

SADAT INVITES WJC PRESIDENT TO EGYPT

President Anwar Sadat has invited Edgar M. Bronfman, World Jewish Congress President, to pay an official visit to Egypt later this Fall, with the invitation to be formally extended during their scheduled private meeting at the residence of the Egyptian Ambassador to the United Nations.

Following their discussions, the two will be joined by a delegation of thirteen American Jewish leaders headed by Howard Squadron, Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, whom Bronfman has invited to lead the group.

In their talks, President Sadat and Bronfman will discuss a number of issues of mutual concern and will take the opportunity to review general developments since their last private meeting at the time of President Sadat's previous visit to the United States in April, 1980.

Among the matters expected to be taken up are: progress in the restoration of the Ben Ezra Synagogue in ancient Cairo, President Sadat's proposal for the creation

of an interreligious center comprising a mosque, church and synagogue in the Egyptian capital, and affiliation of the Egyptian Jewish community to the World Jewish Congress. In this connection, Mr. Bronfman has announced his readiness and great pleasure at accepting President Sadat's kind invitation to visit Egypt -- currently scheduled for five days in late October -- at which time he looks forward to having the affiliation of the Egyptian Jewish community into the World Jewish Congress and its 66-nation member communities formalized.

Commenting Bronfman praised President Sadat as a man of courage and vision while urging the redoubling of efforts in the pursuit of peace in the Middle East in faithful adherence to the process begun at Camp David. He affirmed the "constant and unshakable solidarity of world Jewry with the State of Israel."

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Jerusalem...Left to right -- Frieda S. Lewis, national president of Hadassah and Bernice S. Tannenbaum, Hadassah Medical Organization chairman, with Dr. Shmuel Penchas, who has just been appointed director-general of the HMO. He will succeed Dr. Kalman J. Mann, who will retire in August after 30 years as head of the largest medical center -- providing healing, teaching and research -- between Rome and Tokyo. The Hadassah University Hospital on Mount Scopus, one of two major campuses of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, is in background.

PROTEST FED. EMPLOYEES WORKING ON HIGH HOLIDAYS

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress has expressed appreciation to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for acceding to an AJCongress request to excuse Jewish employees from participating in a staff training session scheduled for Rosh Hashanah.

The Jewish employees will be able to take part in the training session at a later date.

Phil Baum, associate executive director of the Congress said in a letter to J. Clay Smith, acting chairman of the EEOC: "Your action bespeaks a sensitivity to the rights of the employees which others both in and out of government would do well to emulate."

Last month AJCon-

gress learned that an EEOC training session had been scheduled for the period September 20 through October 2, thus conflicting with the Jewish New Year. Attendance at the session affects both promotions and personnel ratings.

To protect those Jewish employees who for religious reasons could not attend the second week of the session -- Rosh Hashanah this year falls on September 29 and 30 -- the Congress telephoned Mr. Clay and protested the scheduling.

The EEOC official said he was unaware of the conflict but would look into the matter. He later called Marc Stern, staff attorney for the American Jewish Congress, and told of his decision to provide alternative dates for those employees who

for religious reasons could not attend the second week of the training session.

Last year a similar occasion arose when the EEOC scheduled a two-week training course in Washington during a period that included Passover, Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Following a series of protests by American Jewish Congress, the session was postponed, although the EEOC said the postponement was for other reasons.

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BEGIN WANTS SADAT TO QUIT PLO TALKS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Menachem Begin said that he would "advise" President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to "abandon the idea of including the Palestine Liberation Organization in the autonomy talks. Begin will meet with Sadat during the month of September. Otherwise, the resumption of the long stalled talks would be jeopardized, Begin implied.

Begin made his statements to a crowd

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