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ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL

The Arab League Council has unanimously adopted a resolution on May 20th. supporting Syria and the United Arab Republic in their stand against the Israeli threats and pledging to work in solidarity with them in all spheres.

The resolution stated that Arab countries are bound by the commitments of the Joint Defence Treaty and the Arab League Pact to regard aggression on any Arab territory as an aggression against them all.

It also denounced the imperialist attempts which encourage Israel to aggression and raise suspicion about the Arab capability of confronting Israeli threats.

The Council then discussed other items on the agenda including among others, the draft budget of the Arab League for 1967/68, the establishment of an information office in Madrid from the financial point of view, the draft budget for the executive programme of the League's celebration of the International Year for Human Rights and the Kuwaiti Government proposal for the initiation of a human rights' incentive prize.

WORLD SUPPORT OF ARAB STAND.

The past few days have witnessed worldwide reaction in favour of the decisive Arab stand adopted against Israeli threats of war.

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PAKISTAN:

The Government of Pakistan issued an official statement condemning the Israeli provocative acts and reaffirming its full support of Arab countries in their efforts to defend themselves and repel aggression.

The text of the statement was handed to the Arab League Secretary General by the Pakistani Ambassador in Cairo.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Sayed Sharifuddin Pirzada also made a statement at the National Assembly in Rawalpindi on May 24th. reiterating Pakistan's support and pointing out that his country has always condemned the establishment of Israel "as a flagrant injustice". "We have consistently supported the Palestinian Arabs in their just struggle for the restoration of their right. to their homeland", he said.

The statement recalled Israel's violation of the United Nations Charter and the resolutions of the Security Council and held it responsible for the disturbance of peace in the area.

INDIA.

India also voiced unqualified support to the Arab stand and declared that it regards the Gulf of Aqaba as territorial waters of the United Arab Republic and Saudi Arabia.

Indian Foreign Minister Chagala made a statement at the Indian Parliament in which he emphasized that the creation of Israel has given rise to tension and affirmed that his government appreciates the UAR preparedness against possible attack on an Arab country.

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A delegation of members of parliament and important political figures also called on the Arab League Mission in New Delhi voicing their support of Arab countries in the face of the Zionist-imperialist aggression.

SOMALIA.

The Somali Ambassador called on the Secretary General on May 30 and handed him a message from the Prime Minister of Somalia expressing wholehearted support of Arab countries in their decision to resist Israeli aggression.

The message stated that the unity and solidarity shown by Arab countries augurs well for their future relations and for the unity of Islam.

It also affirmed that all freedom-loving countries support the legitimate and just cause of the Arab people.

El Sayed Hassouna thanked the Ambassador and assured him of his appreciation of the attitude of the Somali government.

S U D A N.

El Sayed Ismail El Azhary, Chairman of the Sudanese Sovereignty Council cabled the Secretary General his support of the United Arab Republic heroic stand on the side of Syria.

He affirmed that the Sudan, government and people, stand on the side of the UAR.

Sudanese Premier, Mohamed Ahmed Mahgoub also sent a cable to the Secretary General expressing, on behalf of the government and people of the Sudan, solidarity with the government and brotherly people of Syria and reaffirming support for them in the defence of their entity and in repelling any aggression on their territory.

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K U W A I T .

From the Kuwaiti Embassy in Cairo, the Arab League General Secretariat received a note to the effect that the Kuwaiti government has informed the four Big Powers that any military intervention on behalf of Israel will jeopardise their interests in Kuwait. The note added that this decision was announced in a statement to the General Assembly by Sheikh Gaber El Ahmed, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait.

BAHREIN AND OMAN.

Sheikh Isa Ben Soliman El Khalifa, Governor of Bahrain also cabled the Secretary General his support of Arab brethren in their just cause against Zionism while Oman's office in Cairo issued a statement urging Omani citizens to volunteer in the sacred battle of Palestine.

T U N I S I A .

Tunisia reaffirmed its adherence to the cause of the "brotherly Palestinian people" and their struggle for the restoration of their usurped rights.

In a cable to the General Secretariat the Tunisian government declared that it is still bound by its commitments of the first and second Arab Summits in connection with Palestine and in the event of an Israeli aggression on any Arab country.

A L B A N I A .

El Sayed Abdel Khalek Massouna received the text of a declaration issued by the Government of Albania expressing full support to the United Arab Republic, Syria and other Arab countries in their confrontation of Israeli and imperialist conspiracies.

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The declaration denounced the aggressive acts committed by Israel, and pointed out that Israel is a mask for American plots against the Arab people.

S T U D E N T S.

Unqualified support to the Arab stand was similarly voiced by Arab students abroad. Arab students in Vienna sent the Secretary General a copy of the resolutions and recommendations reached at a General Conference held at the Headquarters of the Arab Students Union on May 19 in which they supported the stand of the UAR and Syria and denounced American imperialist plots.

Arab students at the Faculty of Engineering "Al Azhar" University" issued a statement calling on the Arab people from the ocean to the Gulf to fight colonialism and imperialism and close their ranks under the leadership of President Nasser.

Pakistani and Malaysian student in Britain cabled El Sayed Abdel Khalek Hassouna pledging to sacrifice blood and soul for the sacred cause of Palestine liberation.

The Arab Students Association in Japan in a cable to the Secretary General paid tribute to the Unified stand adopted by the UAR, Syria, Iraq, Algeria, Kuwait, Lebanon and Yemen.

They said they stand agreed on the decisions to liberate Palestine ^{and} the imperialist-Zionist aggression.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Secretary General El Sayed Abdel Khalek Hassouna and the Arab League personnel have contributed a day's pay to the UAR armed forces as a symbolic participation in the decisive battle against

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Zionism and imperialism.

A similar gesture was made by personnel of the Central Bureau of the Authority for Exploitation of the River Jordan and its Tributaries.

The Yemeni Arab Republic deposited with the Arab League General Secretariat on May 16 its ratification instruments of the Arab Economic Unity agreement.

The Secretary General had a meeting with Dr. Ibrahim Makhous, Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister before the latter's departure for Damascus on May 10.

Viewpoints on current developments in the Arab world and the measures taken by Syria and the United Arab Republic to confront the Israeli aggressive threat were exchanged at the meeting.

The Indo-Arab Friendship Society in New Delhi has cabled the Secretary General voicing support and sympathy with the Arab people in their firm stand against aggression.

The Arab League Office in New Delhi has received a number of applications from Indian Muslims volunteering to fight on the side of the Arabs in the event of aggression.

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The Kuwaiti Government has invited the third Arab Labour Ministers Conference to meet in Kuwait from November 28 to December 2, 1967. The Arab League General Secretariat received a note to this effect from the Kuwaiti Embassy in Cairo.

The Libyan Kingdom has deposited with the General Secretariat of the Arab League its ratification instruments of the agreement on the establishment of the Arab Standardization Organisation.
