

JERUSALEM IS MADE CAPITAL

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special priority in their economic, financial and other operations.

The final version of the bill was worked out in the Knesset's Legal Committee as criticism of the action came in from abroad. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, who attended all four meetings of the committee, said he was gratified at the guarantees on unhindered worship and free access to the holy places, but was dissatisfied that operational elements he had recommended were watered down.

The government wanted the bill as general as possible. The bill was forced upon the government by Geula Cohen of the ultranationalist Tehiya faction. Although the vast majority of the Knesset felt that the passing of the bill was unnecessary since it only made part of the Basic Law what had been the practice since 1967, most felt that to vote against it would be interpreted abroad as an internal debate over the fate of Jerusalem which did not exist.

Before the vote, U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie said in a CBS-TV interview that the U.S. was concerned that Egypt might walk out of the autonomy talks if the bill was adopted. After the vote, a State Department spokesman said that "The United States has consistently taken the position that the final status of Jerusalem can be determined only through negotiations among the parties concerned. It has consistently been our view that the unilateral actions taken outside the framework of such negotiations cannot determine the ultimate status of Jerusalem." The State Department added that the new law has "no legal effect on the U.S." and is "unhelpful" in the current autonomy talks.

In Cairo, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said that he will convey Egypt's response to the new law to Israel shortly. He told reporters that the law contradicted the spirit and letter of the Camp David agreements. Political sources in Jerusalem responded that Jerusalem is not mentioned in the Camp David accords but is the subject of accompanying side-letters in which Egypt, Israel and the U.S. set down their positions on Jerusalem. "The Jerusalem Law does not

deviate from the position expressed by Premier (Menachem) Begin in his letter to President Carter and therefore there is no place for a new Egyptian reaction," the sources said.

Moshe Arens, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, maintained that the Knesset had acted correctly. "It is better to clarify Israel's stand on Jerusalem now, before we have withdrawn from the last part of Sinai, then do it after the withdrawal," he said. Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, a Labor MK, said Israel since 1967 has sought to get the world to accept the reality of Jerusalem as unified city with hundreds of thousands of Jewish residents, large scale construction sites and the protection of the holy places of all faiths. He said with the passage of the Jerusalem Law, Israel is telling the world that it is not sure about that reality.

Meanwhile, Begin is moving ahead with plans to move his office into East Jerusalem despite heavy pressure from the U.S. for restraint. Geula Cohen, flushed with victory, is preparing a new bill to impose Israeli law on the Golan Heights, in effect annexing that occupied territory.

In Washington, Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that the Jerusalem issue is "magnified" and not of "real value." He suggested that concentration on an autonomy agreement for the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be more in the interests of Egypt, Israel and the U.S. Squadron made his remarks after he and five other national Jewish leaders met at the State Department with Muskie. Squadron said Muskie made no attempt to get Jewish leaders to convince Begin not to move his office to East Jerusalem.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Haifa police are searching for persons responsible for having painted swastikas and two anti-Semitic slogans, "Death to the Jews," on the walls of Technion University's Churchill Auditorium in Haifa. This incident, the first of its kind at the university, has angered the students and student bodies are discussing ways and means to calm student wrath.

PARIS (WNS) -- A 26-year-old disabled Jew was seriously injured by a group of seven pro-Nazi who stormed a bar in the Jewish quarter of Paris.

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