

**FRANCE BANS ARAB BOYCOTT**

PARIS (WNS) -- The French Government issued an order making it illegal for French firms to comply with the Arab economic boycott of Israel. The order was issued by Premier Pierre Mauroy at the request of President Francois Mitterand who had promised Jewish leaders during his election campaign to give priority consideration to this issue.

Jewish leaders and pro-Israel economic

circles here expressed their satisfaction with the new Administration's legislation. Anti-boycott legislation was adopted by the National Assembly in 1977.

But the former Administration of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing issued an executive order which in effect permitted French firms doing business with Arab countries to ignore the anti-boycott legislation "when France's economic interests are at stake."

**SCOTT FISHER HAS BAR MITZVAH**



SCOTT

At a recent Sabbath service at Temple Beth Shalom Dr. and Mrs. Barry Fisher watched as their son Scott Robert, became a Bar Mitzvah. Participating in the service was Scott's sister Stacy.

Officiating were Rabbi Kalman Appel and Cantor Simon Bergman.

A reception for Scott was held at the Fisher home. Dr. Fisher is a general surgeon practicing in Las Vegas; Mrs. Fisher is chairman of the

Board of Trustees of the Clark County Library District. Scott is a student at William Orr, Jr. High School.

Among those attending from out of town included maternal grandmother Mrs. Helen Kranz of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kastin and family of Ocean-side, New York, Joseph Kranz and Laurie Bickoff of Yonkers, New York, Stu Soycher of New York, Ed Soycher of New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. Zeal Fisher of South Bend, Indiana, Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Geller and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Geller of Riverside, California.

**Israel Strikes in Lebanon**

BY RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

No Jewish leader with whom I have spoken over this week - end has reacted with anything but anguish and unhappiness over the televised reports showing Palestinian children and civilians suffering in the wake of Israeli military strikes into Lebanon. The lives of Palestinian children are no less precious than the lives of Jewish children and those of other members of God's human family.

But Jewish leaders are equally distressed over the brutal callousness to the value of Palestinian lives demonstrated by Yasir Arafat and the PLO who have consciously, cynically installed terrorist training centers and ammunition depots in the very center of Palestinian refugee camps. The PLO has cruelly made Palestinian civilians into hostages for their terrorist campaign to destroy Israel.

Last year, the former President of Lebanon, Dr. Charles Malik, told me with tears in his eyes. "Lebanon invited the Palestinians as guests, and the PLO has repaid our kindness by destroying our country, especially the Christian population. We want the PLO out of Lebanon."

It is clear to any concerned person that this cycle of destruction must come to an end before more innocent children -- Jewish and Palestinian -- are needlessly wasted. But only the PLO can break that cycle, and it can and must do so by giving up its declared pogroms of terrorism and campaign to destroy Israel. Then the peace process can replace the killing madness.

**NAVON URGES NATIONAL UNITY**

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The tenth Knesset was sworn into office against the background of escalating warfare across the Israel - Lebanon border which brought urgent appeals for national unity from President Yitzhak Navon and others who addressed the inaugural session. But with only a single mandate separating Likud from the opposition Labor Alignment -- the results of the June 30 elections which were the closest in Israel's history -- most observers believe the new Knesset will be an arena of bitter debate and high tension.

Navon told the packed chamber: "This is an emergency and calls for a serious effort by the government and the opposition to arrive -- if possible -- at agreement on the principles of our policy on a matter so vital for our security and with implications for our political standing in the region and in the world at large." He was referring to the immediate situation in Lebanon marked by heavy Israeli air, land, and sea bombardment of Palestinian positions during the past 10 days and continuing terrorist rocket and artillery attacks on towns in northern Israel which have killed five persons so far and wounded more than a score of others.

Yosef Burg of the National Religious Party and Interior Minister in the outgoing government presided over the chamber as its senior member. He, too, called for a "national consensus on the great issues that confront us." The NRP has been pressing Likud and Labor to form a national "unity government"

in view of the close outcome of the June 30 elections. The newly elected Speaker of the Knesset, Menachem Savidor of Likud's Liberal Party, also called for "maximal national unity between the two main blocs in the house. He urged "restraint and dignity" in the conduct of political debate in the chamber and in the various Knesset committees.

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