REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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I have a special fondness in my heart for the JNF.

Its work is nation-building.

Its work has led to the creation of a democratic state in an area of the world where it is difficult for the tree of democracy to take root.

Its work has meant freedom for an afflicted people.

Yes, the JNF's work in the last 73 years has led to the fulfillment of an age-old dream for the Jewish people.

The JNF has spent many years struggling to found a free nation, and then to make it prosperous and strong.

I am honored to have had a small role in the history of Israel - a people consistently persecuted, but always persistent in the affirmation of human potential.

I am proud, because there is a message in thousands of years of struggle and survival of the Jewish people as symbolized in the struggle of the state of Israel.

There is a message in the martyrdom and nameless victims of this struggle.

And the message is: That while men may be oppressed, the urge for freedom will persist undiminished.

This is the story of Israel.

Isreal is freedom reborn -- rekindled!

This is the story of Jewish suffering and triumph.

Through the pages of Jewish history, the resolve of the Jewish people has been clear, as it is today.

In America, in the Soviet Union, in Israel or anywhere else in the world, each generation of Jews has left its mark in the struggle for their own freedom as well as for the freedom of others.

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"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

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A PEOPLE HAVE GROWN STRONG AND RICH IN SPIRIT.

WITH GOD'S HELP, WITH THE SPIRIT OF A PEOPLE YEARNING

OR FREEDOM AND WITH THE AID OF THOSE AROUND THE WORLD WHO

ELIEVE IN FREEDOM, ISRAEL HAS PROSPERED.

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE JEWISH NATIONAL

FUND CAN LOOK BACK WITH PRIDE AND A GREAT SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT

IN THE WORK OF THIS FINE ORGANIZATION.

HOWEVER, THERE IS URGENT WORK TO BE DONE RIGHT NOW.

TODAY, ISRAEL IS A NATION BESIEGED.

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ISRAEL IS A NATION SURROUNDED BY HOSTILE NEIGHBORS

UNWILLING TO RECOGNIZE ITS EXISTENCE MORE THAN A QUARTER

CENTURY AFTER ITS CREATION.

, But,

THE BATTLE OVER ISRAEL'S TERRITORIAL RIGHTS IS BEING

TAKEN BY HER ENEMIES BEYOND THE MIDDLE EAST.

AGENTS OF TERROR ARE ACTIVE IN THE AIRPORTS OF EUROPE

AND THE NEAR EAST, AND THE OPPONENTS OF ISRAEL HAVE

RELENTLESSLY PRESSED THEIR CAUSE ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT.

THROUGH A COMBINATION OF ECONOMIC PRESSURES AND VEILED

THREATS, THE ARAB NATIONS HAVE CAUSED MANY COUNTRIES TO BREAK

RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL OR CHANGE THEIR FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD

THE JEWISH STATE.

Today Israel finds itself under attack in many of the

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH IT BELONGS. AND THESE

ATTACKS TO ISOLATE ISRAEL DIPLOMATICALLY ARE BEING LED BY

ARAB STATES AND THIRD WORLD NATIONS,

ONLY A SHORT TIME AGO ISRAEL WAS BARRED FROM PARTICIPATING

IN UNESCO -- THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION WHICH HANDLES

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

THIS IS THE SAME ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS DONATED ONLY \$2 TO ISRAEL, BUT HAS CONTRIBUTED MILLIONS TO EDUCATION IN EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB LANDS AS WELL AS FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN THE REMOVAL OF ISRAEL FROM THIS SMALL BUT IMPORTANT United Nations organization has set a dangerous precedent. IT NOT ONLY IS A PROBE OF ARAB AND PALESTINIAN STRENGTH, BUT IS ALSO SYMBOLIC OF WESTERN WEAKNESS AND DISARRAY / IF ISRAEL'S EXPULSION FROM UNESCO IS ALLOWED TO GO UNCHALLENGED, I FEEL CERTAIN THAT THOSE WHO ORGANIZED THIS willies SCHEME WILL NEXT ATTEMPT TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

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IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN -- IF ISRAEL IS BARRED FROM THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SURELY WOULD BE

IN JEOPARDY

FURTHERMORE, ISRAEL'S EXPULSION FROM THE UNITED NATIONS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COULD CAUSE THIS PEACE KEEPING BODY TO

LOSE THE POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS. THIS WOULD

BE A CATASTROPHE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CAUSE OF

WORLD PEACE.

