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SECURITY COUNCIL -- EICHMANN CASE

BY VOTE OF 8-0-2 (USSR, POLAND) WITH ARGENTINA (AS PARTY TO DISPUTE) NOT VOTING, SC JUNE 23 APPROVED ARGENTINE RESOLUTION REQUESTING ISRAEL TO MAKE ADEQUATE REPARATION FOR TRANSFER OF EICHMANN FROM ARGENTINA TO ISRAEL. ACTION FOLLOWED ACCEPTANCE BY AMADEO (ARGENTINA) OF US AMENDMENTS (S/4346). AMADEO DECLINED TO INTERPRET "ADEQUATE REPARATION", STATING IT WAS UP TO PARTIES CONCERNED TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES FOR LOYAL INTERPRETATION OF TEXT AND FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. FOLLOWING VOTE, US AND USSR EXCHANGED COMMENTS ON SOVIET CHARGES WAR CRIMINALS PARTICIPATING IN WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND NATO.

CLARIFYING US POSITION ON PHRASE "ADEQUATE REPARATION" IN ARGENTINE RESOLUTION, LODGE SAID US CONSIDERED "ADEQUATE REPARATION" WILL HAVE BEEN MADE BY SC'S EXPRESSION OF VIEWS IN RESOLUTION BEFORE IT, COUPLED WITH ISRAEL'S EXPRESSION OF REGRET. THIS SHOULD "CLOSE INCIDENT" AND ENABLE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND ISRAEL TO PROGRESS. IT WAS WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING US SUBMITTED AMENDMENTS, HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH FULLY SUPPORTING PRINCIPLE OF RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, LEWANDOWSKI (POLAND) STRESSED MAIN ISSUE WAS THAT WAR CRIMINALS LIKE EICHMANN SHOULD BE PUNISHED. HE ACCUSED ARGENTINA AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES OF SHELTERING KNOWN WAR CRIMINALS CONTRARY TO DECISIONS TAKEN DURING WORLD WAR II.

IN GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC, THESE WAR CRIMINALS, TOGETHER WITH MANY FORMER NAZIS AND HITLERITE OFFICERS, HAD BECOME MAJOR POLITICAL FORCE, LEWANDOWSKI CHARGED. HE ALSO RECALLED RECENT "EXPLOSION OF NAZI ACTIVITY" IN GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC. HE WELCOMED ARGENTINA'S JUNE 8 DECLARATION CONDEMNING NAZI WAR CRIMES AND LOOKED FORWARD TO APPLICATION OF THIS AND SIMILAR DECLARATIONS TO ALL STILL UNPUNISHED WAR CRIMINALS "LIVING NOW IN ARGENTINA OR ELSEWHERE".

-- STATEMENT OF ITALY --

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ITALY, ORTONA (ITALY) SAID, SYMPATHIZED WITH ACTION OF ISRAELI VOLUNTEERS AND AGREED COUNCIL'S PROCEEDINGS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN LINE WITH "PERSISTING CRY OF MORAL INDIGNATION". HOWEVER, VIOLATION OF ARGENTINA'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS HAD BEEN COMMITTED AND "WRONG SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY REPAIRED". ENDORSING ARGENTINE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED BY US, HE HOPED THROUGH ITS ADOPTION ADEQUATE REPARATIONS FOR BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW BE FOUND ON BASIS SC'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ARGENTINA'S RIGHT TO PROTECT ITS NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

CORREA (ECUADOR) UNDERSTOOD IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY ISRAEL TO PUNISHMENT OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS. GRAVITY OF CRIMES WITH WHICH EICHMANN CHARGED MADE IT INCONCEIVABLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PERMIT HIM TO UNPUNISHED. IT WAS "LAMENTABLE". HOWEVER, ISRAEL HAD CHOSEN "DE FACTO PROCEDURE" WHICH HAD PROVOKED RESENTMENT. ARGENTINA'S COMPLAINT WELL-GROUNDED, AND IT COULD NOT BE DENIED ISRAEL OWED "ADEQUATE REPARATION".

