

REPUBLICAN JEWS CONFIDENT

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of Bush. Noting that the Jewish community in general is considered liberal, Spiegel said "Bush's position on issues is closer in feeling to the (Jewish) community than some others who were under consideration for the Vice President."

Reagan announced Bush's selection to the convention late July 16 after there had been some talks that former President Ford might become his running mate if certain conditions were met. One of Ford's reported conditions was that Henry Kissinger would become Secretary of State which would not have been acceptable to the Republican far rightwing led by Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina.

Many of the Jewish delegates had earlier backed Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, who is regarded as an enthusiastic friend of Israel and an advocate of freedom for Soviet Jewry. Bush, in his unsuccessful campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination, stressed support of Israel and said its security must never be traded for oil. Bush, a former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, also has opposed any U.S. negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

On the platform itself which vowed continued support of Israel and opposition to any negotiations with the PLO, Cummings said "I have all the confidence in the world" in Reagan sticking to the promises in the platform. Cummings and Max Fisher, of Detroit, are honorary chairmen of the National Coalition for Reagan. The Republican platform meanwhile was attacked by Minor George, of Cleveland, a member of the Ohio delegation and former president of the National Association of Arab Americans. He said that without dealing with the PLO, "the U.S. cannot expect to effect a comprehensive peace in the area."

In his first press conference after officially receiving the Republican nomination, Reagan said he recognizes an "alliance" between the U.S. and Israel. He said he would not try to have the U.S. "dictate or impose a settlement" in the Arab - Israeli conflict. Reagan made that statement when he was asked what he would do to change the American position on policy in the Middle East and toward Israel. "I have said repeatedly that I believe the position of the U.S. first of all is one in which we recognize our moral obligation to a very loyal ally -- the State of Israel -- and that it is a two way street," he said. "They are a stable presence sharing our ideals, a stable government, a very capable military, and so we recognize the alliance. But with regard to settling the problems, I would favor having the position of the U.S. help in any way it could but not trying to dictate or impose a settlement on any of those countries."

There was no immediate clarification of what Reagan meant by "a two way street."

In his acceptance speech later in the evening, Reagan charged that the Carter Administration "handed a major propaganda victory" to Israel's enemies by its foul - up on the anti - Israel resolution adopted by the United Nations Security

ouncil last March 1. "An Annapolis graduate may be at the helm of the Ship of State but the ship has no rudder," Reagan said. Critical

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