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in areas captured in 1967. Both the timing and the content of his remarks shocked Israelis. Prime Minister Rabin went on TV to declare that Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem was an immutable fact. Speaking for Israel's right, Menahem Begin, the Likud leader, was even blunter -- "United Jerusalem will be

Israel's capital for all time. Judea and Samaria, the historic land of Israel, have been liberated - not conquered - and Jewish settlement there must continue."
In the days between the speech and the voting a major barrage of protest, both in Israel and among the Jewish leadership in America, was mounted against the Washington stand. In the final event the United States vetoes the reso-

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this nation and the world have to start respecting the rights and dignities of others or we will eventually destroy ourselves," insisted the head of the 48-year-old human relations organization. "The terrible fratricidal civil war in Lebanon between Muslim and Maronite Catholic militiamen is the newest example of what happens when religious hatred is allowed to fester and when there exists no respect for religious pluralism."
"Violence and killings do not solve problems," said Dr. Hyratt. "Social progress cannot be won on the battlefield. Quiet dialogue is essential and I fervently hope that the picture by pointing to the precise future borders while at the same time destroying illusions about America's position vis a vis Jerusalem. As a result of developments America's veto lost much of its significance. "It's the sweet coating of a bitter pill whose taste disappears quickly. The taste of Scranton's speech will remain in our mouths for a long time." And it was a left-wing newspaper, Al Hamishmar, which stated the national consensus over Jerusalem - America had to understand that on this issue there were no differences in Israel and that the clock could not be turned back. The unity of the city, with safeguards for the rights of all religions, had to be the basic premise of any agreement

lution deploring Israel's "failure" to stop actions and policies attempting to change the status of Jerusalem. Israel was called upon to rescind existing measures and to refrain from all measures against the Arab inhabitants of the territories. Rabin said the gravity of Scranton's remarks was not cancelled out by the veto, and most papers agreed that the balance had not been restored. As Davar, the Histadrut Daily, put it - the veto did not wipe out the significance of Scranton's statement, nor the motives behind it. The American fulfillment of its obligation was worthy of recognition by Israel. But the policy of "the stick and the carrot" left a bitter taste.

Haaretz, the independent daily, agreed that the veto did not balance the content of the speech. In the long run the Arabs would not lose. Despite the veto Israel feared that American policy - as outlined by Scranton - would be implemented. It might be that the proximity of the two events pointed to a policy of "balance" as far as the American leadership was concerned. "If that was the intention the weights on the balance were not distributed equally," wrote Haaretz.

Maariv, the evening paper, could not escape the impression that the veto was nothing more than a pretext to cover America's true policy. It saw this policy entering a new stage with Scranton's speech completing

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people throughout the world will take the occasion of this time of Passover and Easter to pray for peace and for all people to enjoy the God-given rights to life, liberty and

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the pursuit of happiness." "True freedom exists," he said, "when peace and justice prevail and the NCCJ urges mankind to earnestly work for those ends."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The United States will increase its pressure on Israel in the months to come, Shmuel Tamir, a member of Israel's Knesset and chairman of the Free Center Party, a faction of Likud, warned here.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- President Ford has presented this country's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, to Artur Rubinstein, the 89-year-old Polish-born pianist.



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