not ask that that armed force abandon its occupation of Beirut or desist in its military activities. It calls only on Israel...."

Thus, the U.S. position was made crystal-clear by President Reagan's Ambassador here, Jeane Kirkpatrick's stand must have brought some comfort and even encouragement to Yehuda Blum. Hence we stated that he "found himself practically a lone combatant" against his antagonists ganging up against Israel in the Council. Of the several speeches he had delivered during the current crisis, the one he had confronted the fifteen - member Security Council with on Thursday, July 9, must be recorded as one of his most masterful ever given by him since he assumed his duties as spokesman for Israel here.

Lashing into his attackers, he painted a picture of the true situation in Lebanon as it is, not as the world prefers to see it. "Lebanon must cease to be a center of international terrorism," he told the Council, "and arrangements must be made to ensure that it does not become such a center again in the future. Any attempt or initiative aimed at enabling the continuation of the terrorist presence on Lebanese soil must therefore be resisted...."

Taking strong objections to the Franco-Egyptian resolution which called for a place of the PLO in Lebanon and demanded its participation in future negotiations for Palestinian self-determination, Blum insisted that "this leading component of international terrorism cannot, should not and will not be a partner to any negotiations, let alone to any interna-

tional arrangement concerning the Arab-Israel conflict or any of its aspects...."

Blum scored those delegates who had taken Israel to task over the loss of some civilians during the operation "Peace for Galilee" and in mocking terms stated that "it would have

been easier to believe in the genuinely humanitarian concern of many speakers had they not ignored studiously and with callous indifference the agony of the Lebanese people over the years, involving the death of 100,000 Lebanese, the wounding of a quarter of a million Lebanese

and the displacement of more than one million -- not to speak of their indifference to such massive human tragedies as Kampuchea and Afghanistan. When the representatives of the USSR, Poland, and so forth, become humanitarians one must certainly pause to think and to ponder the real motives of these and similar humanitarians."

He then lashed into the British delegate who had the hutzpah to severely criticize Israel over the Lebanese operation. "I wish to tell him," Blum said, "that we roundly and unreservedly reject his empty and utterly irresponsible accusations against my country" as he reminded him of Britain's murderous onslaughts against "such densely populated locations as San Carlos Bay, Goose Green or Teal Inlet in the Falklands-Malvinas Isles 8,000 miles from its borders..."

And as for King Hussein's man here, who had accused Israel of every crime under the sun, Blum had plenty to say -- so much so as to confound him into a stupor. "It ill behooves the representative of Jordan to deny Lebanon and its people the right which Jordan claimed for itself in 1970, namely, the right to defend itself against PLO terrorism and subversion," Blum declared in a rather long recital of Jordanian misrule and political chicanery. "Ambassador Nuseibeh seems to have forgotten this, but Ambassador Nuseibeh is an honorable man," Yehuda Blum concluded in mocking tones....

BRAZILIAN JEWS SUPPORT ISRAEL

RIO DE JANEIRO -- (WNS) -- The Jewish community of Brazil has publicly expressed its support for Israel's military action in Lebanon to remove the terrorist PLO from that country, according to a report here.

In a message to President Joao Figueiredo, who had condemned Israel's operation in Lebanon, the Jewish Confederation of Brazil, the representative organization of Brazilian Jewry, and all other principal Jewish organizations, declared that attacks against Israel around the world were "hypo-critical" and that comparing Israel to Nazi Germany was "irrational."

The letter alerted the President to the escalation of anti-Semitic propaganda in the country disguised as anti-Zionism since the war began June 6. Thousands of anti-Israel and anti-Zionist stickers have been pasted up on walls of buildings in many streets in Sao Paulo.

Meanwhile, two of the country's three

leading newspapers, Jornal do Brasil and O Estado de Sao Paulo, have consistently supported Israel's action in Lebanon. The third newspaper, O Globo, has adopted a stance of "neutrality." There have been no editorials or letters to the editor condoning or condemning Israel since the war began.

In another widely circulated newspaper, Folha de Sao Paulo, which routinely carries anti-Israeli reports from Lebanon and offers comments favorable to the PLO, the former Ambassador from Brazil to Israel, Barreto Leite Filho, defended Israel.

He wrote: "The condemnation to death of the Palestinian terrorist movement has been sealed by the same countries which years ago had, in a solemn meeting, designated the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Who can censure Israel for having destroyed the PLO if its friends and allies are refusing to save it."

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