U.S. DISAPPOINTED BY PLO 242 REFUSAL

WASH. (WNS) --The United States has admitted that it is "disappointed" that the Palestine Liberation Organization Na-tional Council has rejected approval of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242.

Department Hodding State spokesman Carter expressed this view when he came under repeated ques-tioning over why the Department had criti-Department nau criti-zed Israel for its position while not making any comments on the Arabs, especi-ally the PLO. counted on all ties" in the Middle East to work for a peaceful solution to the conflict," Carter Carter said. "Clearly we are disappointed" that the PLO action "makes it less possible." Carter said the U.S. was "hopeful"

its mind.

Meanwhile, the State Department dismissed PLO chieftan Yasir Arafat's statement that he had enlisted the services of the Soviet Union to oppose U.S. efforts in the Mideast, The Department issued a terse statement saying: "We are continuing contacts with the Soviet Union regarding the Middle East. The United States and the Soviet Union are cochairmen of the Geneva Conference. have nothing to say about comments by third parties about our mutual role."

Arafat's statement came after he visited Moscow and met with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

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Israeli officials noted that the Cairo conference pointed out the differences between Egypt and Syria with Egypt seeking more moderate plat-

In Washington the State Department had no comment on Saudi Arabia's renewed declaration that regaining Jerusalem from Israel is "the prime cause of Islam." In a radio broadcast monitored in Cyrpus, the Saudian Minister of Information said Saudi Arabia would support the Palestinians against Israel until they had returned to their homeland. turned to their homeland.

TO STRESS FREE ENTERPRISE

ATLANTA (WNS)
- Israeli Finance -- Israeli Finance Minister Simcha Ehrdeclared here Israel place a greater em-phasis on free enter-prise and less on government cipation government parti-cipation in the eco-

Speaking to the opening session of the 1977 International Fall Leadership Con-ference of the Israel Bond Organization, Ehrlich said one of the principles of the new Likud government is to phase out control government and ownership of certain leading ecoenterprises expand "gonomic and to vernment participation in building up the infrastructure for economy." said his government plans "to adapt our economic structure to pattern of the American economy in keeping with the spe-cial circumstance prevailing in Israel."

The three - day conference was attended by more than 700 Jewish from the United States Canada. Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, said that between the High Holi-days and December days and Dece.... 31 intensive activities will be con-ducted in Jewishcommunities to sell Bonds.

ISRAEL'S MILITARY

TEL AVIV (WNS)
-- Israel is militarily strong enough to have almost complete political free-dom in the upcoming year, Chief of year, Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur said in an inter-view on the Army Broadcasting vice.

He warned that if there were further cuts in the military budgets this would limit both Israel's defense and capabilities. Gur said that during the last 12 months Israel's army has been strengthened greatly. He said there is a army steady increase in the number of volunteers. Gur said that

Gur said that there is an attempt to place women soldiers in army jobs

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that the Israeli air
force will allow
become pilots and one female officer is now taking a pilot's training course. "She may not be a Phantom pilot, he said, "but sh he said, "but she should be able to fly

a Hercules (transport plane) or a helicopter. That would not be too bad. He Israeli already

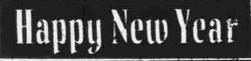
noted that the navy has trained women officers for such important on - shore positions as manning electronics

NEW MIDEAST WAR HUSSEIN WARNS OF

PARIS (WNS) -- A Middle East war may break out and this could turn world conflict, into a King Hussein of Jor-dan warned here. "This is not a matter of optimism or pessimism," Hussein said, "It is a ques-tion of realism and the danger of war is

The Jordanian king is in France to seek West European backing for his plan for a Palestinian-Jordan-ian federation with himself as head of

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