

Dr. Armand Hammer

Honored At International Bond Dinner In Los Angeles

More than \$66 million in Israel Bond subscriptions primarily for the 1985 campaign were announced in honor of Dr. Armand Hammer at an international Bond tribute to the noted Chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation held in Los Angeles on Sunday evening, November 18. The dinner was attended by 1,400 guests from the United States, Canada, Europe and Latin America.

Dr. Hammer was honored on the occasion of his acceptance of the Bond Organization's 1984 Golda Meir Leadership Award which was presented to him by Israel's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Yitzhak Shamir.

He was hailed for a lifetime of philanthropic

activities and his many humanitarian efforts.

In his response, the internationally prominent business leader announced that he will soon be leaving for a visit to the Soviet Union for a meeting with Konstantin Chernenko and that he will raise the question of Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel.

Key participants in the dinner, which was held in the Century Plaza Hotel, included Jerry Weintraub, noted film and television producer who served as Chairman; Sam Rothberg, International Chairman of the Bond Organization; and David Hermelin, National Campaign Chairman. Alexander Vari is Chairman of the Los Angeles Committee for Israel Bonds.

In his address, Mr. Shamir said: "For the first time since the renewal of our independence 36 years ago, our national priorities are not the ex-

ternal military situation, nor international terrorism, nor our external relations. Our first priority is the economy."

He continued: "Relations between Israel and the United States are better than at any time in the past. The United States understands that a strong Israel is important to the interests of the free world in our region and that a strong Israel means an economically-sound Israel."

The Foreign Minister declared that the recent agreement by the United States and Israel to establish a free trade zone will "boost our industry and our exports to the United States and enable us to redress our foreign trade balance."

He added that a vast infusion of development capital in conjunction with Israel's austerity measures was needed to help turn the nation's economy around.

Trifa Appeals Efforts To Deport Him From Portugal

PARIS (WNS) — Archbishop Valerian Trifa has appealed to an administrative court in Lisbon the decision by the Portuguese government not to grant him resident's status and to have him expelled. Trifa's attorney charged that the government's decision was taken "solely on the basis of newspaper reports."

Trifa, the 70-year-old former head of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in America, went to Portugal on a deportation order from the United States. That concluded a nine-year legal effort in the U.S. to deport Trifa for lying to conceal his part in the persecution of Jews and collaboration with the Nazis during World War II as a leading figure in the fascist Rumanian Iron Guard.

As far as can be determined should Trifa be forced to leave Portugal, he has nowhere to go. His lawyers said no coun-

try has accepted to grant him even a temporary visa and expelling him would be tantamount to a death sentence.

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According to Trifa's lawyer in Portugal, the government there has filed to conduct an investigation of the charges against him. The lawyer asked the court to rule against Trifa's deportation at least "until the Portuguese authorities establish the facts on their own."

Such a procedure, if adopted by the court, could take years. The court has 30 days to hand down its ruling. Should it turn down the prelate's request, Trifa could still appeal to the Supreme Court.



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