

**JEWISH LEADERS URGE  
CARTER TO REDUCE ENERGY**

NEW YORK—Twelve major Jewish organizations called on President Carter and Congress to enact "mandatory measures" to reduce the consumption of energy in this country. At the same time, they urged a number of changes in current energy regulations in the U.S., so that "U. S. vulnerability to the OPEC cartel" would be reduced.

In a letter sent to the President, the Jewish groups expressed the view that such vulnerability was a "threat not only to national security, but to the maintenance of an independent U.S. foreign policy, and to world political and economic stability."

To meet this threat, the signatories of the letter declared that voluntary measures were not sufficient to conserve available energy resources. "We hope, therefore, that the Administration and the Congress will enact equitable mandatory measures which will substantially reduce the excessive consumption of energy in our nation."

The Jewish organizations also urged the following steps in the current energy crisis:

Incentives by the U.S. government for oil exploration in non-OPEC countries and aid for heavy oil exploration and processing, particularly in the Western Hemisphere.

A speed-up of research and development of alternative non-fossil energy sources.

Relaxation of environmental rules to permit greater utilization of coal.

Incentives to step up conversion from oil to natural gas.

Release of Federal lands for development of energy

sources at an accelerated rate.

Enactment of provisions in windfall tax legislation, including tax penalties, to insure that any oil company profits resulting from de-controlled prices be invested in development of energy supplies.

More stringent government regulations on importing oil, including a quota on imports and the use of sealed bids to allocate oil within the quota. Elimination of abuses of foreign tax credits for oil produced abroad by American companies.

Guarantees of U.S. purchase of a portion of its oil from non-OPEC countries.

Cooperative efforts by all oil-consuming nations such as those begun at the Tokyo Economic Summit.

The letter was signed by Richard Maass, President, The American Jewish Committee; Howard Squadron, President, The American Jewish Congress; Nathan Perlmutter, National Director, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Jack J. Spitzer, President B'nai B'rith, Bernice S. Tannenbaum, President, Hadassah; Jacob Sheinkman, President, Jewish Labor Committee; Nathan M. Goldberg, National Commander, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America; Shirley I. Leviton, President, National Council of Jewish Women; Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Simon Schwartz, President, United Synagogue of America; Ruth Eisenberg, National President, Women's American ORT; and Ivan Novick, President, Zionist Organization of America.

**FAVORABLE TRADE STATUS FOR ROMANIA**

WASH. (WNS) -- Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen has asked to be allowed to testify at Congressional hearings on continued most-favored nation trade status for Rumania. The rabbi made his request in cables from Bucharest sent to Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.), chairman of the Senate Finance subcommittee on international trade, and Rep. Charles Vanik (D. Ohio), chairman of the House Ways and

Means subcommittee on trade. The two sub-

committees are expected to hold hearings in mid-July. Rosen had declared earlier that Jews in

Rumania can apply to emigrate to Israel without suffering any penalties.

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**SUPREME COURT BANS WEST BANK SITE**

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction barring the fencing off of a 3500-dunam site at Salfit on the West Bank for the expansion of the Jewish settlement near Jenin. The court order does not apply to work in the settlement itself.

Local Arabs who claim to own parts of the land were given 15 days to pin-point their claims after

which the government will have to show cause why the land should be fenced. The complainants produced sworn affidavits from two members of Sheli, Meir Payil and Reserve Gen. Mattityahu Peled, claiming the land the government proposes to attach to Ariel has no security value nor, in fact, does the settlement itself.

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