

### ARABS CONDEMN SLAYING

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Moderate Arab leaders on the West Bank condemned the murder of Khazem Al-Khatib, 23 and the wounding of his father, Yussuf Al-Khatib, 60, in an assassination attempt for which the Palestine Liberation Organization reportedly has taken credit. The father and son came under gun fire while driving to Ramallah. The elder Al Khatib is chairman of the Ramallah Region Farmers' Association which cooperates with the Israeli military government.

The Association was established a year ago to create an alternative local leadership to the PLO. There are at present, three such associations operating and two more in the making. The strongest is the Hebron Region Farmers Association headed by Mustapha Doudin, a former Jordanian government minister. PLO supporters have accused the leaders of the association of being "quislings" and the terrorist media has threatened them with death.

A statement published in the Israeli Arab

language daily Al Anba said the two men were under death sentence by the PLO "for collaborating with the enemy." It warned that violence between Arabs on the West Bank could bring a repetition of the tragedy of 1937 when hundreds of Arabs in Palestine were murdered by rival factions. The statement was published by the Hebron Region Farmers Association. Israeli security agencies are investigating the attack on the Al-Khatibs, but no suspects have been detained.

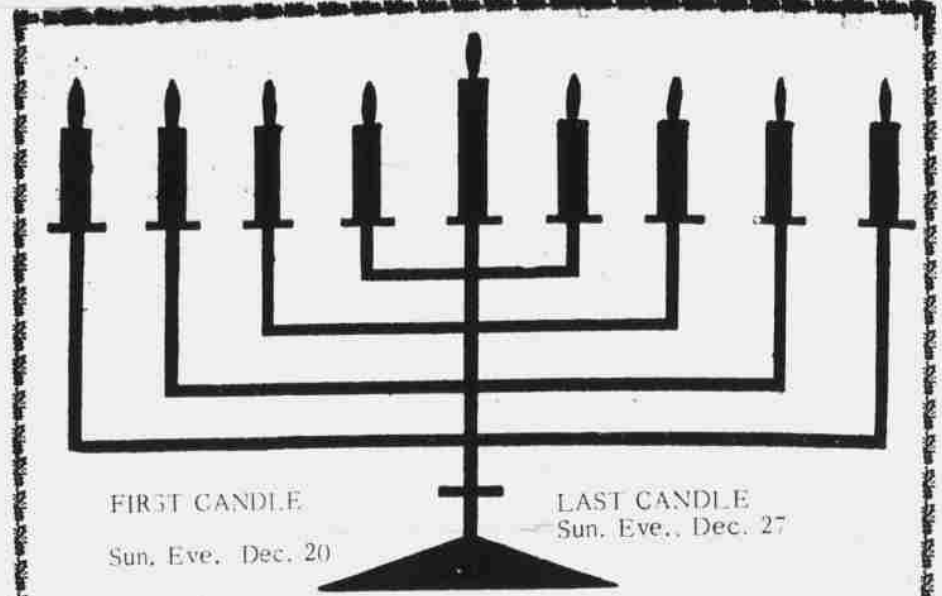
The attack on the Al-Khatibs climaxed two weeks of unrest on the West Bank protesting plans by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to transfer local administrative functions from the military to Israel-appointed local civilian authorities including the Palestinians. The protestors contend the move is intended to strengthen Israel's grip on the occupied territories. In response to demonstrations stoning of Israeli vehicles and an attack on an army vehicle with Molotov cocktails,

### KNESSET VISIT A SUCCESS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Two members of the Israeli Kneset delegation to the United States said their mission was "in many ways a success" due to the bi-partisan nature of the group. The 6-member team was sent here in October to explain Israel's opposition to the Saudi eight point plan.

Addressing reporters at a press conference at the Israeli Consulate, two senior members of the delegation, Likud MK Moshe Arens, head of the delegation and Labor MK Chaim Herzog, said that in view of the "unprecedented interest" by the American media in the delegation, they are going to recommend, upon returning to Israel, that more MKs be sent to the U.S. for information purposes.

Arens said that the main message of the delegation to American officials in Washington and the media was that the "Mideast peace process is in danger of being derailed," and that the Saudi plan



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was primarily designed for the "dismemberment" of the State of Israel. At the same time, Herzog said that the Israeli delegation found in official circles in Washington "a tendency to accommodate us -- at least with words." He said there was "no indication of hostility" toward Israel or the Jewish people in Washington.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The 12 day El Al strike ended officially when the airline employees accepted proposals for a settlement by Deputy Premier David Levy. Company sources said it would take several days before normal service is fully restored. Normal service for flights from New York and Miami resumed in late Nov, an El Al spokesman in New York said.

BRUSSELS (WNS) -- A Belgian Jewish Senator, Jacques Mutkiewitz announced that he will submit a measure in Parliament which he hopes will be adopted into law enabling victims of terrorist attacks to be compensated by the state similar to compensation now paid to people who suffer from natural calamities and catastrophes. These individuals are compensated for loss of life, limb or property.

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