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SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON EICHMANN AFFAIR DOMINATED ISRAELI PRESS JUNE 24. ALL PAPERS CARRIED FULL REPORTS OF SPEECHES BY VARIOUS DELEGATES AND FINAL VERSION RESOLUTION. MOST PAPERS COMMENTED ON IMPLICATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

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EXCEPTING COMMUNIST KOL HAAM, ALL PAPERS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER UNITED STATES STAND AS OUTLINED LODGE SPEECH JUNE 23. GENERALLY AGREED THAT UNEXPECTED SHIFT IN UNITED STATES POSITION "DISMAYED ARGENTINA AND GRATIFIED ISRAEL," TO USE HAARETZ! WORDS . CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION ON REASONS FOR SHIFT, MOST PAPERS ATTRIBUTING IT TO PROTESTS RECEIVED AND PRESSURE EXERTED AGAINST ORIGINAL UNITED STATES STAND.

WIDESPREAD BELIEF WAS ISRAEL SCORED MORAL VICTORY IN THAT DEBATE REVEALED UNDERSTANDING ISRAEL'S CONTENTION EICH-MANN CASE EXTRAORDINARY AND NOT JUDGEABLE BY ACCEPTED STAND-ARDS. MANY PAPERS ALSO HELD RESOLUTION INDIRECTLY CONFIRMED ISRAEL'S RIGHT TRY EICHMANN FOR HIS CRIMES AGAINST JEWS AND HUMANITY .

CONCERNING FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS; TENOR WAS HOPE RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARGENTINA WOULD BE RELAXED AND RETURN TO NORMAL FOLLOWING ADOPTION RESOLUTION. SOME PAPERS ARGUED FRONDIZI - BEN-GURION MEETING WOULD ASSIST IN SMOOTHING PATH TO THIS END, ALTHOUGH REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT ARGENTINA MAY DEMAND

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