CONTINUING, CORREA EXPRESSED "PROFOUND DISAGREEMENT" WITH ISRAELI THESIS THAT "UNILATERAL SUSPENSION OF VALIDITY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW" PERMISSIBLE WHEN JUSTIFIED BY CONSIDERATIONS OF MORAL ORDER. ON MAY 27, SC HAD ADOPTED RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING SUPREMACY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, HE RECALLED, ADDING COUNCIL HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO APPLY STRICTLY THIS RESOLUTION IN PRESENT CASE.

-- FRENCH VIEWS --

BERARDE (FRANCE) TOOK ISSUE WITH USSR'S ACCUSATIONS REGARDING LEADERS OF GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND GERMAN OFFICERS IN NATO. ARGENTINA'S ACTION REFLECTED CONCERN THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT AS TO FIRMNESS WITH WHICH IT INTENDED INSURE RESPECT FOR ITS SOVEREIGNTY OR AS TO ITS CONTINUED POSITION AS LAND OF REFUGEE. HE HOPED ARGENTINE PREOCCUPATIONS BE SATISFIED. HOWEVER, FRANCE FELT STRONGLY ABOUT EICHMANN, MANY OF WHOSE VICTIMS WERE FRENCH CITIZENS.

QUESTIONING SC'S COMPETENCE, BERARD VOICED CONVICTION NO THREAT TO PEACE INVOLVED. HE DID NOT BELIEVE ALL POSSIBILITIES ENVISAGED IN ART. 33 (INCLUDING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS) EXHAUSTED. CASE SHOULD NOT BE PLACED EITHER ON STRICTLY JURIDICAL OR MORAL LEVEL; MIDDLE GROUND SHOULD BE FOUND. VOTING ON RESOLUTION COULD NOT PRODUCE DESIRED RESULT, IN HIS VIEW.

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"UNDENIABLE", SLIM (TUNISIA) OBSERVED, VIOLATION OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY CAUSED BY "LEGITIMATE DESIRE" TO SEE PUNISHED MAN WHO HAD COMMITTED "MOST ABOMINABLE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY". ON OTHER HAND, ISRAEL'S REFUSAL OF "ADEQUATE REPARATION" MADE IT SC'S DUTY PRONOUNCE ITSELF UNAMBIGUOUSLY ON THIS VIOLATION. MOREOVER, THESIS EMPLOYED BY ISRAEL TO JUSTIFY VIOLATION BASED "ON DANGEROUS CONCEPTION OF EXTENSION OF SOVEREIGNTY INTO SPACE AND TIME". WHILE RECOGNIZING "LAUDABLE SENTIMENTS" WHICH INSPIRED US AMENDMENTS, TUNISIA COULD NOT VOTE FOR SECOND AMENDMENT, HE SAID.

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT VIOLATED ARGENTINA'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS, STRESSED COREA (CEYLON). WHILE SHARING HORROR AT INHUMAN CRIMES PERPETRATED AGAINST JEWISH PEOPLE BY NAZIS, CEYLON UNABLE SUBSCRIBE TO DOCTRINE WHICH SOUGHT JUSTIFY BREACH OF FUNDAMENTAL RULE OF LAW ON OASIS CONCEPTS AS SUBJECTIVE AS "HISTORIC JUSTICE". GOI, HE BELIEVED, BE FIRST TO REALIZE "SOME REPAIR OF DAMAGE TO FABRIC OF INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL AND TO EDIFICE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IS CALLED FOR". HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE GOI WILL MAKE SOME POSITIVE GESTURE IN WAY OF "AMENDE HONORABLE".

WHILE SYMPATHIZING WITH ISRAEL'S FEELING OF MORAL OBLIGATION TO BRING EICHMANN TO JUSTICE, TSIANG (CHINA) DISAPPROVED "IRREGULAR METHODS USED BY EICHMANN'S CAPTORS". ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY HAD BEEN "DISREGARDED", HE NOTED.

