

AMERICANS TO WORK IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA

NEW YORK -- Over 100 Americans left Kennedy Airport for Israel on September 1, 1982, to work in Israeli settlements in Judea and Samaria in angry response to President Reagan's letter to Prime Minister Menachem Begin and subsequent television address calling for an end to Israeli settlements on the "West Bank."

The group was part of the continuing Israel Emergency Recruitment Drive, an organization set up to deal with the manpower shortage in Israel due to the mass call-up of civilian reservists into active military duty in Lebanon.

"Judea and Samaria are part of Israel's ancient homeland," Joey Kaplan, 26, of Brooklyn, New York, insisted. "Jewish settlements in those

areas are vital to Israel's security. The creation of a Palestinian state there would be like inviting the Russian army to establish a base in New York." Joey, an electrical appliances salesman, bought a one-way ticket and plans to settle in Samaria permanently.

Dr. Benjamin Reccant, 53, of Manhattan, a maxillofacial surgeon, called President Reagan's new Middle East plan "a shameful chapter in American foreign policy. He's setting up Israel as the enemy of peace by presenting proposals which would be suicidal to Israel's existence. By volunteering to work for a month in Samaria I hope to show my support of Israel."

Phyllis Hyman, 51, of South Carolina, also spoke of the Pre-

sident's betrayal of Israel as a clear departure from the Camp David accords. Her eldest son was leaving for Israel a day after her to join the Israel Defense Forces. "I have two more boys," she said. "And I hope they sign up too."

15 people and injured more than 100. Although most of the

attacks have been against Jewish targets, other groups

have been victims of terrorism.

MITTERRAND REJECTS CHARGE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS (WNS) -- In his first public response to the increase of terrorist attacks in France, President Francois Mitterrand rejected charges by Premier Menachem Begin of Israel that France was an anti-Semitic country and blamed the outbreak of terrorism in the country on the fact that France was playing a leading role in efforts to bring Israel - Arab peace.

At the same time, the President announced a series of measures to root out terrorism in a television appearance designed to explain France's role in the Middle East conflict and to calm the fears of the nation, especially Jews.

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