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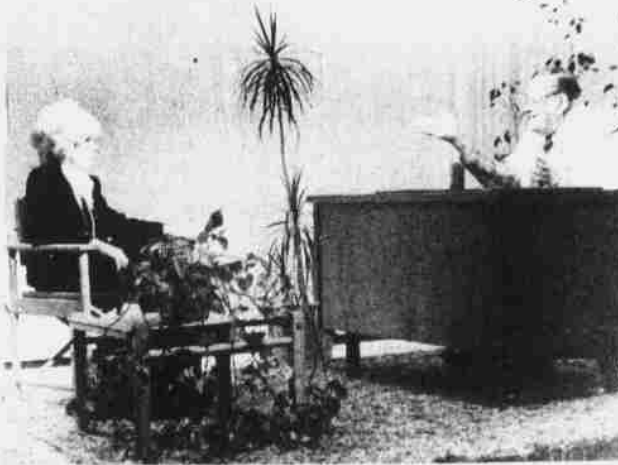
GENEVA (WNS) -- While the three day meeting of the Socialist International concluded in Basel unable to agree on a final declaration on the Middle East, it decided to continue discussion at its next conference, scheduled to be held in Sydney, Australia in April 1983.

The Basel meeting however did adopt a report prepared by former Prime Minister Mario Soares of Portugal which was considered balanced and likely to be the basis for future discussions in Australia next Spring. The Israeli delegation, headed by Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres, accepted the report, with minor modifications.

The Soares report condemns all racist manifestations and hate-mongering in connection with the Middle East conflict;

condemns the massacre of Palestinians at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in West Beirut last September, and also condemns anti-Semitism and recent acts of terror against Jews and Jewish institutions.

The Socialist International reaffirms its solidarity with Israel's opposition Labor Party and Mapam, Israel's Alignment partner, and with the Labor Party of Lebanon. The report urged the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and calls for direct negotiations between Israel and Palestinians and Jordan but does not mention the PLO. It urges the "right of determination" for the Palestinian people. The Israeli delegation would have preferred "right to existence."



COMEDIENNE JOAN RIVERS CURRENTLY APPEARING AT THE FRONTIER HOTEL, IS SHOWN GUESTING ON THE "SUPERSTAR SHOW" WITH HOST SIG SAKOWICZ WHICH IS VIEWED SAT. AND MON. NIGHTS AT 1 A.M. VIA KTNV - TV-13.

BEGIN CANCELS CJF ADDRESS

LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- The some 2,000 Jewish leaders, activists and delegates attending the 50th anniversary General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations here were stunned by the announcement that Aliza Begin, wife of Premier Menachem Begin of Israel had died at the age of 62 in Jerusalem. The death of the Premier's wife forced the cancellation of a scheduled address to the Assembly.

The entire four day Assembly had been geared emotionally and psychologically to Begin's appearance and address, his first to a Jewish audience in the United States since the war in Lebanon this past summer. The mood of the delegates was to give Begin a rousing welcome, despite differences many had with his policies, to show the face and the force of Jewish solidarity with the State of Israel.

Begin was greeted at the Los Angeles International Airport by Mayor Tom Bradley who gave Begin the keys to the city.

Before the official Assembly banquet proceeding, the audience stood up for a minute of silence as the news of Mrs. Begin's death was announced from the podium. The keynote address was delivered by Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arens who recounted some of the "scars we in Israel bear from the

terrorists coming out of Lebanon" before Israel launched its "Peace for Galilee" operation. He said Israel's action in Lebanon had smashed the PLO infrastructure, thereby striking a blow for peace in the region. Nevertheless, Arens observed, Israel was "criticized, vilified, calumniated and judged" by the nations of the world and "we were subjected to snap judgments" by the media and its audiences. Much of what the media related about Israel's operation in Lebanon turned out to be baseless, he said.

The Ambassador recounted to warm applause the achievements of the Lebanon peace for Israel's northern region. Arens also asserted that despite the strained relations between the U.S. and Israel in recent weeks, the bonds of friendship between the two countries have been strengthened. Israel, he said, would like to live in harmony with the U.S. "but we are realistic and know there are disagreements" including differences over U.S. arms to Arab countries and demands on Israel for "territorial concessions." But the Ambassador expressed optimism that peace is achievable and that as a result of the destruction of the PLO's infrastructure, there will be Palestinians and Jordans who will eventually enter the process.

ALAIN DE ROTHSCHILD DEAD AT 72

PARIS (WNS) -- The death of Baron Alain de Rothschild, president of the Representative Council of French Major Jewish Organizations and former president of the

French Jewish Consistory was announced here by his family.

Rothschild reportedly died of a heart attack last month in the United States at the age of 72. A member of the famous banking firm, he serv-

ed from 1954 til six months ago as president of the Paris Jewish Consistory and since 1967 as head of the French Consistory.

He also headed the political representative organization of France's Jews, the CRIF since 1976. He was an officer in the French Legion of Honor and had been awarded other military medals for his wartime service in the French army.

MANY INJURED IN BOMB BLAST

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A powerful car bomb which destroyed the building housing Israeli military headquarters in the port city of Tyre in southern Lebanon, is reported to have injured 25 Israeli soldiers and two other persons described as prisoners, according to latest reports here. Unconfirmed reports from various sources said at least eight people were killed and 50 injured in the explosion. Lebanese army sources were quoted as saying the dead and injured included Lebanese and Palestinian civilians who were in the building seeking information about relatives detained by Israeli authorities.

Soldiers searched through the rubble of the seven story struc-

ture for additional victims following the early morning blast. The explosion sent the upper floors of the building crashing into the lower floors. All the injured brought out were on the lower floors. The building served as the headquarters of the Israeli

military command in south Lebanon, the military administration, military police and border police units. The area is heavily guarded by border police and all approaching vehicles are routinely stopped and searched. After the explosion the coastal road was closed to traffic.

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