

Presidents Conference Planning 4-Point Drive At United Nations

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national and chairman of the Presidents Conference UN Committee, said the meeting in the UN chief's 38th floor office "left our delegation optimistic that solid progress can be made in fighting anti-Semitism and defending Israel despite the automatic anti-Israel majority in the General Assembly."

Mr. Reich said the Presidents Conference efforts at the UN would concentrate in these main areas:

1) Opening the UN war crime archives to scholars, researchers and other interested parties.

2) Winning reversal of the 1975 resolution defining Zionism as a form of racism.

3) Eliminating or reducing anti-Semitic attacks on the floor of the UN.

4) Using the good offices of the Secretary-General to help focus attention on the plight of Soviet Jews.

"In each of these areas," Mr. Reich said, "the Secretary-General evinced sympathy for our purposes and indicated that, to the extent possible, he would help support our cause in ways appropriate to his office."

On opening the UN war crimes files, Mr. Reich said, the UN official reported that 14 of the 17 member-nations of the original War Crimes Commission, which had turned over the documents to the UN after the Nuremberg trials, now agreed that they should open the archives to authorized persons.

War Crimes Files: Action Expected Sept. 22

Mr. Perez de Cuellar said he expected the other three countries -- France, India and Poland -- to follow the lead of the United States in arriving at a unanimous decision to open the files. A meeting of the 17 nations to consider the matter and decide on who would be allowed access to the files is scheduled for Sept. 22 at the UN, he said.

Mr. Reich disclosed that member-organizations of the Presidents Conference had met with the UN ambassadors of most of the 17 countries and urged them to endorse the U.S. proposal to open the war crimes files. These representations, he said, "proved highly effective in helping bring these countries around to the American position."

On reversing the UN General Assembly's 1975 anti-Zionism resolution, Mr. Reich said this would be a "priority task" for the Conference of Presidents and for a number of its member

Jerry Briesath To Give Pool Exhibition Prior To Finals Of The U.S. Team Open Tournament Sept. 12 At The Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino

One of the top-ranking billiards players in the nation, Jerry Briesath, will be given a pool exhibition just prior to the national finals of the United States 8-Ball Team Open Tournament on Saturday, September 12, 1987, at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

Briesath owns and operates the Pool School out of Cue-Nique Billiards in Madison, Wisconsin, where he also resides.

organizations, including those with consultative status as UN Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's).

Efforts were currently being made by the Conference of Presidents and its members to encourage leading world statesmen to express the need for expunging the resolution in their speeches to the General Assembly session beginning next month, he said.

On eliminating or reducing anti-Semitic attacks in UN deliberations, the Presidents Conference delegation underscored the Jewish community's "loathing and disgust" at the exploitation of the UN forum to slander the Jewish religion, Mr. Reich said.

"The Secretary-General made clear to us he strongly objected to racial and religious slurs and would make public his condemnation of it whenever such incidents occur," the Presidents Conference UN Committee chairman reported.

At the meeting, Mr. Perez de Cuellar noted that many of these attacks came in the context of efforts to bar Israel from the UN General Assembly. The UN official said he strongly opposed such efforts as "stigmatizing the UN" and affirmed his support of the principle of "universality of membership in the United Nations," Mr. Reich reported.

Mr. Reich led the delegation with Morris B. Abram, chairman of the Presidents Conference. Other participants included Abraham Bayer, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council; Liza Belzberg, Presidents Conference; Abraham Foxman, Anti-Defamation League; Malcolm Hoenlein, Conference of Presidents; Martin Lapan, Jewish Labor Committee; Burton S. Levinson, Anti-Defamation League; Michael Miller, New York Jewish Community Relations Council; Harris Schoenberg, B'nai B'rith; Israel Singer, World Jewish Congress; Evelyn Sommer, WIZO; and Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, American Jewish Committee.

Sometimes, as in the case of the U.S. '8-Ball' Team Open, Jerry takes his instruction show on the road. In Madison, he supports the sport with many local tournaments. These tournaments include professional, amateur and three-cushion events. In addition, Briesath appears on the BCA instructional video tapes and heads up the Billiards Congress of America's Rules Committee. Jerry is responsible for the content of the sport's only "official" rule book.

Briesath is acknowledged to be one of the very best contemporary instructors in the sport and conducts the "College of Knowledge" seminars at the industry's annual trade expo.

Recently, Jerry played a major role in a pilot made for Public Television on pool and looks like a shoe-in for a regular part in the series if it takes off.

The U.S. '8-Ball' Team Open, known as the toughest team event in the country, has expanded under the direction of the National Pocket Billiard Association (NPBA) and co-sponsors, the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino and McDermott Cue Manufacturing, Inc.

The NPBA says, "Due to popular demand and to give players yet another opportunity to cash in at a major Las Vegas event, there will be an individual 8-Ball National Championship Tournament held in conjunction with the U.S. Team Open." It will feature an Open Division and a Women's Division, both having a \$25 entry fee.

What it all boils down to is that if you are a league player interested in national competition for top money, this is one event you don't want to miss. With the 1987 U.S. Team Open Western Division and National Finals offering multiple entries and an individual tournament for added excitement, there is no doubt that there will be as much 8-ball action as anyone can handle.

All of these events take place in the beautiful setting of the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino, September 10-12, 1987.

The competition will be held in the Royal Halls, the hotel's convention area. Spectators are welcome. For more information, call Patti Lehman in the Casino Office at (702) 794-3160 or (800) 351-7400, or contact the NPBA office in Wisconsin at (414) 672-3935 or (800) 832-6287.

Vanunu's Brother To Ask Britain For Political Asylum

TEL AVIV (JTA) — set foot in Israel for many years," Meir Vanunu, brother of Mordechai Vanunu who is awaiting trial in Israel on charges of selling the State's nuclear secrets to a British newspaper, will ask Britain for political asylum, according to a Jerusalem Post report.

"I have no desire to

Meir Vanunu told the Post's London correspondent.

Meir has attempted to drum up support for his brother abroad.

Meir claims an attractive female Mossad agent lured his brother from London to Italy, drugged him and brought him against his will to Israel aboard an Israeli vessel.

Mordechai, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility, had emigrated to Australia and converted to Christianity when he sold to The Times of London a detailed account (including pictures) of an allegedly secret facility at Dimona for the production of nuclear weapons.

Amnesty International, the international human rights agency, has requested to send an observer to the Vanunu trial but the Attorney General has denied the petition. Vanunu has requested a trial in open court.

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