

the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 31

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

Whereas the Palestinian Authority Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein announced last month that anyone selling land to Jews was committing a crime punishable by death;

Whereas since this announcement three Palestinian individuals were murdered in the Jerusalem and Ramallah areas for, what would anywhere else in the world be considered normal business activity—selling real estate;

Whereas recently Israeli police managed to foil the attempted abduction of a fourth person;

Whereas Israeli security services have acquired evidence indicating the intelligence services of the Palestinian Authority were directly involved in at least 2 of these murders;

Whereas subsequent statements by high-ranking Palestinian Authority officials have justified these murders which have further encouraged this intolerable policy;

Whereas the Palestinian Authority has failed to condemn the policy of murdering people for business transactions;

Whereas this policy is in direct contravention to the peace agreements already reached between the Palestinian Authority and the State of Israel; and

Whereas credible evidence exists that the Palestinian Authority has played an active role in these murders and in enforcing this policy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the Clinton administration should thoroughly investigate the Palestinian Authority role in enforcing this racist policy and should immediately report to the Congress its findings;

(2) the Palestinian Authority, with Yasser Arafat as its chairman, must immediately issue a public and unequivocal statement denouncing these acts and this policy;

(3) this policy is an affront to all those who place high value on peace and basic human rights; and

(4) the United States should not provide foreign assistance to the Palestinian Authority until this policy is reversed.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today, along with Senators CONNIE MACK, KIT BOND, and ARLEN SPECTER to introduce a concurrent resolution condemning the Palestinian Authority for the killing of Palestinians for selling land to Israelis. This legislation is being offered concurrently in the House by my colleagues, Congressmen JON FOX and JERRY WELLER.

Mr. President, we are offering this resolution because it is appalling that Yasir Arafat, to whom we provide millions of dollars in aid, is allowing his so-called police officers from the Palestinian Authority to carry out assassinations of Arab land dealers for their sales of land to Jews. Arafat terms these dealers "isolated traitors" for their actions and has thereby given his approval to these killings.

Thus far, three land dealers have been killed, execution style with a bullet to the back of the head, all by Palestinian Authority police officers. The Israeli police have already arrested one

man in the killing of the first land dealer, Farid Bashiti, and earlier in the week they arrested four Palestinian officers attempting to kidnap another land dealer. According to a story in today's Ha'aretz (a newspaper in Israel) the detained Palestinian police officers have given information that links Tawfik Tirawi, the head of security in Ramallah, under Palestinian Authority control.

At this time, I would ask unanimous consent that the text of this article be included in the RECORD.

This is an interesting state of affairs that we have here. The United States provides funding to the Palestinian Authority, they violate the agreements they have signed with the Israelis, and we go about our way as if nothing has happened. Arafat's Palestinian Authority mismanages the funds it has and we provide more. This is outrageous and unfortunate.

The world must realize that Israel, while keeping its agreements with the Palestinians, is held to a different standard, harassed, criticized, and denigrated for building condominiums at Har Homa, on territory that is its own, perfectly legal according to the Oslo agreement but nevertheless condemned as flagrantly violating the peace. Yet where is the criticism of the terrorism practiced by the Palestinians? Where are the U.N. resolutions condemning these summary executions by the Palestinian police? Yasir Arafat pushed for the U.N. to condemn the building at Har Homa, yet he brands extrajudicial killings as justifiable for traitors. What a despicable contradiction.

Mr. President, we offer this resolution to call attention to these horrible killings by Palestinian police sanctioned by the PLO in violation of every standard of international human rights, and to call attention to the fact that Yasir Arafat's PLO has not changed its spots; it has not reformed. Why, we ask, does the United States continue to allow these acts to take place?

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution as well as to examine this issue to understand Yasir Arafat's behavior.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From Ha'aretz, June 5, 1997]

PALESTINIAN SECURITY OFFICIAL DETAINED IN ISRAEL: COLONEL TIRAWI ORDERED LAND DEALERS MURDERS

(By Eitan Rabin and Amira Hass)

Israeli security officials rejected the claims of their Palestinian counterparts that no Palestinian agents were involved in the recent murders of land dealers.

"The Palestinians have made a political decision to kill anyone who sells land to Jews, and in recent days they have even added names to their list of suspected dealers," a senior security source said.

Three land dealers were killed in the past month following the declaration of the Palestinian Authority official in charge of justice, Freih Abu-Meddien, that selling land to Jews is a crime punishable by death.

The Palestinian Authority has repeatedly denied any involvement in the murders. The head of Palestinian intelligence, Amin al-Hindi said reiterated this at a Ramallah news conference yesterday. Commenting on reports that Israel had issued a warrant for the arrest of a Palestinian Authority official, Al-Hindi said the Palestinians had not received any information to this effect. But he warned of a grave escalation in the situation if any senior Palestinian was detained.

Al-Hindi added that the Palestinian security branches are investigating the land dealer murders, even though the killings took place in areas under Israeli security responsibility.

Al-Hindi charged Israel of using the murders to cover up its own failure to fulfill its commitments in the peace accords and to deflect debate over settlement policy.

