

KISSINGER SAYS JEWS BLAMED FOR OIL PROBLEM

NEW YORK (WNS) Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said here that Jews were being blamed by some people for the worsening economic conditions in the West caused by the oil problem. In the public mind, certain problems, such as the West Bank, have "become a copout and surrogate for everything else," he told a standing room audience of more than 1500 persons at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun.

He said this is expressed in the belief by some that "If only not for Israel and the Jews there would not be an oil prob-

lem." Kissinger, who was responding to a question from Rabbi William Berkowitz of B'nai Jeshurun on the reasons for the upsurge in anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism, said other reasons were the growing use of violence in the world and organizations like the Palestine Liberation Organization "that have a vested interest in organizing distrust of the Jewish community."

In his appearance in the Manhattan congregation's "Dialogue 80" series, Kissinger stressed that since 1973 he has opposed any U.S. negotiations with the PLO and does

not believe the U.S. should deal with the terrorist group "even if it accepts (United Nations Security Council) Resolution 242.

The last thing we need in the Middle East from an American view is another radical state, armed by the Soviet Union, with leaders trained in the Soviet Union, wedged between Jordan and Israel and a menace to both." He added that for this reason he opposes a Palestinian state and believes that the future of the West Bank should be decided in negotiations between Israel and Jordan.



SHOWN ABOVE ARE RABBI WILLIAM BERKOWITZ, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND, IN A DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST TRENDS, JUST PRIOR TO EBAN'S APPEARANCE IN NEW YORK'S FAMED DIALOGUE SERIES, WHICH CONSISTED BEFORE 4,000 PEOPLE OF A CONVERSATION BETWEEN EBAN AND BERKOWITZ ON THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

the Ramle jail pending the decision. Felicia Langer, attorney for the mayors, cited opinions by West Bank judicial authorities that Jordanian law which applies to that area does not countenance expulsion.

Langer charged that the special review board which rejected the mayors' appeals was appointed by the military government to justify the original deportation order. But Deputy State Attorney Dorit Beinisch said the review board had "bent over backwards" to be fair to the mayors.

She submitted an affidavit from Gen. Binyamin Ben Eliezer, military commander of the West Bank, that the presence of the two mayors in the region would constitute a security risk. They were summarily expelled last May in the wake of the ambush slaying of six yeshiva students in Hebron by Palestinian terrorists.

BEGIN PLEASED BY RECEPTION

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Menachem Begin told the Cabinet that the reception given by the Egyptians to President Yitzhak Navon during his five-day visit to Egypt brought honor to Israel. He said Navon conducted his mission wholly within the terms of the government's policy.

Begin's comments were seen as a denial

of rumors that the Premier was unhappy over Navon's discussion of political matters with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Vice President Hosni Mubarak. Navon gave Begin and his aides a general briefing on his trip and later met privately with the Premier for a more detailed briefing. Begin said he told Navon that his

visit was "very successful" and had contributed to the rapprochement between Israel and Egypt.

Navon assessed his trip to Egypt, the first by an Israel President, as successful "beyond expectations." In a television interview, he said the Egyptians had agreed to all but one of his proposals to expedite the normalization process between the two countries.

COURT RESERVES DECISION ON MAYORS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Supreme Court has reserved decision on the appeal by Mayors Fahd Kawasme of Hebron and Mohammed Milhim of

Halhoul against their deportation by the West Bank military government.

Both were in court as the hearing ended, but were returned to

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