ANTI-SEMITISM INJECTED

A survey released by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith supports the contention by many that anti - Semitism was injected into the debate of the Reagan Administration proposal to sell to Saudi Arabia AWACS reconnaissance planes and enhancement equipment for their American - made F-15 fighter jets. This is a disturbing finding: that American Jews along with Jewish interest groups were singled out in this debate of national foreign policy while Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia was in Washington energetically lobbying for his country's interests. Aslo corporations and businesses with financial interest in Saudi Arabia who, like Boeing, would have received part of the contract to build the AWACS displayed their effectiveness when the dollar sign was placed on the front line.

The survey indicated that of the pro-AWACS mail received by the 72 senators who participated in the survey of their constituents' mail, over 7 percent was anti - Semitic in nature. In numbers: 3300 letters. Upon release of the

survey, Nathan Perlmutter the ADL's national, director, said that the injection of anti-Semitism into the public debate is abhorrent and should be promptly and absolutely condemned. He hit the nail, so to speak, right on the head.

While Perlmutter said the mail seemed to represent the fringe of America, not mainstream Americans, it still represents a disheartening view for American Jews and their privilege to exercise constitutional rights. The seeds of hatred are not always planted in the main, but they do, after some time has elapsed, have a tendency to work their way to the middle, or in this case, the mainstream. The Administration should take this opportunity to categorically repudiate the injection of anti - Semitism into this most controversial debate. The rights of all citizens under our form of government must be preserved. The right to petition and speak out must remain sacred.



LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- Rabbi Avraham Soetendorp a leading Dutch Rabbi speaking at a symposium on the 50th anniversary of the Liberal Jewish Congregation, reported here Nov. 16 accused the Christian churches of Holland of maintaining a detached attitude toward

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Judaism and Jewish people, even when in sympathy with them. He observed that after the synagogue bombing in Antwerp in October there was no sponreactions taneous from the churches or

any appeal by them participate in 10 solidarity demonstrations.

"Soentendorp's father, the late Rabbi Jacob Soetendorp had been active in creating a better understanding between Christians and Jews. But in recent years. this understanding has become less rather than more his son declared Soetendorp said that if there is any reaction at all Christian from the churches to attacks on Jews it is cool analytical and aloof.





