

PASSOVER AROUND THE WORLD

NEW YORK -- In Cairo, Egypt, matza and kosher wine trucked across Sinai from factories in Israel by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the overseas relief arm of the American Jewish community, again graced the Passover tables of the 400 Jews still living in that ancient land.

Jewish community of 4,500 baked Passover cakes with matza provided by JDC.

In Rumania, which has a Jewish community of 34,000, elderly and infirm Holocaust survivors received a specially prepared Passover package, part of the program that reaches the Jewish poor throughout Eastern Europe.

According to JDC President Henry Taub

the traditional call to the hungry to come and join the Passover meal is an injunction that JDC, acting in behalf of the American Jewish community, takes seriously in its work around the world.

JDC Executive Vice President Ralph I. Goldman noted that JDC distributed over 200 tons of matza and more than 30,000 bottles of kosher wine as well as matza meal, cooking oil and even, in some countries, macaroons and other holiday sweets.

Goldman said that in nearly every one of the countries where JDC is at work it is actively involved in Passover programs in one form or another. "By far the largest of these is Passover cash grants to the needy. In most nations around the world," said Goldman, "Passover supplies are available and bringing Passover into the homes of needy Jews means providing them with the financial means to obtain it."

"In other more distant lands," he added, "there is no sacramental wine, matza, or matza meal, and it is to

these nations that JDC ships Passover supplies using trucks, ships, or even, if necessary, aircraft."

JDC was established nearly 70 years ago and is active in more than 30 countries around the world. It has an annual budget of over \$40 million and provides for the rescue, relief and rehabilitation of Jews and Jewish communities.

In his Passover message JDC President Taub observed, "It is at this particular season, as Jewish families around the world gather at the Passover table, that the call to the stranger to come and join reminds us to share what we have, that there are those who know poverty and suffer hunger who should not be forgotten."

"It is in this spirit that we send our greetings to our fellow Jews everywhere," Taub continued. "To those overseas whom we help to observe the holiday and to those at home who make it possible for us to do so by their continued support of the United Jewish Appeal/Federation cam-

aign." Communities receiving Passover supplies were Italy (for Soviet emigrants), Greece, Melilla and Ceuta in Spanish Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Egypt.

In Israel the JDC family, young and old alike, including the aged and handicapped, Yeshiva youth, students of ORT vocational training schools and the thousands who use Israel's 130 community centers, all of whom are helped directly and indirectly by JDC, joined the rest of the country in celebration of Passover.

SEVEN ISRAELI SOLDIERS WOUNDED

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Seven Israeli soldiers were wounded near Sidon when their patrol was attacked by rockets and small arms fire, an army spokesman reported. The wounded men were taken to a hospital while other patrols searched the area for attackers. In another incident, an IDF patrol was attacked south of Dammour. There were no casualties. There,

As part of a JDC-sponsored cultural and religious program, university and Yeshiva students organized a demonstration Seder (Passover Service) for underprivileged children and their families.

"JDC meets the challenge of bringing Passover into all Jewish homes with a variety of solutions dictated by the circumstances of the individual Jewish communities," said Goldman. "In some cases JDC provides a subsidy to enable the community to bake its own matza. It is all part of its annual attempt to bring Passover into the home of every Jew, no matter how distant no matter how poor."

also, rockets and small arms fire were directed at the Israelis.

Meanwhile, military sources said that U.S. marines had provoked an incident with Israeli soldiers south of Beirut on March 12. According to the report, some 40 American marines crossed into Israeli-held territory and at first refused to withdraw when informed they were in an unauthorized zone. There was some scuffling with members of an Israeli army mechanized unit, until the Israelis checked with the liaison officer responsible for Israel-American relations who persuaded the Americans that they had entered the area without permission.

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