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ESHKOL VISITS ARAB SOLDIER—With a military policeman (second from right) standing guard, Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol (center) and Health Minister Israel Barzilai (right) visit a wounded Arab

legion soldier at a hospital in Jerusalem. The Jordanian soldier was a casualty in the Israeli army's capture of the Arab-held section of Jerusalem.

Tax Rebels Hold Line; GOP Woos Democrats

By MORGAN O'LEARY

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Waldron and Ryan

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Nation's Health Perils Growing, U.S. Warns

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WASHINGTON—For Ameri-

cans who prize the right to

choose their own doctors,

there is a special task force

that checked the nation's health

hazards.

gates on a plan to get the Mideast crisis on the General Assembly agenda immediately.

The Assembly is in session on African problems, but is due to adjourn unless given some new work to do.

The Soviet move would represent a calculated risk, since there is no veto power in the Assembly. Once the issue was referred to that organ, the Kremlin could no longer be sure of controlling what happened.

IT MIGHT be possible for the West to turn the tables and get from the Assembly authorization for a new UN peace army or other action Moscow has opposed.

But the danger of this, from the Soviet point of view, is considered minimal, since there is wide support for the Arab cause among African and Asian delegations.

It is rare, and technically unconstitutional, for the Assembly to debate and act on an issue which is concurrently before the Council.

Russia would need nine Council votes, difficult to get, to remove the subject from that organ's agenda.

Moreover, the Soviet Union always has been a principal advocate of exclusive jurisdiction for the Security Council in questions of war and peace. But neither legal niceties nor consistency would stand in Russia's way if, she thought diplomatic capital could be gained from the move, observers say.

THIS WEST, which always has championed the Assembly, might find it embarrassing to resist.

But the West would be likely to find it a major headache in dealing with the Mideast in the reorganizing Assembly.

The deputy director of Israel's foreign ministry has called on the American Jewish community to perform a "second miracle" by providing the money to help Israel recover from the war in the Middle East.

"Israel alone performed the miracle of winning the war. We acted alone, and this our finest hour," Arieh Eshel told 1,500 people at an Israel Emergency dinner last night at Cobo Hall.

"But the second miracle—that of recovering from the war and building for the future—must be a joint enterprise.

"We need money and Israel alone cannot provide it. We need your help."

Eshel praised the Israeli army for its impressive showing against the Arabs in the past week.

"It was the most brilliant campaign in the history of warfare," he boasted. "Two and a half million Israelis beat 110,000,000 Arabs and we are proud of them."

He had kind words for the Israeli defense minister, Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, but said the real heroes were the "sons and daughters of Israel who fought and died for our survival."

"Let me make it crystal clear," he declared. "We did not want this war. We wanted peace. It was Nasser who said we must fight."

Making an indirect reference to Israeli statements that it intended to keep much of the land won in the week-long war, Eshel said that now is the time to be firm.

"We are a tough people," he

now is when we must be stubborn."

Following a plea for contributions to the Israel bond drive, Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of the Detroit Jewish News, was presented with the Israel Achievement Award by Eshel. The award is presented for distinguished service to the Jewish people and to Israel.

Slomovitz, who just returned from Israel, celebrated his 70th birthday at the dinner.

The Israel bond drive has now raised \$2.5 million in Detroit while the Israel Emergency Fund has raised \$4.5 million since the crisis began three weeks ago.

Coal Wastes Kill Fish

GATE CITY, Va.—(AP)—A mammoth blot of pollutants enveloped the Clinch River yesterday, choking off every form of marine life in the Southwest Virginia stream.

Seven million gallons of coal ash residue, poured into the river Saturday when a power plant dam failed at St. Paul, flowed past this Wise County city toward the Tennessee line, where it would grow from a state to a federal problem.

Norm on the milky stream were the bodies of newts, water snakes, turtles and frogs—all killed almost instantly—and fish by the thousands, floating belly-up.

Scott County game warden Joe Gillespie said the residue had killed everything in the 20 miles of river between St. Paul and Gate City, and showed no signs of weakening.

towards his surroundings with the abandon of a caveman," the report said.

"For generations it was assumed nature had the ability to absorb an increasing number and variety of environmental insults. And for a while it did. Now nature has rebelled."

Although Americans make more things than other people, they also account for more than half the world's trash.

"This year's rubbish alone would fill 38 strings of boxcars stretching from coast to coast," the report said, in warning that something else must be found for waste than just dumping.

ONE TASK FORCE aide suggested fly ash collected from smokestacks could be used in making cinder blocks.

"We haven't even begun to scratch the surface in the potential of making use of our wastes," he added.

Otherwise, man will find himself buried under monumental piles of trash.

The report also told how man's scientific know-how occasionally works against him.

For example, there is concern among scientists that modern auto brake linings may promote lung cancer over long periods of time.

"The linings," the report said, "are a lifesaving technological achievement." But at the same time they increase the public's exposure to asbestos particles as the linings wear.

Further, 34 million Americans drink water that does not meet U.S. Public Health Service drinking water standards.

BUT THE NO. 1 problem is pollution, the most visible.

By 1970, Linton expects "hardware" to be developed to eliminate 99 percent of pollution from the auto exhaust.

He said the Conduction Effic. of Ann Arbor, had developed

Task Force Sets