

REP. KEMP SPEAKS OUT ON JERUSALEM

NEW YORK -- Congressman Jack F. Kemp (R - NY) told nearly 500 persons attending the Zionist Organization of America's Brandeis Award banquet at the New York Hilton Hotel here that "there is no other nation on earth I would entrust Jerusalem to more than Israel."

And added the influential Congressman, "as a Christian, I'm glad Jerusalem is in the hands of Israel."

At the dinner which honored Milton S. Shapiro of Great Neck N.Y., Ivan J. Novick, president of the ZOA suggested that President Ronald Reagan and the U.S. Government "while working to attain a peaceful world, must not feel obligated to be neutral in its dealings with other nations."

"Those who have proven their friendship by policies and percepts, that are in accordance with our own deserve and require our full support and understanding. Others who we encourage to turn to us in friendship but who have yet failed to

must this commitment, must not expect the same level of relationship, nor should they be the beneficiary of our largess in advance of proven acts and tangible evidence of support for America's policy," said Novick.

"Any Arab or Saudi initiative, now or in the future, cannot be tied in with the stipulation that the terrorist PLO be included or involved in negotiation," said the ZOA President adding, "the dismemberment of Israel -- be it by armed conflict, economic pressure, or political maneuver -- is unacceptable. It is unacceptable to the State of Israel as it is unacceptable to all the Jewish people who have a direct concern in the welfare of the Jewish State. And it should be unacceptable to the United States, who has a vested interest in maintaining Israel's strength security and viability."

On behalf of the ZOA, Novick presented Shapiro, a prominent New York attorney and communal leader with the Bran-

deis Award for his outstanding service to the ZOA.

ORTHODOX JEWS DENOUNCE RULING

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America has registered a strong complaint with Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan protesting the U.S. Customs Service ruling changing the identification of goods made in Judea and Samaria from "made in Israel" to "made in Israeli occupied West Bank."

A letter signed by the Union's Israel Commission chairman Fred Ehrman said this "unprecedented ruling" by the U.S. Administration is "to our knowledge" the first time a United States ally with "claims on disputed territory is required to label its exports in this manner."

The letter continued, "Judea and Samaria are areas whose sovereignty remains to be negotiated under the provisions of the Camp David accords. As long as they are administered by the Israeli

government and as long as Israel's claims for sovereignty over the territories remain as valid as any other claims, we must firmly insist that

this biased ruling be reversed and products made in the area rightfully bear the seal 'Made in Israel.' The letter

said also that such a ruling indicates a "strong tilt" in U.S. foreign policy away from the Camp David accords.

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