

ORTHODOX LEADER PRAISES O'CONNOR CHOICE

NEW YORK CITY -- The following statement was released by the President of the National Council of Young Israel, Dr. Harold M. Jacobs, concerning the nomination of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to the United States Supreme Court:

"It is gratifying that President Reagan has apparently selected his nominee to the Supreme Court according to the criteria of professional and intellectual excellence as well as political and sexual balance.

"Although we are not personally familiar with Judge O'Connor's record, her reputation for accomplishment in all branches of government and as an independent and highly qualified jurist speaks well of President Reagan's choice. By resisting the politically expedient route of nominating a less qualified but more narrowly defined political ideologue, in favor of Judge O'Connor who, while providing sexual balance

and perspective to the Court, will be less predictable on politically sensitive judicial decision, President Reagan has demonstrated his commitment to preserving the integrity and reputation of the nation's highest court.

"We would hope that his future Supreme Court nominations would be made on a similar basis, drawing on individuals of the highest caliber from all religious and ethnic groups in American society, including the Jewish people. While we share the hope that the Supreme Court will help restore a sense of balance, morality and respect for law and order in our society, it can only do so if led by the most qualified and respected men and women in the land. Judge O'Connor seems to be such an individual."

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"PEPSI FAILS THE CHALLENGE -- SAVE SOVIET JEWRY" IS EMBLAZONED ON SIGNS THESE AND OTHER COMPETITORS WORE DURING THE PEPSI CHALLENGE RUN OVER NEW YORK CITY'S GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE. THEY WERE AIDED BY THE STUDENT STRUGGLE FOR SOVIET JEWRY. THE RUNNERS OBJECTED TO "THE FAILURE OF PEPSICO BOARD CHAIRMAN DONALD KENDALL TO USE HIS WARM, CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KREMLIN LEADERS TO INTERVENE MEANINGFULLY FOR SOVIET JEWS, AND TO KENDALL'S LEADERSHIP IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY'S BATTLE AGAINST THE JACKSON AMENDMENT'S LINKAGE OF TRADE CREDITS TO RUSSIA AND EMIGRATION."

RECORDS SHATTER AT 11TH MACCABIAH GAMES

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The 11th Maccabiah games took place here with over 3,500 athletes participating from 35 countries. Opening ceremonies of the extravaganza were viewed by a crowd of 50,000 in the Ramat Gan Stadium. This year's games cost a reported \$3.2 million to mount.

Several records

were broken during the games. In swimming, the last record of Mark Spitz was smashed by America's Andrew Saltzman of Bloomington, Ind. with a time of 52.33 as compared to Spitz's 52.90 in the 100 meter freestyle. Spitz swam for the 1969 U.S. team. Atlanta's Alan Joel was second with a time of 52.41.

In track and field, William Lipsey of Evanston, Ill. es-

tablished a new Maccabiah record in the 110 meter hurdles at 15.09 seconds while Gary Willicky, a high school all-American out of Boca Raton, Fla., captured the discus throw with a toss of 57.18 meters.

The only untoward incident at the Maccabiah pertained to the refusal of the Mexican soccer team to play in the same division as South Africa.

PRIOR TO THE TRUCE

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Prior to the truce, Israeli aircraft attacked Palestinian terrorist bases in Lebanon twice as what was seen here by observers as an expression of displeasure over the slow progress U.S. special envoy Philip Habib has made in his efforts to defuse the continuing Syrian missile crisis it was reported here. The initial raid was the first in more than a month, and destroyed a number of guns and rocket carrying vehicles near the Zahrani River according to a military spokesman.

The Syrians did not intervene and all Israeli aircraft returned safely to their bases, the spokesman said. The targets were some distance from the area where the Syrian missiles are deployed. According to reports from Beirut, the air raid was in the area of Demour, about 12 miles south of the Lebanese capital.

Reports here indicated that Habib would ask the Israelis to refrain from aggressive statements or actions against Syria in order to make his mission easier. There was no confirmation of reports that the U.S. had in effect worked out a comprehensive plan to solve the missile crisis. Habib is understood to be trying to win the approval of a package proposal that would ensure Israeli and Christian withdrawals in areas of Lebanon in exchange for removal of the missiles.

Meanwhile, another U.S. official, State Department Counsellor Robert McFarlane, arrived on a mission from Secretary of State Alexander Haig. Haig reportedly sent him here to discuss a new formula that would allow the Reagan Administration to resume deliveries of four F-16 fighter planes, suspended after Israel's use of American supplied aircraft on its raid of Iraq's nuclear reactor. McFarlane, described as the State Department's leading exponent of a tough stand toward Israel over the Iraqi raid, will reportedly seek to define under what conditions if any Israel could use American supplied weapons in attacks beyond its borders.



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