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NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Council of Jewish Federations has announced the winners of the 1980 Smolar Award for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism. They are: Gary Rosenblatt, editor of the Baltimore Jewish Times, human interest; Martin Levin, editor of the Winnipeg Jewish Post, opinion; Robert Kanigel, contributing editor of the Winnipeg Jewish Post, opinion; Robert Kaniegel, contributing editor of the Baltimore Jewish Times, public affairs, and Zev Ben Shlomo and David Sonin, magazine writing. A Special-Citation went to Jacob Timerman, the former editor of the Argentine newspaper, La Oinion. The Smolar Awards are named for Boris Smolar, editor - in - chief emeritus of the Jewish Telefraphic Agency.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- About 9000 salaried physicians went out in a 24 - hour strike to protest delays in their negotiations for higher pay. Hospitals were manned by skeleton staffs, except for receiving rooms, intensive care units and surgery.





MONTREAL (WNS) -- Canada has been urged to "take a strong stand in Madrid and hold the Soviet Union to account for its violations of the Helsinki Final Act." This point was stressed by Avital Shcharansky, wife of the imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist, Anatoly Shcharansky, and McGill law professor Irwin Cotler, legal counsel for Shcharansky, in a meeting with Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan and other members of the government. Cotler and Mrs. Shcharansky also met with former External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald of the opposition Progressive Conservative Party, and new Democratic leader Ed Broadbent.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Official Israeli spokesmen have flatly denied an American newspaper report that Israel is assisting Iran by sending war supplies for the struggle against Iraq. Spokesmen for the Foreign and Defense Ministries said the report is entirely without foundation.

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