SOBOLEV (USSR) RECALLED AMADEO, IN HIS INITIAL STATEMENT, HAD SAID THAT IN HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW ADEQUATE REPARATION CONSISTED IN EICHMANN'S RETURN TO ARGENTINA AND PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS CAPTURE. HE ASKED WHETHER ARGENTINA STILL MADE THESE DEMANDS.

UK, DIXON (DIXON) (UK) SAID, SHARED VIEW RESOLUTION, TOGETHER WITH ISRAEL'S EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET, COULD REASONABLY BE REGARDED AS "ADEQUATE REPARATION" AND SHOULD PERMIT TERMINATION OF INCIDENT WITHOUT DAMAGE TO HITHERTO AMICABLE ISRAEL ARGENTINE RELATIONS. ON THAT UNDERSTANDING, UK VOTE FOR RESOLUTION.

-- CLOSING REMARKS OF ARGENTINA --
AMADEO EXPRESSED "PROFOUND GRATITUDE" TO SC MEMBERS, WHO HAD RECOGNIZED "ESSENTIAL JUSTICE OF OUR CASE". IN REPLY TO REQUESTS BY MEIR (ISRAEL) AND SOBOLEV FOR CLARIFICATION OF "ADEQUATE REPARATION", HE SAID IT WAS NOT INCUMBENT ON HIM OR ANY OTHER SC MEMBER INTERPRET SC RESOLUTIONS. EACH MEMBER COULD MAKE OWN INTERPRETATIONS, WHICH BE VALID ONLY FOR MEMBER CONCERNED, HE ADDED. IN ACCEPTING US AMENDMENTS, HE SAID RESTORATION OF CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND ISRAEL DEPEND ON FAITHFUL COMPLIANCE BY ISRAEL WITH RESOLUTION.

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FRANCE, BERARD SAID, HOPED ARGENTINA REGARD ISRAEL'S EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET AS SATISFYING ITS LEGITIMATE REQUESTS. RESOLUTION COULD THEREFORE CONSTITUTE FINAL SOLUTION. IT WAS IN THIS LIGHT FRANCE SUPPORT IT, HE STATED.

FOLLOWING VOTE, LEWANDOWSKI (POLAND) AND SOBOLEV (USSR) SAID THEY ABSTAINED BECAUSE AMBIGUITY OF OPERATIVE PARA 2 LEFT IN DOUBT FUTURE OF EICHMANN AND OTHER WAR CRIMINALS. SOBOLEV ALSO DISPUTED IMPLICATION THAT THREAT TO PEACE EXISTED. RESOLUTION, HE ASSERTED, COULD NEVER BE INTERPRETED AS CONSTITUTING BASIS FOR CLAIM FOR EICHMANN'S RETURN TO ARGENTINA. PROMOTION OF WAR CRIMINALS TO IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN WESTERN GERMANY AND IN NATO, TOLERATED BY WESTERN POWERS, CONSTITUTED REAL THREAT TO PEACE, HE CONTENTED.

-- LODGE'S REPLY TO SOBOLEV --

IN REPLY TO SOBOLEV'S JUNE 22 AND 23 CHARGES AGAINST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, LODGE POINTED OUT USSR HAD OMITTED TO MENTION FORMER NAZI HOLDING GOVERNMENT POSTS IN EAST GERMAN REGIME. HE ALSO MADE POINT THAT FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAD MADE "CONSIDERABLE REPARATIONS" WHERE AS EAST GERMANY HAD REFUSED MAKE AMENDS. SOBOLEV, LODGE ASSERTED, NOT INTERESTED IN EXPOSING FORMER NAZIS BUT ONLY IN "SLURRING" FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

