

DECLINE IN U.S. ANTI-SEMITISM SEEN

NEW YORK (WNS) A survey on anti-Semitism prepared for the American Jewish Committee indicates that only 34 percent of the non-Jews in the United States are anti-Semitic compared to 45 percent in 19664 when a similar report was issued. At the same time, the report prepared by the opinion research company of Yankelovich, Skelly and White, showed a decline in support among Americans for the State of Israel since 1977. While in 1977, 66 percent of the American public felt that a continuation of Israel is important to the U.S., only 51 percent feel the same today.

The survey was based on 1,215 personal interviews which included 174 Jews and 127 Blacks. The survey shows that a decline in anti-Semitic beliefs was most pronounced in terms of traditional negative stereotypes about the Jewish character.

For example, since 1965 there has been a decline in the proportion of non-Jews who feel that Jews "have a lot of irritating faults" (48 percent in 1964, down to 29 percent in 1981) or that Jews "are not as honest" (from 34 down to 22 percent). The survey also indicated that anti-Semitism is more widespread among Blacks than among whites. But, the survey disclosed Black acceptance of Jews is quite similar to the also showed that the perceived business power of Jews is responsible for the way Blacks feel about Jews. In contrast to the overall decline in anti-Semitism, the level of anti-Semitism among Blacks has remained unchanged since 1964, the survey disclosed.

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WHAT MAKES A CEASE-FIRE?

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The cease-fire on the Israel-Lebanon border technically covers Israeli aerial surveillance flights over Lebanon but in practice the United Nations will not regard these flights as a serious violation. This was made clear by top U.N. sources here. The U.N. coordinator in the region, Gen. Amanuel Erskine of Ghana, met with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to discuss the cease-fire and terms for its implementation. Habib informed Erskine that the cease-fire would cover the Christian militia of

Maj. Saad Haddad. Israel had undertaken to ensure that they, too, would observe the cease-fire. But by same token, if the Christians were shot at, Israel would see this as a material violation of the cease-fire. As far as is known here, the cease-fire provides for a "cessation of military actions" across the border in either direction "by sea, air and land." It does not refer to reinforcement or buildup of PLO forces in south Lebanon and U.N. sources conceded that this "could be a problem" later.


TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A 65-year-old resident of Kiryat Shemona was killed and 14 other people injured when a salvo of rockets was fired at the town from across the Lebanese border. The attack came some hours before the announcement by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib and Premier Menachem Begin that a cease-fire was to take effect as of 1:30 p.m. local time.

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