

SOVIET PRISONER FEELS ISRAEL DIDN'T DO ENOUGH

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Yosef Mendelovich, who arrived in Israel after more than 11 years in Soviet prison camps, does not believe Israel does enough to help Jews imprisoned by the Soviet government. "My impression is that Israelis are fantastic in organizing receptions when a Prisoner of Zion arrives here, but they take little interest when the prisoner is still languishing in captivity," he said in a television interview.

He said that he and his fellow prisoners rarely felt that effective public action was taken on their behalf. Mendelovich an Orthodox Jew, called for public action to help the two non-Jewish participants in the 1970 Leningrad hijack attempt, Yuri Federov and Alesksei Murzhenko. They are still detained "in the most harsh conditions," he said. He also called attention to Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak, Iosif Begun, Victor Brailovsky and Anatoly Shcharansky. Brailovsky, a leading activists in the Soviet Jewish emigration movement and editor of the journal "Jews in the USSR" was arrested in Moscow last November. "Did you do anything about it?" Mendelovich asked the television viewers.

Earlier at a press conference at the home of his sister Rivka Dori in Allon Shvut, Mendelovich called on Jews throughout the world to step up the public struggle for Soviet Jewry. The days of quiet diplomacy are over he maintained. Mendelovich said his last hunger strike in the Soviet prison camp lasted 55 days and was triggered by the confiscation of a book from which he was teaching a fellow Jewish prisoner Hebrew and Jewish history. He said he was punished, although not physically beaten, because he insisted on observing the Sabbath and other religious rites. He said that he had not received any of the thousands of letters that had been sent to him from supporters

around the world. Meanwhile, Mrs. Dori praised the help her brother received from world public opinion. "Thank God, this is everything we hoped for Yosef, for him to come to Jerusalem," she told a reporter. "I want to tell all the people who worked for his release that their efforts succeeded. I am sorry that Ida Nudel and Anatoly Shcharansky are not out. Now we have to work for them."

at interest of 2 percent for 10 years and 3 percent for the next 20 years when the loans mature. Of the military aid, \$900 million will be a 10-year loan, followed by a 20 year period of repayment of the principal at interest equal to the cost of funds to the U.S. Treasury at the time of disbursement. At present, the Treasury borrows money at approximately 15 percent.

"we are proposing forgiveness of Israel's principal and interest obligations for the remaining \$500 million," Joseph Wheeler, Deputy Administrator of the Agency for International Development (AID), told the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Besides these sums, Wheeler observed, Israel will get about \$600 million from the special deployment assistance package approved three years ago with relation to Israel's withdrawal from Sinai. Therefore, in the new fiscal year, Israel will get the amount of \$2.8 billion.

AGREE ON AID TO ISRAEL BUT NOT FORGIVENESS ON DEBT

WASH. (WNS) -- The Reagan Administration announced it will provide Israel \$2.85 billion in the 1982 fiscal year, the same \$1.4 billion in military aid and \$785 million in economic assistance that has been allocated for the current year. But it has appeared to rule out forgiveness of any part of Israel's \$17.4 billion debt to the United States.

Two-thirds of the \$785 million in economic aid will be a grant. The remaining one-third will be

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WASH. (WNS) -- The State Department made public documentation showing that Iraq and the Palestine Liberation Organization have supported the guerrilla movement in El Salvador.

The documents showed that the guerrilla leaders received \$500,000 in cash from Iraq and that selected Salvadorans received training from the PLO. The documentation was presented to buttress the Reagan Administration's contention that there is military support from the outside against the government of El Salvador, which is backed by the United States.

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