

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
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This week we saw the United Nations betray its high principles and the hopes of its founders.

The passage of the General Assembly resolution on Zionism was a disturbing setback for the cause of greater understanding among the peoples of this earth.

Equating Zionism with racism is wrong.

It is immoral.

And it was a hostile act against a UN member state.

As such it was a violation of the UN Charter.

Because it was linked to a worthy resolution on fighting racism, the cause of racial equality the world over will be hindered.

It is tragic that an organization formed in the aftermath of a mindless holocaust against the Jewish people sows anew the seeds of religious bigotry.

It is sad that the perpetrators of this act are so mindless of the need to have a United Nations free of the venom of hate -- free of political sloganeering -- and free of tyranny by the majority.

Those who say that they are against Zionism but not against the Jewish people cannot disguise the origin of their remarks. It is a type of anti-Semitism with white gloves.

Mindful of Hitler's atrocities against the Jewish people, those who want to harass Jews, those who want to make it difficult for Jews to practice Judaism, always say they are only fighting Zionists -- not Jews.

But we know the truth. We know that religious bigotry often is disguised in diplomatic jargon.

Those who have conceived this scheme to embarrass Israel, to antagonize the Jewish people, and to insult men and women of good will cannot escape the consequences of their actions.

The passage of the Zionism resolution could mean a setback for cooperative approaches through the UN at tackling the problems of the world's poor.

Yes, this resolution also has caused the American people to lose faith in the world body.

And we know that the U.S. has been a mainstay of the UN system -- from trick or treaters with UNICEF boxes to our important participation at the World Food Conference, held under UN auspices last year.

When the Russians, the French and others refused to contribute to the UN, we paid our dues.

When others said the peacekeeping role of the UN was unimportant, we encouraged the world body to be a peacekeeper in Cyprus and in the Middle East.

The Zionism vote inevitably will take its toll on America's ability to walk the extra mile for the United Nations.

This week I cosponsored a resolution with Senator Hugh Scott, of Pennsylvania, which calls upon the Congress to reappraise its role in the U.N. General Assembly.

Next week I will urge the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator John Sparkman of Alabama, to convene immediately hearings on America's participation in the General Assembly.

I do not favor American withdrawal from the United Nations. If we took this step, we would only be allowing those whom we do not respect to govern the world body.

But I see no reason why we must contribute to the UN's fight against racism to which the Zionism resolution has been attached.

And we should examine the UN budget and our contributions to it to make sure that we do not contribute to any politicized activities.

We must give a warning to those UN members who persist in this type of negative political activity which only weakens the effectiveness of the world forum.

Our patience is wearing thin.

We helped create the United Nations.

It has a purpose.

It has a role to play in fostering better international understanding among nations.

But we will not sit back and watch this body ignore common sense and the reasons for which it was formed. We will not permit it to become a body for senseless political action when it should be working on creating a more peaceful world.

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