

WJC URGES CRITICISM OF ISRAEL BE OPEN

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JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A two - year study made public here by the World Jewish Congress urges that criticism of Israeli policies by Jews in the United States and elsewhere not be "swept under the rug" but expressed openly to relieve "increasing strains" in the relationship between Israel and the diaspora.

The 119 - page document, released at the WJC's assembly here, was sharply criticized by the leaders of the World Zionist Organization. Leon Dulzin, chairman of the WZO Executive, has appointed a committee to prepare the WZO's official response to the document. The WJC report was prepared by 33 - member International Economic and Social Commission, headed by Baron Guy de Rothschild of Paris.

The document was not formally presented to the WJC assembly nor endorsed by resolution. In his preface to the document, WJC president Edgar Bronfman said: "Its independent conclusions and recommendations are

naturally those of the commission alone -- the World Jewish Congress is neither responsible for nor committed to accept or support any of them. We do believe, however, that this thoughtful, sensitive and significant report warrants the serious consideration of concerned Jews everywhere." The study was initiated by Philip Klutznick when he was WJC president.

The report declared that "independent diaspora judgments require full expression in uninhibited dialogue on the grave doubts and concerns occasioned by Israel's policies." It asserted that the question of the right to differ with Israel was "by far the most important of outstanding current issues between Israel and the diaspora."

Among the "doubts and concerns" felt by "independently - minded Jews," the study said were: "the religious monopoly exercised by the Orthodox rabbinate" which is "offensive to Conservative and Reform Jewry, as well as to many secular Jews;" "Israel's settlement policies in the West Bank and Gaza" which do not appreciate the "increasingly critical public opin-

ion' outside Israel; "A flawed electoral system based on proportional representation and the "growing materialism" in the Jewish State.

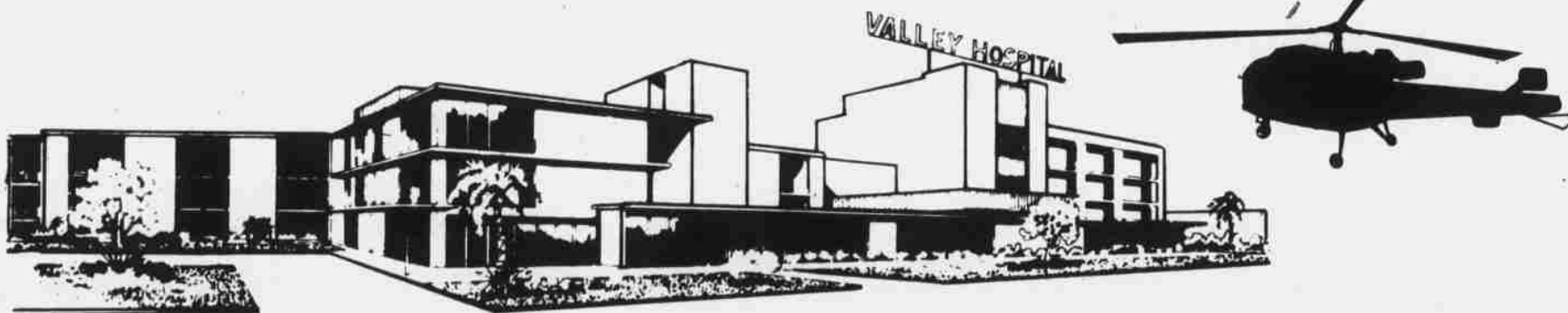
The study also stated that to retain and strengthen support by the Western powers and by Jews in the diaspora, Israel should make "unmistakeably clear" that its policies and negotiating stance in search for Middle East peace are based "squarely and unequivocally on security considerations."

One of its major passages read: "The classic Zionist ideology which denigrates the prospects for a secure or meaningful Jewish existence in the diaspora, and which conceives of diaspora existence as living in exile, is remote from the thinking of most Jews who live in free democratic societies. The persistent hopes and efforts of Israeli leaders and Zionist organizations to achieve substantial increases in aliya from Western diaspora communities cannot confidently be counted upon to achieve far greater success than they have achieved in the past."

Another key passage stated: "To forge stronger ties between Israel and the diaspora, we recommend that Israel, with the active participation of the diaspora, create strong and dedicated Shalom Corps, whose members would spend a year or two abroad in response to requests from weaker communities for teachers, rabbis and other essential Jewish services."

BONN (WNS) -- The State Attorney's office in Frankfurt has issued a new warrant for the arrest of Josef Mengele, the chief doctor at Auschwitz who is presently reported to be living in Uruguay. The warrant, which replaces one issued in 1959, charges Mengele with having selected concentration camp inmates for the gas chamber and of performing brutal medical experiments upon them. Attorney General Hans-Eberhard Klein said the number of Jews and other prisoners sent to the gas chambers by Mengele "cannot even be approximated."

"I'm fed up!" Suzanne Somers exclaimed. "ABC won't talk to me... John Ritter won't talk to me and Joyce DeWitt won't talk to me. I don't know why," revealed pretty, blonde Suzanne Somers to Sig Sako-wicz and his Superstar TV viewers (KLAS-TV8 in Las Vegas January 25 & 28). "No one on Three's Company has spoken to me for four months... no one," she added. "They've (the producers and network) had me under tight security. I can't talk to anyone because they built a set behind the main set -- so that I'm not around any of the cast. They are only showing me one minute a week and this is misleading the public -- letting them think I am still on the show when I'm really not. "I just want a little more of the pie. If I get more so do John Ritter and Joyce DeWitt. Their contract reads this way. This is a personal hurt to me because I love John Ritter. We have been good friends," Suzanne said. "I am forced to sue ABC to get some kind of dialogue going. Alan Alda (Mash), Linda Gray (Dallas) and Laverne and Shirley all get profit participation in their shows. I feel I am in part responsible for the success of Three's Company (the number one show in ratings).



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