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Spokesman Repeats Nation Is Ready to 'Sit Down' to Negotiate Peace

The Government of Israel reiterated last night its willingness to "sit down tomorrow" at a conference table with all the Arab nations to negotiate a permanent peace treaty ending hostilities in the Middle East.

The continued willingness of the Israelis to try to solve the problem on a face-to-face basis with the Arabs was expressed at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel by Moshe Pearlman. He is director of information services of the Israeli Government.

The dinner was a testimonial to Max Block, president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Retail Food Store Employes Union, Local 342, American Federation of Labor. It was sponsored by the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds.

Mr. Pearlman's assertion took on some importance because of the meeting next Thursday of the United Nations Security Council on the Gaza incident of Feb. 28, which thirty-eight Arabs lost their lives. Israel has been condemned for this by the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission.

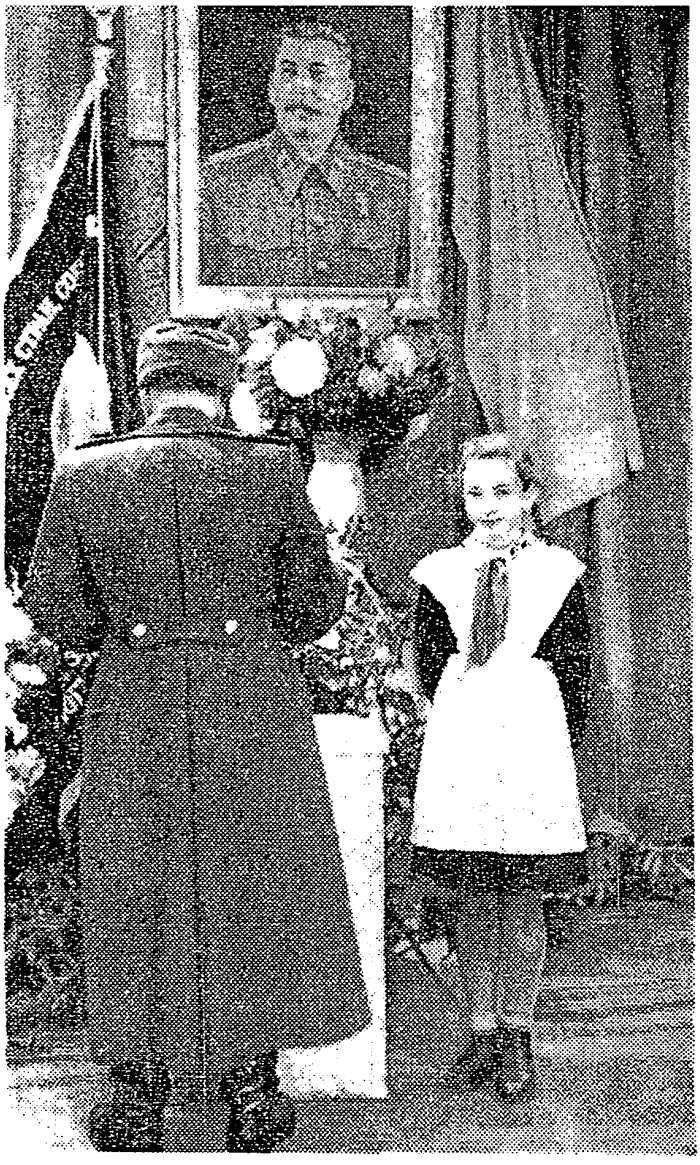
"I hope that you and the Security Council," the Israeli spokesman told an audience of more than 1,000 persons, "when it meets on Thursday, will set the Gaza incident in the context of the mounting series of acts of aggression conducted by the Egyptians against the State of Israel in the last few months.

"I hope they will take to heart the grim fact that in five months Egypt has been condemned no less than twenty-nine times by the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission, presided over by the United Nations, for acts of murder, sabotage and general aggressions against Israel.

"I hope that both the Security Council and those powers interested in stability in the Middle East will go to the root of the border problem and seek the only possible path in which that stability can be achieved—peace.

"I want to state here and now, on behalf of the Government of Israel, that we are prepared to sit down tomorrow with each and all of the Arab states around a peace conference table and negotiate a peace treaty, converting our existing armistice agreements into peace pacts. The reply of the Arab States to this offer will be the surest test of their sincerity and their intentions."

City Council President Abe Stark hailed the democratic ideals of Israel. Carmine G. De Sapio, Secretary of State of New York, praised Mr. Block. Maxwell C. Raddock, editor of The Trade Union Courier, presided.



The New York Times (by Clifton Daniel)

MOSCOW ELECTION DAY: During recent elections for local and republic soviets, or councils, this schoolgirl was a pollwatcher in Moscow's Bolshevik candy factory. She is a member of Pioneers, Communist youth organization.

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