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just countries receiving United States aid.

Fourteen pages are devoted to Israel, more than any other country except the Soviet Union and Argentina which each received 15 pages. By comparison with reports on Israel in other years, the current one appears milder in its treatment of Israel's practices in occupied territories and more balanced in terms of allegations and responses.

But it persistenly lists East Jerusalem as under "occupation" and as part of the "occupied territories."

The report stresses that "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment is not sanctioned in Israel and law enforcement is carried out without the excessive use of force." It also noted that "arbitrary arrest or imprisonment is not practiced and there are strong guarantees against it.

Referring to allegations of torture and brutality by Israeli interrogators against Arab security suspects, the report notes that "Israeli authorities have repeatedly stressed that such practices are forbidden by Israeli law" and "official reaction to allegations of torture and mistreatment have been vigorous and prompt."

The report observed that "generally the International Committee for the Red Cross may at any time visit prisoners not under interrogation." The report said that "legal procedures" and trials of alleged security offenders "appear generally to meet the standards of a fair trial, although Arab prisoners charge that convictions are frequently based on confessions obtained through coercion. The Department of State is not able to substantiate these charges."

The report notes that "The Israeli government states it has allowed since 1967 more than 50,000 Palestinians to return permanently to the occupied territories for family reunification." The report added that the West Bank press "is subject to censorship but it is allowed in practice to operate quite freely and is frequently outspoken in its criticism of Israeli policies."

## FORD, LOPEZ SET FOR DI GOLF TOURNE

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With former president Gerald Ford and defending champion Nancy Lopez already "signed," a bevy of television heavyweights have accepted invitation to play in the Desert Inn Country Club's \$200,000 LPGA National Pro-Am tournament.

The 72 - hole event, scheduled March 20-23, will be the secondrichest tourney on the 1980 Ladies Professional Golf Association

will also tour. It see the return of bigtime golf to the Desert Inn and Country Club, the original site of the famed Tournament of Champions. TV stars and entertainers who wil compete in the Celebrity Pro - Amportion of the tournament in-Peter Falk clude: ("Columbo"): Claude ("Misadven-Akins tures of Sheriff Lobo''); James Gar-

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### LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

("Dallas"); Wayne ("'MASH''); Rogers singer Glen Campbell, and Academy Awardwinner Jack Lemmon. Lopez won last national year's Pro - Am when it was Sahara held at the Club. Her Country 274 score was the lowest recorded on the '79 LPGA Tour. Ford, a 10-hahdicapper, will be making a return visit to the Desert Inn and Country Club, having played the course in March, 1977.

Also entered is the "team" of Nathaniel and Cathy Crosby.

Donna Caponi Young, runnerup to Lopezlast year, has confirmed her entry, along with Amy Alcott, Mary Bea Porter, Sally Little and Janet Cole.

J&B Rare Scotch will be the presentor for the Desert Inn tourney, which will see the winner collect \$30,000.

Players will alternate rounds the first two days over the Desert Inn and Paradise Valley Country Club courses, with the final two rounds slated for the "D.I."

A field of 90 lady pros and 270 celebrities and amateurs is expected for the most lucrative golf event in Nevada history.

Tickets are now available at the Desert Inn pro shop and casino cage, according to Tournament Director, Herb Mc-Donald,

The tickets are priced at \$5 for Thursday and Friday, March 20 - 21, \$8 for Saturday and Sunday, March 22 - 23; \$20 for season tickets of \$15 if they are purchased before March 1.

# GIN WANTS TO FIRST GROUP TO VISIT EGYPT ARE JEWS

STOP VANDALISM

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Menachem has pledged that "the authorities will do the utmost to prevent" vandalism against Christian institutions in Jerusalem. Begin issued a statement denouncing the vandalism as "intolerable" following a series of recent incidents vandalism by of militants. Jewish

JERUSALEM (WNS) first group -- The to visit of tourists Israel from Egypt were Jews. They were greeted by Premier Menachem Begin who invited them to "stay forever." Begin embraced the leaders of the group, Raphael Bliboul and Yitzhak de Picciotto.

He recalled that when he visited Alexandria last spring he had promised "that you will all visit us and that I would discuss the matter with President (Anwar) Sadat.

Well, I have kept my word and when I talked about it to Sadat, he said 'sure, why not?" Begin added, "I hope you enjoy your stay here, but if you wish you can stay forever." The Premier introduced the visitor to Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Israel's Ambassador - designate to Cairo.





