

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A Harris Survey poll has found that most Americans sympathize with Israel rather than the Palestine Liberation Organization. The Survey found that 71.8 percent of Americans support Israel and 59 are convinced that Israel's goal is a "just peace" in the Middle East. Only 18 percent felt the PLO also seeks peace. But 63 percent believe Egypt wants peace.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin lost the first round of the controversy with Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon over the establishment of two new settlements -- Dotan and Rehan -- in Samaria when the Cabinet at its meeting rejected Yadin's right to appeal the settlements. At an earlier cabinet meeting, Yadin charged that Sharon misled the government by establishing new settlements contrary to an earlier decision merely to "expand" existing ones.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The controversy over the reduced sentence granted to a former Israeli paratroop officer, Lt. Daniel Pinto, convicted of murdering four civilians in a Lebanese village last year flared anew following the publication in foreign newspapers of a version of the incident that led to Pinto's conviction. The case itself had been shrouded in secrecy until the publication. The cabinet at a recent meeting discussed the case but details were not divulged because it met as a ministerial security committee. It was learned, however, that the heads of various Knesset factions are demanding a thorough investigation.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith protested sharply to the Spanish government for receiving Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat in Madrid for a 48-hour period. Theodore Mann, chairman of the Presidents Conference, and Yehuda Hellman, executive director of the Conference, met here with Kose Liado, the Spanish Ambassador to the U.S., and told him that American Jews were "deeply disturbed" by the honors the Spanish government accorded Arafat during his visit. They pointed out that while Spain accorded official honors to the PLO chief, it still refuses to extend diplomatic relations to Israel.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A joint resolution bearing bipartisan support has been introduced in both houses of Congress that would designate the week of April 13 through April 19, 1980 as "Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust." The resolution was presented to the Senate by Sen. John Danforth (R. Mo.) with 24 sponsors. An identical measure was introduced in the House by Rep. James Blanchard (D. Mi.).

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A Cabinet crisis was averted when the Ministerial Defense Committee agreed to a demand by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin that the Cabinet and the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee review a decision to establish four new settlements in the West Bank.

MONTREAL (WNS) -- Flora McDonald, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, said in Ottawa that she will do everything as a Minister to bring about the release of Jewish activist Ida Nudel, now in exile in the Siberian village of Krivosheian. She made her pledge to Nudel's sister, Elena Friedman, of Israel, who was accompanied to Ottawa by a group from the Canadian branch of Women for Ida Nudel and McGill University law professor, Irwin Cotler, who is Nudel's attorney.

CHICAGO (WNS) -- Hadassah raised over \$31.75 million this year, but will have to exceed that amount in the 1979 - 80 year, national treasurer Bess Katz told the organization's 65th national convention. She told the some 3000 delegates that the 1979 - 80 costs include \$9 million for the Hadassah Medical Organization maintenance; \$3.3 million for HMO development; \$2.3 million for youth aliya; \$1.5 million for Hadassah educational and vocational programs in Israel; \$700,000 for the Jewish National Fund and \$4 million for its programs in the United States including adult and Jewish education, American affairs and youth activities.

JEWISH LEADER BLASTS PLO TALKS

NEW YORK (WNS) Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, denounced "the recurring phenomenon, until recent weeks, in the State Department, of attempts to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization." He also said at a press conference here that he was pleased with current U.S. policy in the Middle East, particularly about the direction of talks on Palestinian autonomy. He expressed satisfaction about recent statements by President Carter, Secretary of State Vance and Robert Strauss, the President's special Middle East envoy, which Mann said appeared "to recognize that the only sure way to peace" was to allow Egypt and Israel to work out agreements without pressure on them to do so or to meet any deadline other than those in the Camp David accord and their treaty.

He said American Jewry should stress to the Carter Administration the need

to emphasize the importance of direct talks between Israel and the Arab nations, but not with the PLO. He said that the next U.N. General Assembly, starting this month, would bring a deluge of PLO propaganda. He reported he had met with President Carter for lunch the previous week and that they had agreed that the distinction between the PLO and Palestinian Arabs should be stressed to the maximum for the American people.

Replying to a newsman's question about Black-Jewish relations in the aftermath of Andrew Young's resignation as Ambassador to the UN, Mann said he hoped these relations had "quieted down." He said he believed relations between the two groups would improve. He said he doubted that the American Black community as a whole "will ever forge an alliance with the PLO."

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