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and Rhodesia, Gold said. He noted that the Iranian spokesman indicated that Iran would not participate in any military efforts against Israel since it expects to be chiefly concerned with domestic efforts for the near future.

Gold said that Rouhani pointed out that freedom for Iranian Jews would not include the right to support Israel. This is borne out in a report on the prospects for Iran by Dr. George E. Gruen, the AJCommittee's director of Middle East Affairs. The report said Iranian rabbis welcomed Khomeini when he returned from his exile in France.

After Bakhtiar resigned as Prime Minister Feb. 11, Khomeini "received a large delegation from the Iranian Jewish community and welcomed them warmly and again reassured them of full rights so long as they did not engage in 'treason'." Gruen said that his reference to "treason" could be seen as meaning support for Israel. He expressed concern that Khomeini's hostility to Israel "may spill over in the minds of the populace into animosity toward the local Jewish community as well."

Gruen said he believes the security of Iranian Jews may depend on how much influence is wielded by Mehdi Bazargan, the 74-year-old leader chosen by Khomeini as Prime Minister. "As a founder of the Iranian Committee for Human Rights, he (Bazargan) is considered sensitive to the rights of minorities," Gruen noted.

Sen. Jacob Javits (R. NY) told a press conference in Schenectady, N.Y., that "Although I don't assume that everything will be rosy in Iran, I doubt that in this modern day there is a serious threat to the human rights of minorities, including Jews." Javits, however, stressed the need for "eternal vigilance" and "an open route to exodus to a place of security, if necessary." Javits, the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the U.S. must do its utmost to achieve stability in the Middle East because of the situation in Iran and the need for oil.

Meanwhile, in New York, Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, disclosed that about 8,000 Iranian Jews arrived in Israel during the last several months, of whom about 1,000 plan to remain there. "We will take and absorb in Israel as many Iranian Jews as come," he said. Dulzin warned that the Iranian Jews "might face danger." He said that "we used every possible way in the last four months to convince Iranian Jews to come to Israel." He did not elaborate but said he hoped there still was "time to save as many Jews as possible."

Israeli President Yitzhak Navon has urged Iranian Jews who do not want to leave their country to at least send their children to Israel. He estimated there are 20,000 Jewish children in Iran. "There is a warm home waiting for them here," he said. Some 500 Iranian Jewish children have been sent to Israel in the last few months, and others have gone to the U.S. and Europe. In France, Iranian Jews said that many of them now in Europe will consider returning home once the situation has calmed down.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- One Arab was killed and two others severely injured when a bomb exploded 100 feet from the Western Wall.

RUSSIA MAY ALLOW 40,000-50,000 JEWS TO EMIGRATE IN 1979

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Some 40,000 to 50,000 Jews will be allowed to emigrate from the Soviet Union this year, it was predicted here Feb. 13 by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World

Zionist Organization Executives. He told a press conference that the reason is Moscow's desire for more

trade with the United States and the continuation of detente. He said only 40 percent would come to Israel because of

the drop-out situation. He said the Jewish Agency and the Israeli government are seeking ways to reduce the number of drop-outs.

**ORTHODOX VIEW:
NO WOMEN RABBIS**

Commenting on the last two national conventions of the Conservative and Reform Rabbinical organizations held in California during the past week, Rabbi Abraham B. Hecht, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America (Orthodox) issued the following statement.

"We view the much heralded and publicized controversy regarding the ordination and acceptability by the Conservative and Reform Temples of women Rabbis, as a smoke screen and camouflage to hide the failure of the Conservative and Reform movements. It is a well-known fact that both wings of Judaism are losing parishoners regularly, and that the membership in these Temples is decreasing steadily."

"In many Temples," continued Rabbi Hecht "it has reached crisis proportions. Young people especially the college youth is exiting in large numbers, leaving a vacuum which cannot be filled in a normal fashion.

To divert attention from the obvious failure of the Rabbinic leadership of the Conservative and Reform Rabbinate to attract and hold their members, the public relations men contrived an issue which does not relate to the problem of diminishing memberships and loss of influence on the general scene" declared Rabbi Hecht.

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