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U.S. Pressure on Israel

There have been signs recently that the United States government is increasing pressure on Israel to force the Jewish state to negotiate a disengagement agreement with Jordan as the next stage in the efforts to reach a peace settlement in the Middle East.

Evidence for this was contained in the joint statement by President Ford and King Hussein of Jordan at the end of Hussein's visit to Washington which said the two leaders agreed to "addressing at an early date the issues of particular concern to Jordan, including a Jordan-ian-Israeli disengagement agreement." The word "disengagement" itself may be a misnomer since the two sides are already separated by the Jordan River.

The recent developments have caused concern within the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations whose chairman Rabbi Israel Miller told a press conference recently that while the U.S. has taken no actions so far with which the Presidents Conference disagrees, recent developments could lead to a situation in which the organization would have to campaign against

U. S. Mideast policy. In Israel, Premier Yitzhak Rapin 'n a speech declared outright that there will be "no more disengagement agreements." He said the next step must be "progress toward significant peace agreements." Rabin's strong stand may be seen partially as a means of attempting to soothe the opposition within Israel and partly as a bargaining point when he goes to Washington. But there is also no doubt that Israel is determined to maintain her position that the future of the West Bank and the Palestinian issue cannot be settled except in the context of an overall peace settlement.

At the same time, the communique may have been nothing more than an American attempt to bolster Hussein's position within the Arab world, something to which Israel is not entirely opposed. But Hussein's position cannot be strengthened at the expense of Israel.

There will be no real peace in the Mideast without the settlement of the West Bank and Palestinian issues. But to force an Israeli pullback without a general overall Mideast agreement would endanger Israel's security without guaranteeing peace.

The United States must lend its efforts to encouraging all sides in the Mideast to negotiate a real peace settlement. The piecemeal tactics which brought about the disengagement treaties between Israel and Syria and Egypt are no longer good enough if Israel's security is to be guaranteed and peace in the region is to be

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THE NEW SHAARE ZEDEK MEDICAL CENTER IN JERUSALEM RACES UPWARD AS WORK ON THE SKELETON OF THE MAIN AND SOUTHERN SECTIONS NEARS COMPLETION.

Good for the Jews

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

At an Oneg Shabbat the other Friday night one tea-drinker asked, "Do you think Ford and Rockefeller are good for the Jews?"
"What's good for the U.S.," was the response,

"is good for the Jews."

Amen, brother,

Actually, both Gerald Ford and Nelson Rockeare very much at home at Jewish feller gatherings.

At the very hour and day that President Ford 'unveiled' his vice-presidential choice, he was scheduled to be the speaker at the national convention of the Jewish War Veterans of America in Philadelphia, and the printed program (a collector's item now) lists him

President Ford has addressed many Jewish groups. In the Algeminer Journal, a Yiddish weekly, a front-page photo shows him wearing a yarmulke.

One of Ford's speech-writers is Milton Friedman, a witty and able journalist who used to write Washington dispatches for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Max Fisher, the prominent Detroit oil Max Fisher, the prominent Detroit oil man and a leader in almost every national Jewish

organization, is a close friend and Michigander landsman of the President.

As for Rockefeller, a book could be written about his Jewish involvements and associates. Rocky's campaigns on the East Side are already legendary; such a foray, replete with the candidate's mouth stuffed with Jewish maacholim, has been termed a "blintzkrieg."

When Hitler struck, Rockefeller offered his services to the UJA, before they came to him, as chairman of a non-Jewish section of that great philanthropic effort.

Once Rockefeller was a speaker at a reception in the Plaza Hotel, New York City, in honor of Israel's then president, Zalman Shazar. "Your Excellency," began Rocky, "you and I have something in common. Each of us must try to satisfy 2 million Jewish voters." The quip brought the house down.

