

# MONDALE SAYS CARTER BACKS OPEN JERUSALEM

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Vice President Walter Mondale, in a lecture here, said he was speaking for both the President and himself in declaring that "we stand for an undivided Jerusalem with free access to all holy places" and both are against an independent Palestinian State on the West Bank and Gaza.

He spoke at a State of Israel Bonds International Dinner of Tribute to Sam Rothberg,

## U.N. WILL DEBATE HOSTAGE PROBLEM

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The Legal Sixth Committee late this week will begin to debate a draft of an International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages which, in the light of the ongoing crisis in Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia has taken on a new meaning to the delegations at this 34th session of the World Organization.

Listed as number 113 on the agenda, some clauses of the item, such as for example the clause in the Preamble 4 which notes that "the taking of hostages is an offense of grave concern to the international com-

munity, and that all offenders shall be either prosecuted or extradited" have been opposed by friends of the PLO. The term "all offenders" has already been objected to, as also the words "Any person who" in paragraph 1 of Article 1, which states that "any person who seizes or detains and threatens to kill, to injure or to continue to detain another person in order to compel a third party, namely, a state, an international inter-governmental organization, a natural or a juridical person or a group of persons, to do or abstain from doing any act as an explicit or implicit condition for the release of the hostage, commits the offense of hostage-taking within the meaning of the Convention."

Why these terms are objected to becomes understandable when one considers that serving in the group that drafted the Convention are several Arab States including Iraq, Iran, Algeria, Libya and Jordan. The latest crisis in Iran may well serve to weaken their demands for any drastic amendments. There has been only one UN Member State which has come out in support of the Moslem Hitler Ayatollah Khomeini - Albania.

Voicing the view of the entire UN family, the President of the General Assembly, Salim A. Salim of Tanzania issued a strong statement calling for the release of all the hostages in Teheran. He stated that he is "convinced that the call for the release of the hostages represents the collective concern of the international community who clearly feel strongly that the sanctity of diplomatic premises and diplomatic personnel must be respected, without any exceptions, at all times..."

a key founder and present chairman of the Israel Bond Organization. Some 1000 leading Jews from the U.S. and Canada and some Latin American and European countries attended the event which launched the Israel Bond 1980 drive seeking \$1 billion.

More than \$35 million was raised at the dinner. Rothberg received the first Golda Meir Leadership Award, a bust of the late Prime Minister by the Baltimore sculptor, Paul Goodman.

Mondale's extemporaneous speech was applauded frequently. He said, in regard to the Middle East that "slowly, steadily, tenaciously, we are working our way to normalcy" and that after 30 years of conflict, "today there is no reason to despair." Declaring that Israel "is forever," he said for himself and the President, "we will stand by Israel always," adding that Israel's well being is "in our strategic interest."

He reiterated Carter Administration policy that "we will not negotiate with the PLO unless it first recognizes Israel and Security Council resolutions 242 and 338." He said there would continue to be problems and contentions but "never never will the security of Israel be compromised in that process toward peace."

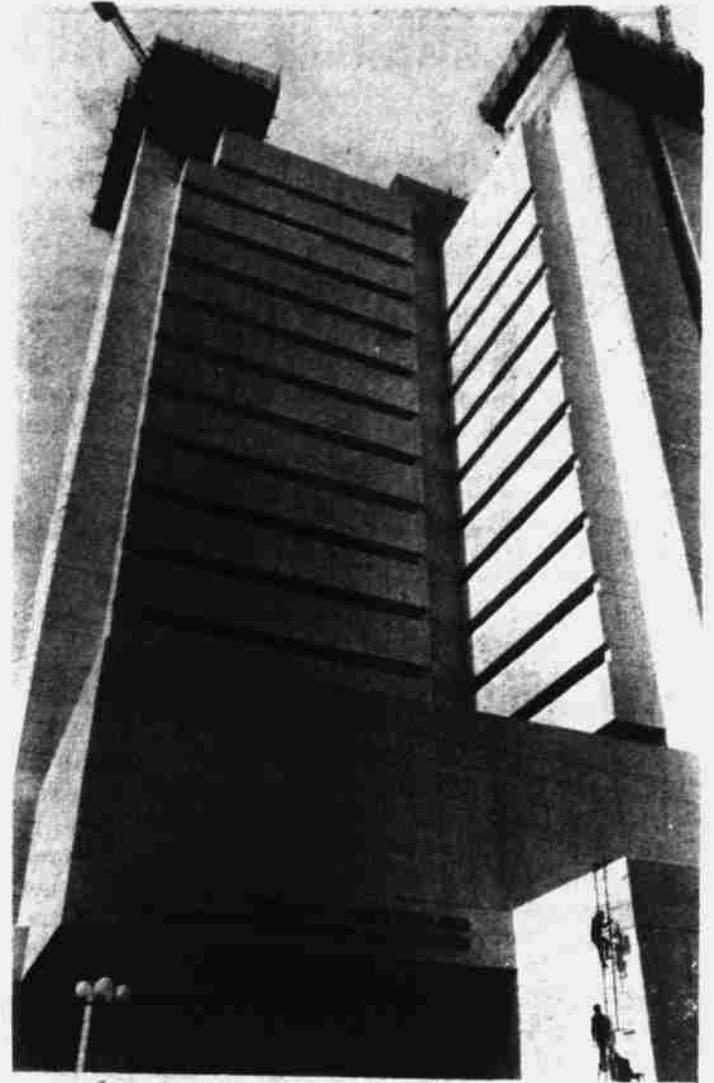
## 3 BOMB BLASTS MAR HISTORIC VISIT

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Three incident-bomb blasts in two Jerusalem buses and the interception of a four-man dinghy were believed by officials to have been planned as a terrorist protest during the second anniversary of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Israel.

Eight school children and three adults were injured in the bus explosions. Only one victim was seriously injured. The Israel naval patrol action near Achziv on Israel's coast, north of Nahariya, captured two terrorists. The other two were drowned.

The coastal encounter was the first in three months of such terrorist actions. The dinghy terrorists opened fire on the patrol boat which was sunk by Israeli return fire. An all-coast alert was declared. Quick action by alert drivers, passengers, and police apparently averted a major tragedy in the bus attacks.

One bomb exploded on a bus in downtown Jerusalem but all passengers had left the vehicle after one of them spotted a suspicious looking parcel. The driver drove the bus out of rush hour traffic and the bus was racing for an empty lot.



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JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's appeal to Israel not to deport Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka has been rejected by the government, no direct announcement was made. But Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor told reporters after the Nov. 18 Cabinet meeting, "Do you think it is conceivable that the government would accede to this request?" The final decision on the deportation of Shaka, who meanwhile is in a Ramle jail, rests with the Supreme Court.



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