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to double the \$50,000 reward soon and will offer an additional \$10,000 to the welfare fund of the police department in whatever country Mengele is arrested. Wiesenthal said Mengele knows that his friends will sell him out "and he will get nervous and make mistakes. He runs from country to country near Paraguay."

Wiesenthal, who heads the Nazi war crimes documentation center in Vienna, claimed that the Chilean government is well aware of Mengele's presence but so far has refused to respond to an extradition request from the West German government. He said he had learned from three independent sources that Mengele fled to Chile after the government of Paraguay revoked his citizenship last August. Paraguay apparently acted after warrants for Mengele's arrest were issued by West German embassies through Latin America. Dekel, however, contends that Mengele is still in Paraguay.

attaches little importance to the issue I have raised," Holtzman wrote. She renewed her call for Henze's dismissal.

In her original letter to Carter, Holtzman pointed out that Trifa, who is Bishop of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in the U.S. and a naturalized American citizen, is alleged to have incited atrocities against Jews in Bucharest during World War II. The broadcast interview made no mention of the fact that the Justice Department initiated denaturalization proceedings against Trifa in May, 1975 and that trial of his case is pending in Federal court in Detroit.

Top officials of the U.S. Board for International Broadcasting, which oversees Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, subsequently deplored the interview and expressed regret that it was broadcast. But at a board meeting last August 15, Henze characterized concern over the interview as "silly" and claimed he was presenting "the White House position on this issue." In that connection he noted that "Bishop

Trifa, as an American citizen, represents an important ethnic group."

In her reply to Holtzman, Dodson said that Henze's "personal estimate of the importance of the Trifa broadcast can be justifiably contested by others" but that he had "explicitly shared the view" that the broadcast was an "error of judgement" and "nowhere in the discussion did he either support this broadcast or indicate, even in the slightest, any sympathy for Archbishop Trifa's alleged past activities." Taking issue with that response, Holtzman stated in her letter to the President that it "does not indicate whether Mr. Henze's remarks represent the position of, or were sanctioned by, the White House as he so stated at the August 15 meeting." She said the response was "inaccurate because it does not in any way reflect the verbatim transcript" of the August 15 meeting. She noted that Henze has "steadfastly refused to retract his comments despite pleas from several participants in the meeting to do so."

ABORTION LAW PASSES A HURDLE

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The controversial amendment to the abortion law passed its first reading by a vote of 58 - 53 and nine abstentions and absences. The government coalition was therefore spared the threat of the Aguda Israel Knesset faction that it would leave the coalition and as a result endanger the coalition majority. After the vote, Aguda faction leader Shlomo Lorinez said it had been "a victory for common sense and Jewish morality." Aguda's threat to leave the coalition was not lifted, he said, since the coalition and Premier Menachem Begin himself had proven that they sincerely sought to maintain the coalition agreement signed with Aguda to amend the abortions law.

The voting was on a compromise formula which eliminated clause five of the abor-

tion law which permits abortions for socio-economic reasons, meaning for mothers of poverty families with large numbers of children, and expanded clause four of the law to include some of the cases covered by clause five. The new language was left vague and open to broad interpretations. Clause four permits abortions on the grounds of "danger to the woman's life" or "severe physical or mental damage" resulting from continued pregnancy.

The compromise added the words, "or such (damage) as is caused by a difficult milieu of family circumstances that find no other solution." Prior to the voting, Begin had declared the vote one of confidence in the government. Had the amendment not been passed, the government may well have been forced to resign.

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CARTER HONORED N.Y. CONGRESSWOMAN

WASH. (WNS) -- Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D. NY) has angrily rejected a White House response to her recent complaint that an Administration official had sought to trivialize widespread concern over an interview with alleged Nazi war criminal Valerian Trifa, broadcast by Radio Free Europe last May 1.

Holtzman, who is chairperson of the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law, wrote to President Carter

recently suggesting that the remarks made by John Henze, a staff member of the National Security Council were grounds for his dismissal.

In a second letter to Carter last week, the New York Congresswoman described the White House reply, signed by NSC Staff Secretary Christine Dodson as "inappropriate, inadequate and inaccurate." The fact that her letter was answered by a staff secretary who is a co-worker of Henze "suggests that the White House



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