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compound. Israeli Ambassador to Thailand Rehavam Amir was absent attending the investitude of Thailand's Crown Prince.

The seizure of the Bangkok Embassy has already sparked bitter criticism here of the Foreign Ministry and Israel's security services. Political observers said the terrorists selected the Bangkok Embassy as their target to try to upset the improving relations between Israel and several Southeast Asian nations which have traditionally avoided involvement in the Middle East conflict.

(In Washington, the State Department disclaimed any direct involvement in efforts to secure the hostages' release.)

ISRAEL RUSHES NICARUGUA AID

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel has sent a consignment of anti - biotics for the survivors of the earthquake that devastated Nicaragua's capital, Managua. The drugs, supplied by the Red Magen David, were accompanied by Jose Bene Lopez, a Nicaraguan engineer who was studying subterranean water research at Hebrew University.

The Foreign Ministry has instructed Ambassador to Costa Rica Eli Nevo, who is also accredited to Nicaragua, to proceed to Managua with a team of Israeli water engineers and foreign aid experts to investigate where Israel could make a useful contribution to relief work. Tahal, Israel's water resources planning company has offered to reconstruct the Managua water system destroyed by the diasaster.

Israel also has planned to send a team of ten doctors and a mobile hospital, but Nicaragua said there was no shortage of medical personnel.

The American Jewish Congress, meeting in Buenos Aires, appealed to Latin American Jewish communities to cooperate with local aid campaigns and cabled its affiliates in Central America, requesting data about the Managua Jewish community's situation comprising about 30 families.

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JEWISH LEADERS' TRUMAN TRIBUTE

JERUSALEM (WNS -- Premier Golda Meir sent a personal message of condolence to Mrs. Harry S. Truman asserting that the name of former President Truman "will forever be linked with the restored sovereignty of our people." She expressed her "personal sorrow as well as that of the people of Israel on the passing of one of the greatest humanitarians of our time. He was all that a leader of a people should be." Foreign Minister Abba Eban and the Chief Rabbinate Council also sent messages of sympathy to the Truman family. The Council co - chairman, Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef eulogized the late President as a "righteous gentile", who helped strengthen Israel in its formative years.

The Knesset suspended its session for 15 minutes Tuesday when word was received of Truman's death. Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu delivered a brief eulogy recalling Truman's vital contribution to the Zionist cause at its most crucial juncture in history. Former Premier David Ben-Gurion, President Zalman Shazar and Eban also paid tribute to the late president.

Flag flew at half mast in Israel in mourning, and the U. S. Embassy in Tel Aviv and the American Consulate here opened their books for expressions of condolence from Israeli citizens. Eliahu Eilat, who was Israel's Ambassador to the United States during the Truman administration cited four Truman decisions which aided Israel's development: His pledge to include the town of Eilat within Israel's borders; his support for the partition plan; his swift recognition of Israel; and his grants of large sums in economic aid soon after Israel's establishment.

In the united States, Ambassador to Washington Yitzhak Rabin and Consul General of Israel for the Midwest Shaul Ramati flew to Independence, Mo. to pay their final respects. Among those issuing formal statements of sorrow were two American Zionist leaders who were actively involved in the battle in the United Nations for Israeli Statehood -- Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, Hadassah president from 1957 - 52, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, honorary president of the Zionist Organization of America. A joint statement was issued by Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive in New York, and Louis Pincus, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and WZO in Jerusalem.

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