SOBOLEV REITRATED SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AND SAID HE HAD HEARD NO CHARGE THAT "REVANCHISM IS REARING ITS HEAD IN EASTERN GERMANY". LODGE POINTED OUT THAT GENERAL SPEIDEL, WHOSE PARTICIPATION IN NATO WAS ONE OF PRINCIPAL SOVIET CHARGES, HAD TURNED AGAINST HITLER REGIME. HE DISPLAYED PICTURE OF NAZI MAJOR GENERAL NOW IN SERVICE OF EAST GERMAN REGIME. UNLIKE USSR, US AGAINST NAZISM WHEREVER IT OCCURRED. QUESTION TODAY, SOBOLEV RETORTED, WAS RESURGENCE OF NAZISM IN WESTERN GERMANY.

IN FINAL STATEMENT, MEIR (ISRAEL) REAFFIRMED ISRAEL'S ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES "MUST BE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY, POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY". PRESERVATION OF TRADITIONAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH ARGENTINA WAS SINCERE DESIRE HER GOVERNMENT, SHE ASSURED COUNCIL.

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL -- RUANDA-URUNDI, NORTHERN CAMEROONS

GENERAL DEBATE ON RUANDA-URUNDI OPENED IN TC JUNE 23 WITH STATEMENTS BY BURMA, UK, PARAGUAY, ITALY, BOLIVIA, CHINA, US. MAJORITY SPEAKERS CALLED FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH COMPLETE OR PARTIAL AMNESTY.

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ON BEHALF OF THREE NORTHERN CAMEROON PETITIONERS, ROSIJI EXPRESSED OPINION TWO PLEBISCITE QUESTIONS WOULD NOT GIVE INHABITANTS FAIR CHOICE. HE INDICATED HE FAVORED THIRD QUESTION AS TO WHETHER PEOPLE WISHED DEFER DECISION PENDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NIGERIA. AT FRANCE'S SUGGESTION, IT WAS DECIDED SEND RECORD OF DISCUSSION ON NORTHERN CAMEROONS PETITIONS TO GA.

MALI MEMBERSHIP

IN CABLEGRAM TO SYG (S/4347) MALI PRESIDENT KEITA REQUESTED MALI'S ADMISSION TO UN AND ASKED SYG SUBMIT APPLICATION TO SC. GOVERNMENT OF FEDERATION OF MALI ACCEPTED CHARGER OBLIGATIONS, ABLE CARRY THEM OUT AND PLEDGED OBSERVE CHARTER IN COMPLETE LOYALTY AND TRUST, KEITA SAID.

ECOSOC'S MINISTERIAL SESSION

AS OF JUNE 21, NO GOVERNMENT HAD INDICATED IT WOULD SEND MINISTERIAL OBSERVER TO ECOSOC'S MINISTERIAL SESSION, MALINOWSKI (SECRETARIAT) REPORTED.

JAPANESE RESOLUTION

JAPAN MIGHT INTRODUCE AT 30TH ECOSOC SESSION RESOLUTION REQUESTING STUDY ON WAYS AND MEANS OF REDUCING DAMAGES CAUSED BY EARTHQUAKES AND TIDAL WAVES. KAKITSUBO (JAPAN) ADVISED USUN. HIS PRIME MINISTER, HE SAID, WAS DISTURBED BY FACT JAPAN DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE WARNING OF TIDAL WAVE FOLLOWING CHILEAN EARTHQUAKES.

SLAVERY CONVENTION

INDIA DEPOSITED INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION TO 1956 SUPPLEMENTARY CONVENTION ON ABOLITION OF SLAVERY.

CONVENTION ON NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN

BULGARIA DEPOSITED INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO CONVENTION ON NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

SPECIAL FUND

BY LETTER, GUATEMALA ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY FOR CHILE'S SEAT ON SPECIAL FUND GOVERNING COUNCIL.

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FOLLOWING UN MEETINGS SCHEDULED JUNE 24:

- A.M. - GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES
- TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
- ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS (CLOSED)
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- PLENARY MEETING
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