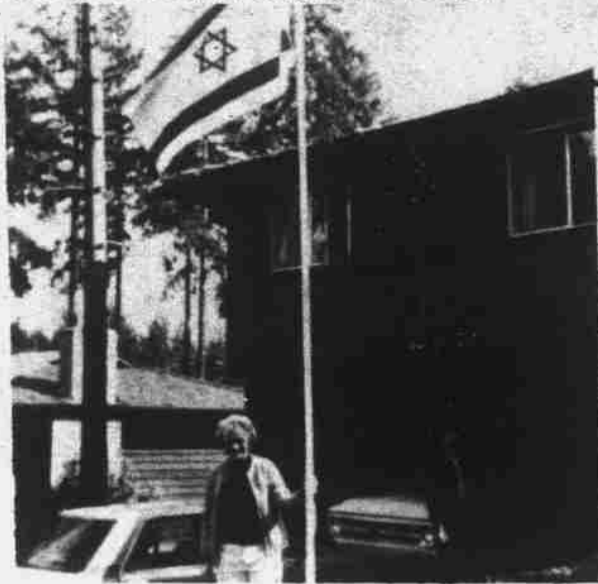


**ISRAELI FLAG HONORS OLD TIME U.S. ARMY BUDDY**

When Millie Panigel, who now lives in Tel Aviv, came to visit an old time U.S. Army buddy in Everett, Washington, she found an Israeli flag flying atop the flagpole in front of her friend's home.

"I thought it would be a nice way to greet an old friend," said Mrs. Dorothy Simpson, who served in the WACs with Mrs. Panigel during World War II. Mrs. Panigel emigrated to Israel in 1948 and the two maintained a steady correspondence through the years.

Recently, after 20 years as a secretary in the Israel office of the Joint Distributor Committee, American agency conducting and supporting a broad range of health, welfare, education and cultural and religious programs on behalf of Jewish communi-



MILLIE PANIGEL, NOW OF ISRAEL, AT FLAG-POLE AT HOME OF DOROTHY SIMPSON IN EVERETT, WASHINGTON. MRS. SIMPSON FLEW ISRAELI FLAG IN HER HONOR.

ties overseas, Mrs. Panigel retired and came to the United States on a short visit to see friends and relatives. Anxious to do some-

thing special for her friend during her week-long visit, Mrs. Simpson decided to fly the Israeli flag on the pole she and her husband, Ross,

**PERES CRITICIZED OVER WEST BANK ELECTIONS**

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- As the Cabinet is preparing to begin a debate on the issue of Jewish settlements on the West Bank, Defense Minister Shimon Peres has come under criticism for his statements on the West Bank municipal elections.

Peres has come under sharp attack from Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and to a lesser extent from Premier Yitzhak Rabin and other ministers. Sources close to Allon charge Peres with having effectively sabotaged the idea of "self-rule" for the West Bank, a government scheme for the development of a moderate indigenous leadership. However, last month's elections resulted in a pronounced shift toward younger and

had built in front of their neat little house in Everett. When she had trouble locating an Israel flag she wrote to the Israeli Embassy and shortly afterward received a flag from the Israeli Consul General in San Francisco, who expressed his pleasure at her gesture.

And so, throughout Mrs. Panigel's stay, each morning the Israeli flag was raised in this rock-ribbed American community on the outskirts of Seattle and at night it was lowered. Neighbors made friendly inquiries at the unusual sight and smiled. For Mrs. Panigel it was a touch of home and another link in a long friendship.

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more radical, nationalist-oriented mayors and town councils.

Allon's supporters say Peres ruined chances for the self-rule program when he announced it during a speech last summer and the Israeli program became a major issue of the West Bank elections with the nationalist candidates strongly opposing it. Peres' supporters argue that Allon supports the "self-rule" plan and that the Foreign Minister also made public statements backing it.

Meanwhile unrest continued to simmer on the West Bank. On Israel's Independence Day, security forces sealed off the entire West Bank. A curfew was imposed on the "casbah" quarter of Nablus for six days and then ordered lifted by Peres. He also authorized the re-opening of three high schools whose students had participated in the riots.

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