

he is making progress. Meanwhile, Israel reports that Egypt is continuing to build up fortifications on both sides of the Suez Canal.

In New York, Hedley Donovan, editor-in-chief of Time Inc., told a meeting of the Columbia Business School Club of New York, that he was optimistic about Kissinger's chances of success because during a recent trip to the Mideast he found Arab "reasonableness."

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chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, said that emigration from the Soviet Union had declined in 1974 and the figures for the first two months of 1975 showed a further drop. But he refused to give the figures for January and February. "Isn't it enough that I say the situation is bad," he said. The reasons for the drop, according to Sapir, is that Soviet policy has become harsher toward would-be immigrants and the Soviet rejection of the trade agreement with the United States.

But Sapir urged taking the long view "We must now intensify the struggle," he said. "We must consider new ways of undertaking a public and political effort that will involve the entire Jewish people," as well as every other person or group that "believes in freedom and justice."

Asked about the "noshrim," Soviet immigrants who do not go to Israel, Sapir said they accounted for 30 percent of Soviet emigrants.

Sapir maintained that the percentage of the Soviet Jews who come to Israel and then leave is small.

On Western aliya, Sapir who recently returned from promoting it in the United States, said he believed strongly that there would be a major aliya from the West, which, Sapir stressed, is a "vital historic need" both for Israel and for Western Jewish communities.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- During his press conference --- at which he expressed deep pessimism on the possibility of a Mideast settlement -- Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim was confronted with a question on the struggle for self-determination by both the South Moluccans and the Kurds.

"I cannot speak for the General Assembly. I have to make it

crystal clear that the General Assembly is master of its own business and it is up to it to decide who gets a hearing in the Assembly and who does not. Therefore, I think your question has to be directed to the Assembly."

Both the South Moluccans and the Kurds, each of whose people number some three million, have submitted evidence to the UN proving that acts of aggression, including genocide in the case of the Kurds, have been committed by the Indonesians and the Iraqis.

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NEW YORK (WNS) -- The opening of a new campaign aimed at encouraging Americans of all denominations to visit Israel was announced by Israeli Tourism Minister Moshe Kol at a meeting of Christians and Jewish leaders sponsored by the American Jewish Committee.

The program is aimed at more than 100,000 Christian and Jewish clergymen and is designed to motivate them to lead their congregations in travel to Israel. Kol noted that tourism helps create a better understanding between people. "Only those who visit Israel can really understand it," he said.

Kol said there was a six percent decline in tourism to Israel in 1974 but a 10 percent drop from the United States. He attributed this to the economic problems facing Americans. He also said that 124,000 citizens of hostile Arab countries, who are not counted in the tourism statistics, visited Israel in 1974.

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**PRICE COMMITTEE FOR DELAYING AID TO ISRAEL**

WASH. (WNS) -- Congress has been urged to scrutinize "any Israeli request" for arms, mainly for economic reasons, and to delay providing "some items."

The suggestion was made in a 24-page report by a special subcommittee on the Middle East whose 18 members led by its chairman Rep. Melvin Price, (D.Ill.) visited Israel, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Egypt in February. The subcommittee is part of the House Armed Services Committee also headed by Price and its 11 Democrats and seven Republicans are considered to be predominantly conservatives. The subcommittee has also suggested that

"at some time in the near future the Egyptians may ask to buy military equipment from the United States to test American even-handedness in dealing with both sides in the Middle East dispute."

**SAPIR REPORTS  
SOVIET ALIYA DROP**

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- In response to a series of questions submitted to him by the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate, Pjnhas Sapir reported a decline in immigration of Soviet Jews but predicted that Israel was on the threshold of large-scale immigration from the West, especially the United States.

Sapir, who is

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