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JEWISH LEADERS DISCUSS ARAB AIRPLANE SALE WITH REAGAN

REAGAN CUTS FUNDS FOR SOVIET JEWRY

WASH. (WNS) -- The Reagan Administration, in its continuing effort to slash the federal budget, has recommended eliminating the \$24 million in matching funds for resettlement of Soviet Jewish immigrants in the United States.

The Administration earlier decided to eliminate the subsidy to Israel of \$24 million for the

current fiscal year for the resettlement of Soviet Jewry.

The funding for Israel is to be ended by March 31. Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D. NY) protested the cuts for Israel. Rep. Sidney Yates (D. Ill.) criticized the proposal to cut funds for the immigrants to the U.S. arguing that "charitable agencies simply cannot provide the necessary funding for this task."

BUDGET CUTS BAD FOR ORTHODOX JEWS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A study by the Agudat Israel of America warns that the near \$50 billion in budget cuts President Reagan has proposed for the 1982 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, will have a "devastating impact"

on the Orthodox Jewish community. The study, by Agudat Israel's Office of Government and Public Affairs, noted that "it is difficult not to support the motivation behind the President's budget proposals."

REAGAN SAYS STRATEGIC BALANCE WILL BE MAINTAINED

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Jewish Republicans who met with President Reagan and his aides at the White House reported that the President assured them he was "totally committed to Israel's military superiority" while they expressed concern over the Administration's decision to provide extra fuel tanks and missiles to Saudi Arabia for its American-made F-15 planes.

The Jewish leaders, during a two-hour meeting told Reagan's aides that Saudi Arabia should give support to United States policy in return for the military assistance it is receiving.

The 32 Republicans who went to the White House were mainly members of the Coalition for Reagan - Bush, the Jewish organization that helped Reagan and Vice President George Bush obtain what the Coalition said after the elections was 45 percent of the Jewish vote, a figure approximately equal to the Jewish vote for President Carter which was the lowest since the 1930s for a Democratic nominee.

Reagan met with the Jewish group for 20 minutes and expressed understanding of their

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ABBA EBAN, CHIEF CONSULTANT AND ON-SCREEN HOST AND COMMENTATOR FOR THE PUBLIC TELEVISION SERIES CIVILIZATION AND THE JEWS, IS PICTURED ABOVE DURING LOCATION FILMING AT THE MUSEUM OF THE DIASPORA IN TEL AVIV. THE 11-PART SERIES FROM WNET/THIRTEEN, NEW YORK IS NOW IN PRODUCTION AND IS SCHEDULED TO AIR NATIONALLY OVER THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE (PBS) IN 1983.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

The European Game

What are the West Europeans up to in the Middle East? They have made no secret that their chief concern is to ensure a steady flow of Arab oil and to do that they are willing to appease the Arabs to the detriment of Israel.

The Israeli government has voiced concern over a reported secret plan by the European Economic Community which calls for Israel's complete withdrawal from the territories occupied since 1967 in return for normalization of relations with the Arab states. The plan would also provide a foreign security guarantee for Israel.

Premier Menachem Begin denounced this plan to a group of visitors from France recently. "This is a plan of making it possible one day to wipe out Israel, to change our national security situation completely, to bring the greatest damage to our country," he warned.

Is this the much heard about "European initiative?" If so, it sounds like a European plan to present a dictat to Israel. However, Dutch Foreign Minister Christopher van der Klaauw, chairman of the EEC's Council of Ministers, denied the existence of any EEC plan to a delegation of European Jews.

And in Washington, the Reagan Administration is saying that after the recent visits there of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncer, the U.S. is "confident that our Western European allies understand the importance that they take no action that would undercut the peace process" in the Middle East.

Most observers believe that the Europeans, like the Reagan Administration, are keeping their Mideast "initiative" on hold until after the June 30 Israeli elections. At the same time both the Europeans and the Reagan Administration are pledging their allegiance to the Camp David peace process.

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