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we regard the words of the American President with all due respect," Begin said. But"a ques-tion must be asked whether this single error that Carter pointed at was the only expression of animosity toward Israel and her vital inter-

What about all other paragraphs which repeatedly mention Jerusalem and contradict

the Camp David accords.'

In Washington, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee announced it will hold public hearings to investigate how the U.S. made "an error" and voted against Israel. Sen, Frank Church (D. Idaho), the committee chairman, said Vance, McHenry and others would be summoned to testify and the committee will request all documents to show how the U.S. vote came about.

The U.S. vote in the Security Council for the resolution condemning Israel's settlements in the occupied territories, including Jerusalem, and demanding their dismantling, sent shock waves through Israel and through its supporters in the U.S. The first attack on the Carter Adminis-

tration came from American Jewish leaders. Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of of Presidents of Major American Organizations immediately sent a telegram to Carter calling the U.S. vote "a heavy - handed interference in the autonomy negotiations going far beyond the Camp David accords we are pledged to support.

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.), who is challenging Carter for the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination, said that the U.S. vote was "a shameful moment in the diplomatic history of our nation" and a reversal of past policy. But at the State Department, spokesman Thomas Reston said "There is no change

in our basic policy on settlements and Jerusalem." While declining to say whether Jerusalem is or is not part of the West Bank, Reston said 'The future status of Jerusalem is for the parties to negotiate."

He noted that the U.S., through McHenry, had expressed opposition to dismantling settlements on the grounds that it was impractical but "apart from including the phrase 'dismantling' we have consistently opposed Israeli policy of developing settlements in occupied territories." Reston's statement made it appear that the U.S. was standing by its vote. So it was a surprise when the White House issued a statement by the President March 3 reversing its

"I want to make it clear that the vote of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations does not represent a change in our position regarding the Israeli settlements in the occupied areas nor regarding the

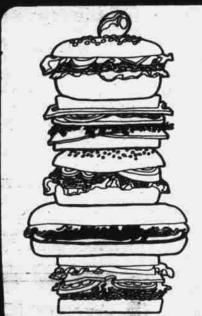
status of Jerusalem," the President's statement said. "While our opposition to the establishment of the Israeli settlement is longstanding and well - known, we made strenuous efforts to eliminate the language with reference to the dismantling of settlements on the resolu-The call for dismantling was neither proper nor practical.

We believe that the future disposition of existing settlements must be determined during the current autonomy negotiations. As to Jerusalem, we strongly believe that Jerusalem should be undivided with free access to the Holy Places for all faiths.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Yitzhak Offek, chairman of the Israel Olympic Committee, said that the Israeli group still has not decided whether to boycott the Olympic Games in Moscow this summer.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz told 70 Jewish business-France, men from Spain, Britain, Switzerland, Canada, Venezuela and Argentina that the time is ripe now for investing in Israel. The attending 70 were the first World Con-North Afgress of Busirican Jewish nessmen.

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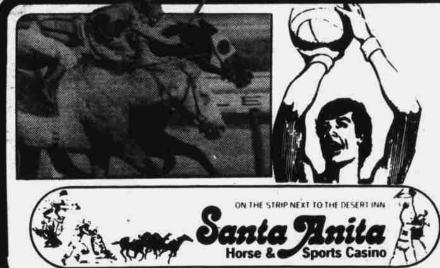


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JERUSALEM (WNS) - Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abu-Hatzeira has been World asked by the Union for Progressive Judaism, the international organization of Reform Judaism to recognize Reform rabbis, under law. as registrars of mar-World riages. The Union, which is hold-21st ing its convention here, said if Abu - Hatzeira, member of the National Religious Party, refuses the request, as expected, it will appeal to the Israel Supreme Court.

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