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Senate Okays More Aid To Israel

Philadelphia Jews Aid People Left Homeless In Cult Blaze

PHILADELPHIS (WNS) — The Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia has delivered a \$10,000 check to Mayor Wilson Goode of Philadelphia as its contribution to the fund to assist some 225 people who lost their homes in a fire that resulted from police action against the fanatical cult, MOVE, it was announced by Bennett Aaron, President of the Federation.

Aaron said that the Federation has also offered the services of its institutions and agencies to assist the homeless families. He said the Jewish Com-

munity Relations Council (JCRC) of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Board of Rabbis have issued an "action alert" calling on all Jews in Philadelphia to contribute to the assistance fund.

Other public agencies and private groups have also rallied to the aid of the people left homeless when the fire, which erupted after a police helicopter dropped an explosive charge on the fortified headquarters and residence of the MOVE cult, engulfed a whole block destroying or badly damaging 61 row-houses.

WASHINGTON (WNS) — The Senate passed a foreign aid authorization bill for fiscal 1986 which included \$1.5 billion in supplemental economic assistance to Israel as well as increases in military aid substantially above the fiscal 1985 level. Debate on a House version -- which authorizes the same level of economic and military aid for Israel as the Senate bill -- appears likely to become bogged down over differences on military aid levels to other countries.

The foreign aid package for fiscal 1986 will provide a total of \$4.5 billion in aid to Israel, including the \$1.5 billion supplemental aid and

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Ethiopian Children Get Cabbage Patch Dolls



Coleco Industries donated the dolls -- 1,000 black Cabbage Patch Kids. El Al Israel Airlines airlifted them free. Abraham H. Foxman, associate national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, distributed them to Ethiopian Jewish refugee children in absorption centers in Israel.

The airlift, "Operation Childhood," was conceived by Mr. Foxman when he visited some of the children at an absorption center. "They were in a new home, totally different from the old, and there was also a language barrier."

From idea to agreement by Coleco, to airlift, to delivery of the dolls in Israel, to distributing them at the absorption center, took less than a week.

Said Mr. Foxman: "Handing out the Cabbage Patch Kids and watching the expressions of the children receiving them was pure pleasure. They hugged them and kissed them and talked to them. They smiled and laughed -- some for the first time."

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