And a thousand times Rockefeller has been subjected to the story of the man who came to him and said, "Governor, I was born in Russia, When I was in my cradle, my mother used to sing a song to the effect that one day I'd be rich as a Rockefeller. Well, I've done pretty well, even though I'm not a Rockefeller. But one thing does surprise me and would have bewildered my mother. I never thought I'd

be paying A Rockefeller his salary."

May the new shiddach flourish, and may all of us be satisfied to help pay the wages of a Ford and a Rockefeller.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Ten months after the Yom Kippur War, Israel still lists 57 members of the Armed Forces as missing in action.

BEERSHEBA -- A prototype automatic "page turner" intended for the handicapped - prosthetics, amputees, paraplegics -- has been built by three studets o Ben-Gu ion University of the Negey

One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



(Continued from Page 1) is the first Jew to serve in the state upper house. We supported him on both prior occasions and never regretted our choice, especially when he topped the ticket at his last election. Chic Hecht,

Republican, for State Senator, District 3.

MYRON LEAVITT. Myron is a solid citizen. During the dozen years we've known him, we never once had reason to lose respect for him in public life as Justice of the Peace or County Commissioner. He always did the right thing. As a family man, father of eleven, we never failed to admire his devotion to children's activities. Myron is seeking the lone Congressional seat. He gets our vote. Myron Leavitt, Democrat, for U. S. Congress.

AL BECKER, Al, the perennial candidate for Justice of the Peace, could and should make it this year. We know of no other lawyer who

it this year. We know of no other lawyer who spends more time in the justice court, representing clients who swear by his efforts. Al, as J. P. reminds us of Sam Liebowitz back in N. Y. Liebowitz gained a reputation as defense attorney for many charged with murder. When he became a judge Liebowitz threw the book at any and all criminals. Becker probably would do the same, Al Becker for Justice of the Peace.

RALPH LAMB. We once said, if modesty was crime, Ralph Lamb would be sentenced for life. In addition to keeping a tight reign over his department, Ralph is a man of compassion. Along with his quiet, soft-spoken demeaner, and his trait of being a good, almost humble listener, Ralph has a keen insight of determining what is right from wrong and we have never known him to make an error in judgment. Ralph Lamb, Democrat, for County Sheriff.

JAMES DEITCH. If there is any one man we would desire to handle the state's largest budget, about \$50,000,000.00, it has to be Jim Deitch, seeking his first political position. Jim was tops in handling the all-important news bureau at the Convention Center, and is a very successful operator of his own advertising agency. He has everyone's respect, including ours, as a man who knows the score, Jim Deitch, for University Regent, "C".

WOODY COLE. This long, lean, rambling ex-cowboy movie star, who has held his office longer than anyone else we know, knows his job and does it well. He serves the public with the expediency his deputies serve the summonses. Woody Cole, Democrat, for Las Vegas Constable.

JAMES PHILLIPS. Jim is a solid lawyer, devoted and dedicated to his profession. He believes every client deserves representation and makes thorough and complete research on any case he handles. He is quiet, reserved and dignified and would be an asset in our highest court. James Phillips for Supreme Court Justice.

RUBY DUNCAN. Mrs. Duncan is one of our favorite people. She believes in actions over words. Mother of seven, she spends all her time on behalf of less fortunates. She heads Operation Life and does it with her heart. We know from cases we called to her attention. She was elected Afro-American of the year for Las Vegas, but she is all-American as far as we feel. Ruby Duncan for Assembly, District 17.

JERRY KAUFMAN. Although Jerry is not involved in a primary race, we call attention to his candidacy for District Judge. As an alternate Municipal Judge and practicing attorney of note, Jerry is the kind of new blood we need in our district court. Kaufman at-tends to his law business with the same rime and effort his wife presides over the Sister-hood at our Temple, Remember Jerry Kaufman in the general election.

We remind our readers we do not speak disparaging of opposing candidates. We have considered the ramifications and have selected those we believe would serve us best. You, the public will be the determining factor, whomsoever you select, we will respect and

support.

But please vote September 3.