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ME MUST THE UNITED NATIONS BE TURNED INTO A

POLITICAL BODY WHICH CAN EXPEL THOSE NATIONS WHO AT ONE TIME

OR ANOTHER ARE IN DISFAVOR WITH THE MAJORITY.

IF THIS WERE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN IT WOULD SIGNAL THE

TRANSFORMATION

TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS FROM A PEACEFUL ARENA

INTO ONE WHERE THOSE CHAMPIONING VIOLENCE AND CONFRONTATION

HAVE TRIUMPHED.

THIS IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE ARAB STATES.

IT IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE SOVIET UNION OR CHINA.

AND IT CERTAINLY IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF BLACK AFRICA

TO FORCE THE STATE OF ISRAEL OUT OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS.

THE VOICES OF REASON MUST PREVAIL THE UNITED NATIONS OF

1975 MUST NOT BE TRANSFORMED INTO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS OF

THE 1930's. World War II was born in the destruction of the

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR THIS NATION TO ASK AND EVEN TO DEMAND THAT ITS ALLIES AND FRIENDS CEASE THEIR POLICY OF ACQUIESCENCE TO ARAB POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRESSURES. THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO STAND UP AND PROTEST REPRESENTS A DANGEROUS ABDICATION OF MORAL I WILL NOT BE SILENT ON THIS ISSUE. I COUNT MYSELF AS ONE OF THE UN'S STRONGEST SUPPORTERS (Delegati) IN THE CONGRESS. BUT I WILL NOT SIT BACK AND REMAIN SILENT AS I WATCH THIS BODY, BORN IN THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, BE

PERVERTED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES BY A SINGLE GROUP OF NATIONS

AND THEIR UNWITTING ALLIES.

Line Joined with Senator Clifford Case of New Jersey
in amending the Foreign Aid Bill which requires

Containing

UNITED STATES TO CENTERIES \$16 MILLION PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO

UNTIL ISRAEL IS RESTORED TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THIS BODY.

I call upon the House of Pepres

to do the same o

DESPITE OUR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD --

RELATIONS WHICH I ENDORSE AND APPROVE -- THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT

TO ISRAEL NEEDS TO BE REAFFIRMED AND STRENGTHENED.

- THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL NEED TO KNOW THAT THE UNITED

STATES NEVER WILL DESERT THEM AND ALLOW THEM TO STAND ALONE

IN ANY INTERNATIONAL FORUM -- BE IT THE UNITED NATIONS OR ANY

OTHER BODY.

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL NEED TO KNOW THAT AMERICA WILL

NOT BE BULLIED OR PRESSURED BY ECONOMIC BLACKMAIL FROM ANY NATION

- THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL NEED TO KNOW THAT THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF ISRAEL CAN NEVER

BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY NEGOTIATION.

THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES KNOWS OF ISRAEL'S NEEDS

AND WILL RESPOND WITH COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING. WE HAVE

DONE THIS BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$289 MILLION IN ECONOMIC AID

FOR ISRAEL ABOVE THE ADMINISTRATION'S ORIGINAL REQUEST OF ONLY

\$50 MILLION

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FROM OTHER NATIONS MUST NEVER WAIVER.

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WE CANNOT PLEDE OUR ASSISTANCE IN WORDS AND THEN RENEGE

ON OUR COMMITMENTS IN DEEDS.

I CALL UPON PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER TO

CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE FOREIGN AID

BILL TO HELP ASSURE ITS FINAL PASSAGE BY CONGRESS.

THIS SUPPORT IS IMPERATIVE IF ISRAEL IS GOING TO RECEIVE

THE AID IT NEEDS SO BADLY. THIS SUPPORT IS IMPERATIVE TO

IMPROVING THE CHANCE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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