

HADASSAH REPORTS INCREASED TOURS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK -- "Tourism from the United States to Israel increased 34 per cent this year," the Hadassah national Tourism chairman reported to the recent annual Mid-Winter Conference of the National Board, "and Hadassah tours make an important contribution to an industry that helps to sustain the spirit and the economy of Israel."

Beatrice Usdan said that Hadassah expected 1,000 participants in its Double Dedication Tour, June 13-29, when two major facilities in Jerusalem will be dedicated -- the Siegfried and Irma Ullmann Building for Cancer and Allied Diseases at the Hadassah - Hebrew University Medical Center in Ein Karem and the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Rehabilitation Pavilion at the newly re-opened Hadassah University Hospital on Mount Scopus.

"All Hadassah tours -- throughout the year -- are special," Mrs. Usdan explained, "whether they are for doctors, Bible students, families or study mis-

sions. But this Double Dedication will be a real VIP program."

Charlotte Jacobson, Building & Development chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, is chairman of the Double Dedication Tour. She announced that Golda Meir, Prime Minister Rabin, President Ephraim Katzir and members of the Cabinet, as well as internationally acclaimed doctors will participate in events such as seminars and receptions.

ISRAEL TO PRESS FOR \$550 MILLION PROMISED

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel will continue to press for the \$550 million in additional foreign aid from the United States to cover the transitional quarter between the fiscal years 1976 and 1977 and it hopes for a "positive solution" to the dispute with the U.S. over the funds, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Knesset.

Neither Israel nor the U.S. is interested in a confrontation, Allon said.



LOCAL KIWANIS (L-R) NORM STONE, DR. HUGH FOLLMER AND JIM WALKER, ARE MAKING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS YEAR'S KIWANIS FUN FEST TO BE HELD MAY 15TH AT THE SHEER RANCH, 4225 SMOKE RANCH ROAD. LOCAL KIWANIS HAVE TICKETS FOR SALE AND THEY MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE SHEER RANCH THE NIGHT OF THE FUN FEST.

However, he stressed that the funds were "promised" Israel and Israel will continue to press for it through "the legitimate ways open to us." This was seen as a clear reference to Israel's lobbying efforts through its friends in Congress which was sharply criticized earlier by a "Western diplomatic source" sub-

sequently revealed as U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon. Allon noted that without the money Israel would have a \$613 deficit in the money needed for arms purchase and even with the transitional funds it would be \$63 million short.

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NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress has launched a unique oral history project in San Francisco to preserve the recollections of the oldest members of the Jewish community in the bay area. Rabbi Joseph Asher, president of the Northern California Division of the AJCongress, said: "We are especially interested in interviewing early Jewish residents of this area who are now successfully involved in the city's cultural, social and community affairs, including individuals and families who were active in the formation of the Hebrew Free Loan Society, the Jewish Family Service, the Home for the Aged and local synagogues."

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