

### RABBI WARNS OF "FATEFUL PERIOD"

GROSSINGERS, N.Y. (WNS) -- Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the Jewish National Fund, warned that Israel was entering a "fateful period," in an address to Jewish leaders marking the 80th anniversary of the founding of the JNF by Theodore Herzl at the Fifth Zionist Congress. Berkowitz said Israel's basic security was threatened by "the willingness of Western Europe to be intimidated by Arab wealth, the apparent inability of the Reagan Administration to say 'no' to Saudi Arabia and a new arms race that imperils Israel's economic recovery."

Berkowitz said, "The new Administration -- which is so many areas has effectively reasserted America's national interest and defended Israel without apology at the United Nations and elsewhere -- has succumbed to the same impotence in dealing with Saudi Arabia that characterized the Carter Administration."

Berkowitz said that it is the "responsibility"

of President Reagan and his advisors "to demand, that if the Saudis are to be sold F-15's and other advanced equipment they want, there must be a quid pro quo: they must cease their calls for a jihad (holy war) against Israel, cease their denunciation of President (Anwar) Sadat for signing a peacetreaty with Israel, cease their refusal to enter the Middle East peace process and cease financial support of the terrorist PLO to the tune of some one million dollars per day."

Berkowitz declared: "American Jews must say 'no' to a new Middle East arms race, 'no' to stuffing still more American weapons into the eager hands of the Saudis, 'no' to any kind of European 'initiative' that will undermine the Camp David process and 'no' to any recognition of the PLO."

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### ORT ANNOUNCES MEN'S TASK FORCE

American ORT Federation President Sidney E. Leiwant has announced the formation of a new National Leadership Development Task Force which will conduct an education and recruitment program geared to strengthening existing chapters of Men's ORT and to establishing new Men's ORT chapters in major cities throughout the United States during the next two years. A prime goal of the two year plan is to develop an expanded cadre of national ORT leaders.

Among the targeted cities are: Washington, D.C., Columbus, Dayton, Chicago Philadelphia, Houston, Hartford, Memphis, Ft. Lauderdale and Nashville.

The Task Force will be chaired by Steven Grossman, Vice President of Boston Men's ORT and will operate within the scope of the AOF National Organization Committee, chaired by David Hermelin, President of Detroit's Men's ORT. "The 20,000 members of Men's ORT

chapters throughout the United States represent a dynamic segment of the American Jewish community, committed to playing an active role in ORT's international network of technical and vocational schools" noted AOF President Leiwant. "Our aim through this new program is to develop additional local and national leadership for ORT. We plan a full

program of leadership training seminars and a series of fact finding trips to observe ORT overseas operations first hand."

### FRANCE APPOINTS TWO JEWS

PARIS (WNS) -- Two Jews Anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss, 72, and Philosopher Raymond Aron, 68 have been named by France's intellectuals the two main "trend setters" in the field

of science, letters, arts and philosophy and as the country's top thinkers as those "who exert the strongest influence in the evolution of ideas and modern thinking."

Levi - Strauss, who is a member of the French Academy has written extensively on contemporary life, but also on the history of religion and theology. Aron, who teaches political science at the Sorbonne, also writes a weekly column in the French weekly "L'Express."

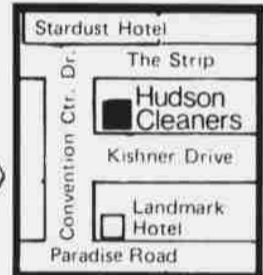
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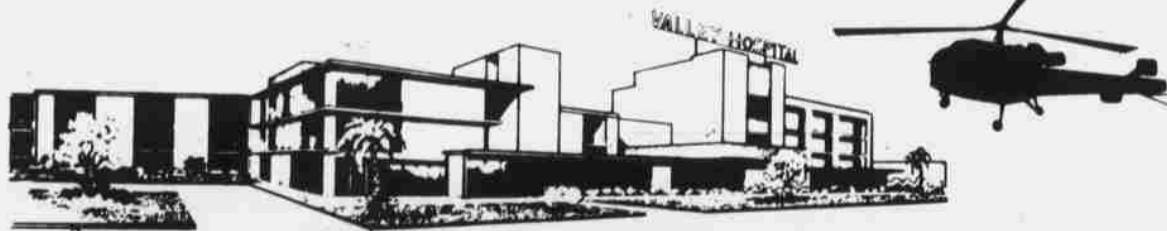
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