

AMERICANS AT RECORD PEAK FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK (WUP) — Despite reports in the media and views held among many Jews in the U.S. that Jewish power could be eroding in this country and that there has been a decline of sympathy for Israel and the growth of Arab power, Louis Harris of the famous Harris poll has found that "the trouble with almost all of this is that it simply doesn't square with prevailing public opinion in the United States."

In a lengthy article appearing in The New York Times Magazine of April 6, Harris points out that "instead of slipping away, support for Israel is now at a record peak."

"A recent Harris survey," he reveals, "indicates that 52 per cent of the public now sympathizes with Israel, up sharply from the 39 per cent who felt that way in 1973, right after the Yom Kippur War. By contrast, Harris adds, "7 per cent of the American people expressed sympathy with the Arab side in the Middle Eastern conflict. A national leadership group drawn from government and politics, business, labor, communications, education, religion, and voluntary organizations was 56 per cent in sympathy with Israel, while only 5 per cent supported the Arab cause..."



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MARLON BRANDO, BOB DYLAN ATTEND SEDER

LOS ANGELES (WNS) — Rabbi Haskell Bernat and members of the congregation of Temple Israel of Hollywood were surprised when Marlon Brando, the screen star, and Bob Dylan, the composer and folk singer of the youth rebellion appeared at their congregational seder.

Brando gave an impromptu rendition

of the Kiddush in English and Dylan began the Grace After Meals by singing his "Blowin' In the Wind." Brando said he was delighted that Rabbi Bernat was able "to use one of the world's most ancient religious ceremonies to highlight freedom movements today, including those of Soviet Jews, American Indians and women."

Accompanying the two celebrities to the Reform congregation's seder were actress Helaina Kallianiotis, Sarah Dylan, wife of the folk singer, and Kenneth Banks, a leader of the American Indian Freedom movement.

SYRIA'S "IMPOSSIBLE" CONDITION FOR JEWS

NEW YORK (WNS) — Syrian President Hafez Assad suggested conditions for the emigration of Syrian Jews to Sen. George McGovern which the South Dakota Democrat found "utterly impossible," Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World

Zionist Organization, told a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Mrs. Jacobson, who was in Israel during McGovern's visit, said the senator brought up the question of the emigration of Syrian Jews while in Damascus.

When McGovern asked Assad if he would allow Jews to emigrate, Assad replied that he could not allow Syrian Jews to go to Israel thus strengthening an enemy state. McGovern then suggested that the Jews could be admitted to the United States. Assad said he would permit this if the U.S. enacted a law forbidding those Jews from going to Israel. McGovern told Assad that this was "utterly impossible," Mrs. Jacobson said.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Syrian Jews are living in "a state of terror" and are "the most oppressed Jewish community in the world," Rep. Stephen J. Solarz (D, NY) told a press conference called by the American Jewish Congress.

Solarz, a member of

the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and was the first Jewish congressman to meet with Syrian President Hafez el-Assad.



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