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In his testimony before the House Committee, Kissinger said the aid for Israel will include funds that takes in her military and economic needs while for Egypt it was "important to take into account Egypt's economic needs" because of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's "moderation." While Kissinger did not mention figures, it is believed the Administration will propose providing Israel with \$2.2 billion in economic and military aid and Egypt with \$650-800 million in economic aid. Kissinger said that Israel's loss of the Abu Rodeis oilfields will be taken into account in the Administration's aid package but there will be no "separate funding" for oil.

Kissinger at a press conference also minimized Soviet objections to the accord saying that the essential interest of the U.S. and the Soviet Union are "not in any sense incompatible" with the agreement. "The United States recognizes that in a final settlement in the Middle East the Soviet role will be important and not only procedural but substantive," he said.

Meanwhile, President Ford met with 33 American Jewish leaders at the White House and received their support for stationing American technicians in the Sinai. Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that the Jewish leaders offered to help the Administration obtain a large Congressional majority in support of sending the monitors. Miller said that Kissinger indicated the major problem in Congress will not be the technicians but the question of aid. The same theme was echoed by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D, Minn.) who said that while the Senate will approve the technicians the aid requests will be more difficult because of the present American "severe budgetary problem." Pollster Louis Harris told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that a majority of Americans (42-28 percent) favored posting the American monitors although a majority (48-20 percent) did not believe this would prevent new fighting and a 49-20 percent majority saw a sharp increase in the possibility of direct U.S. involvement in the Middle East conflict. In a later development, Rabbi Miller announced in New York that the President's Conference will launch a campaign to gain the support of American public opinion for the aid to Israel.

ADL SUES COMMERCE DEPT. ON BOYCOTT

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League has filed a federal court suit seeking to stop the Department of Commerce from distributing Arab invitations to American firms to make bids which include restrictive trade and boycott restrictions. The suit also asked that U.S. District Court in Manhattan to order Commerce Secretary Rogers Morton to release the names of companies that have complied with the Arab request for boycott information including the 44 which the Commerce Department has sent charging and warning letters.

The suit, the first ever filed by the ADL against the federal government, charged that the Department is violating the Export Administration Act of 1969 and that it is failing to comply with the Freedom of Information Act in order to shield companies which are also ignoring American policy against the boycott.

Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the ADL, said the Commerce Department's notification to the ADL that it will continue disseminating the bid invitations was proof that the Ford Administration was more concerned with getting Arab petrodollars than with seeing that laws against discrimination are observed.

He noted a confidential Commerce Department memorandum which said that it has been its policy to include the boycott references in distributing the bids because "we would not properly serve the interest of U.S. business by denying it the complete condi-

tions of the bid invitations. "The ADL charged that the Commerce Department which is charged with preventing the use of the Arab boycott to discriminate against Americans is violating U.S. law and policy by "promoting, aiding and abetting Arab boycott operations, thereby restricting free trade and discriminating against American Jews."

Arnold Forster, the ADL's general counsel, and Lawrence Peirez, chairman of the ADL's national civil rights committee, are the organization's attorneys in the suit.

The Department of Commerce refused to comment on the suit. But William Rhatigan, the Department's director of communications, noted that the Export Administration Act provides that information received by the Department is confidential unless Morton makes a "national interest determination" to the contrary. He said that participation in a boycott by American firms is not against the law although it is against U.S. policy.

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