

**PLO INTERCEDES FOR SMUGGLER CAPUCCI**

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Zehdi Labib Terzi, PLO's UN Observer here, has asked Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to intervene on behalf of Archbishop Hilarion Capucci imprisoned in Israel for having been caught red-handed smuggling arms into the Jewish State from Lebanon.

Terzi's request to Waldheim involved a message addressed to the UN chief by the so-called "Permanent Committee of Religious Families" in Beirut. The request with the message was circulated as a UN document through the intervention of the Libyan Ambassador. Signed by thirteen Lebanese religious leaders, the message charged that Capucci was being mistreated "by his Zionist torturers, the enemies of religion and humanity." The concluding paragraph read:

"We appeal to your Excellency to take the initiative of immediate and speedy

action in order to save the life of the militant Archbishop and his colleagues, who protect human civilization and man's spiritual heritage..."

That Capucci was indeed guilty of being a courier for the PLO was borne out by a Wafa (Palestine News Agency) statement circulated here at the UN last week. Captioned "Capucci Sends Cable to Arafat," it read in part:

"Yasir Arafat, chairman of the PLO, has received a cable from the imprisoned Archbishop Hilarion Capucci in the name of all Palestinian detainees in Israeli jails..."

"The Cable said: 'My brothers and children, the Freedom fighters in all Zionist prisons pay their respects and send their revolutionary, loyal and loving greetings to the revolutionary brother, Abu Ammar (Arafat).'"

His cable ended with a plea for "the liberation of Palestine."

**RABIN SAYS FORD RENEGED ON PROMISE**

TEL AVIV -- Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin accused the U.S. of reneging on its promise to provide the additional \$550 million.

But, addressing the Tzvata culture club in Tel Aviv, Rabin noted that Israel has received over \$7 billion from the U.S. since the Yom Kippur War and called the dispute "a difference of opinion between friends."

While Rabin played the dispute down

Moshe Zanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel, warned that if Israel does not receive the extra funds unemployment would rise to 80,000. He said this was an example why it was undesirable for Israel's economy to be totally dependent on the U.S.

Former Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben Aharon said Israel should drop attempts to obtain the money from the U.S. and get it by cracking down on tax evaders in Israel.

NEW YORK -- The Jewish population of the Greater New York area declined by 383,000 between 1962 and 1970-71, and the same period saw a substantial exodus of Jews from the city to the suburbs. In addition, the proportion of young children under five years of age in the overall total of 1,998,000 Jews who currently live in Greater New York also declined, it is disclosed in the 1976 edition of the American Jewish Committee Year Book.

NEW YORK -- Full-time Jewish Community Center professionals from North America will be able to gain a deeper insight into the importance of Israel in Jewish life in America, enhance their Jewish self-awareness, and learn firsthand about the Community Center movement in Israel during two three-week long Jewish Welfare Board Israel Seminars from September 1-22.


PHILADELPHIA -- The annual Conference of Secular Jewish Organizations will convene at Harcum Junior College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. over the Memorial Day weekend (May 28-31).

NEW YORK -- The scientist who developed the universally accepted tools for the measurement of aptitude and intelligence was presented with the first Torch of Learning Award of the Psychology Division of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at a dinner held in his honor. He is Dr. David Wechsler, Vice President of the American Friends and former Visiting Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

NEW YORK -- Irving Bernstein of New York City was reelected Executive Vice Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

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