

**ISRAEL'S 4th PRESIDENT TAKES OATH OF OFFICE**

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- In his inaugural address, Israel's fourth president, Prof. Ephraim Katzir called for "a blend of the knowledge of the sources of Judaism with a modern concept of the world." The 57-year-old bio-physicist from the Weizmann Institute of Science kept both of his hands on a Bible as he was sworn in May 24 by Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu, during a festive Knesset ceremony here. Among the onlookers were Premier

Golda Meir and former Premier David Ben-Gurion. Israel's outgoing President, Zalman Shazar, escorted his successor into the Knesset chamber after both reviewed an honor guard outside the Knesset building. As they entered, two Army chaplains and a rabbi blew three long shofar blasts.

President Katzir is the second distinguished scientist to be elected Israel's Chief of State and in his inaugural speech he quoted his

mentor, the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President: "I worked all my life and strove to make science and research the basis of our national enterprise. But I knew full well that there are beyond science sublime values... of righteousness and justice, of brotherhood and peace." He dwelt on the importance of science and technology in Israel, but also warned of their dangers such as pollution, and stressed the need to rise above science.

He quoted his late brother, Prof. Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky, who was killed in the Lod Airport massacre last year. "There is no existence for us without the moral and hu-

mane values that are the very foundation of the State of Israel."

The new President also urged close links with diaspora Jewry and referred to aliya as "the core of our strivings." On Israel's social problems and challenges, he said, "Many children receive neither the care nor the education they deserve... Communal fragmentation and social polarization must be reduced and the living standards of the underprivileged must be raised." Although the office of President is largely ceremonial and divorced from politics, President Katzir, the youngest man ever to hold it, is expected to be more active in national affairs than any of his predecessors.

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**ARAB CONFERENCE ATTACKS JEWS**

MONTREAL (WNS) -- At the close of a two-day conference here, the Federation of Canadian Arab Societies, representing 10 Arab organizations in Canada, demanded the removal from office of Foreign Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp on grounds that he "cannot be impartial in the vital Israeli-Arab conflict because he yields to pressure from the sizable Zionist vote in his constituency."

Sharp is a member of Parliament from Toronto. Both Arabs and Canadian supporters of the Arab cause addressed the conference. There are 80,000 Arabs in Canada, but only 1000 belong to the Federation. There are an estimated 300,000 Jews in Canada.


The conference adopted resolutions urging the Canadian government to make representations to Israel "regarding the Israeli practice of terrorizing and starving the Palestinian people," and to "safeguard the lives of 16,000 Palestinians

in Israeli prison. Michel Chartrand, National Trade Union president, denounced Israel as a "bad copy of American Imperialism."



ISRAEL'S NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR SIMCHA DINITZ JOINED STAGE AND SCREEN CELEBRITIES AT THE AMERICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION'S STAR STUDDED GALA HONORING ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY HELD AT NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC HALL IN LINCOLN CENTER LAST WEEK. SHOWN HERE IS A PRESENTATION TO THE AMBASSADOR OF A BIRTHDAY CAKE BY SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE EVENING'S PROGRAM. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MARTIN BALSAM, MAUREN STAPLETON, TONY RANDALL, AMBASSADOR DINITZ, AND FLANKING AZF PRESIDENT RABBI ISRAEL MILLER, ARE THE BARRY SISTERS.

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