From questioning Palestinian security officials detained in Israel, Israeli security forces have obtained testimony linking the Palestinian Authority to the murders. One testimony points to specific involvement of Tawfik Tirawi, the head of security in Ramallah. According to questioning of the detainees, orders to security forces to act came in part from Abu-Meddien.

In one case, security forces met with a land dealer from East Jerusalem, and forced him to pay a ransom to save his life.

In a related development, a Nazareth-based weekly put out by the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, headed by Knesset member Azmi Beshara, has published a list of names of well-known Palestinians who are believed to have sold land to Jews between 1918-1945.

The list includes the name of Palestinian Arab leaders from the period. The Voice of Palestine radio sharply attacked the article, primarily because the list included the name of the grandfather of Faisal Husseini, who holds the Jerusalem portfolio in the Palestinian Authority.

SENATE RESOLUTION 96—PROCLAIMING NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK

Mr. CRAIG submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 96

Whereas today's youth are vital to the preservation of our country and will be the future bearers of the bright torch of democracy; and

Whereas youth need a safe haven from various negative influences such as child abuse, substance abuse and crime, and they need to have resources readily available to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety; and

Whereas the United States needs increased numbers of community volunteers acting as positive influences on the nation's youth; and

Whereas the Safe Place program is committed to protecting our nation's most valuable asset, our youth, by offering short term "safe places" at neighborhood locations where more than 2,500 trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise youth seeking assistance and guidance; and

Whereas Safe Place combines the efforts of the private sector and non-profit organizations uniting to reach youth in the early stages of crisis; and

Whereas Safe Place provides a direct means to assist programs in meeting performance standards relative to outreach/community relations, as set forth in the federal runaway and homeless youth guidelines; and

Whereas the Safe Place placard displayed at businesses within communities stands as a beacon of safety and refuge to at-risk youth; and

Whereas currently 34 states and more than 6,000 business locations have established Safe Place programs; and

Whereas increased awareness of the program's existence will encourage communities to establish Safe Places for the nation's youth throughout the country: Now, therefore, be it;

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) Proclaims the week of March 15 through March 21, 1998, as "National Safe Place Week"; and

(2) Requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to promote awareness of and volunteer involvement in the Safe Place organization, and to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 97—TO DESIGNATE GEORGE C. MARSHALL MONTH

Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. ROBB) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 97

Whereas 1997 marks the fiftieth year since the European Recovery Program, or what came to be called the Marshall Plan, was first conceived and proclaimed by General George Catlett Marshall while he was serving as Secretary of State of the United States.

Whereas the Marshall Plan has been hailed by leaders of World War II allied and enemy countries alike as the most magnanimous act by Americans in history;

Whereas the Marshall Plan made possible new measures of trans-Atlantic cooperation through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other institutions;

Whereas these institutional developments have profoundly enhanced the security, freedom, and prosperity of the United States and the Atlantic Community generally;

Whereas new challenges have arisen which call for recommitment to and reinvigoration of these institutions and for their continued viability;

Whereas creative thought and rededication to the ideals and principles undergirding the Marshall Plan are now necessary in order to assure the preservation and perfection of these institutions; and

Whereas the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan provides a fitting opportunity for rededication of commitments to these institutions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) that magnanimity underlies the Marshall Plan, the dedication to public service and integrity of its author, and the efforts by the Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia, the Marshall International Center in Leesburg, Virginia, and the Friends of Marshall, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, to continue in American life the values for which General George Catlett Marshall stood;

(2) that all Americans should rededicate themselves to the ideals of public service, hard work, integrity, and compassion which General Marshall represents to this day in American society; and

(3) that the values that inspired the initiation of the Marshall Plan should continue to be cherished by the people of the United States.

SEC. 2. It is, further, the sense of the Senate that the President should issue a proclamation designating the month of June 1997 as "George C. Marshall Month" and calling upon the people of the United States to observe George C. Marshall Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 1997, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Divided Loyalties: The Impact of Salting in the Workplace. For further information, please call the committee, (202) 224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES—SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, June 12, 1997, at 2 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to review the preliminary findings of the General Accounting Office concerning a study on the health, condition, and viability of the range and wildlife populations in Yellowstone National Park.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management.

The hearing will take place Wednesday, June 18, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the following general land exchange bills: S. 587, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hindsdale County, CO; S. 588, a bill to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within the Arapaho

National Forest and the White River National Forest, CO, to include land known as the Slate Creek Addition; S. 589, a bill to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest, CO, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys; S. 590, a bill to provide for a land exchange involving certain land within the Routt National Forest in the State of Colorado; S. 591, a bill to transfer the Dillion Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado; 541, a bill to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, CO, and the Water Supply and Storage Co. to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas, and for other purposes; S. 750, a bill to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, ND, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes; and S. 785, a bill to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, OR.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Judy Brown or Mark Rey at (202) 224-6170.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, June 19, 1997 at 2 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony regarding entrance and special use fees for units of the National Park System and the status of the Fee Demonstration Program implemented by the National Park Service in 1996.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Committee on Energy and