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suings the Camp David process, Reagan said he would do whatever the U.S. can do to help bring about a peace settlement between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Reagan called the press conference to announce the make-up of the interim Foreign Policy Advisory Board for the transition period. It includes three Democrats -- Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington, Sen. Richard Stone of Florida who was defeated in the primaries, and Washington lawyer William Bennett Williams.

The Republican National Committee announced 10 days earlier that Reagan would name those Democrats to his transition team and it was assumed therefore that they had agreed to serve on it. Jackson has been mentioned in some quarters as a possible Secretary of State or Secretary of Defense in a Reagan Cabinet and Stone as a possible Undersecretary of State.

The interim foreign policy advisory team also includes former President Gerald Ford, Sen. Howard Baker (R. Tenn.), who will be Senate Majority Leader of the new Congress, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former Undersecretary of State Eugene Rostow, Gen. Alexander Haig and Richard Allen, Reagan's chief foreign policy advisor.

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SCULPTURE DEDICATED TO RALPH BUNCHE

A sculpture called "Peace Form One" was dedicated across from the United Nations recently in a long overdue tribute to the late Ralph Bunche, the former Under Secretary General of the UN who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950 for helping bring about an armistice between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Bunche, one of the leading Black Americans of his generation, was also instrumental in setting up the UN peacekeeping force in the Sinai after the 1956 Sinai War.

The 50-foot stainless steel obelisk serves as a reminder of a time when many looked to the UN as an institution that would ensure peace in the world. Bunche was the type of international civil servant, the type that seems to have gone out of style, whose main objective was to achieve peace.

Maybe the present members of the UN Secretariat, as well as the representatives of the 154 members of the UN, will look at this monument and realize how far the UN has gone from the tradition Bunche symbolized. Today, the UN has become more of a forum for exacerbating differences rather than resolving them. This is especially true in the Arab-Israeli conflict, an issue on which Bunche devoted so much of his effort.

Addressing a meeting at the General Assembly Hall to dedicate the monument, Vice President Walter Mondale touched on this point when he urged the UN to help build peace in the Middle East based on the foundation set by the Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement and not to act in ways that undermine the peace process.

Those at the UN who participated in the tribute to Bunche should heed these words. They can provide a living memorial to Bunche and really honor his great name by seeing to it that peace in the Mideast, to which he contributed the first steps, becomes a reality.

SOVIET ACTIVIST GETS PRISON SENTENCE

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Vladimir Tsukerman, a 35-year-old Kishinev electronics engineer whose wife and son live in Israel, has been sentenced to 15 days in prison on a charge of "hooliganism," it was reported by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, (NCSJ). Tsukerman was arrested after he and four other Kishinev Jews signed an appeal protesting the continued refusal of the Soviet government to allow

them to join their families in Israel.

The appeal, addressed to the participants of the second review conference on the Helsinki Accords, which opens in Madrid, said that the signatories will start a hunger strike on that date to dramatize their plight.

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JERUSALEM, ISRAEL: MANY CHILDREN CELEBRATE BAT-AND BAR MITZVAHS IN MOVING CEREMONIES AT THE WESTERN WALL.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Rep. Paul Findley (R. Ill.) who has been labelled as a supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization by his Democratic opponent David Robinson, has charged that President Carter's campaign chairman, Robert Strauss, gave him "full backing" for his contacts with PLO chief Yasir Arafat. Strauss reportedly denied the charge in Los Angeles and an aide to Strauss said Strauss "in no way encouraged" Findley in his meetings with the PLO.

MONTREAL (WNS) -- Isin Ivanier, a Montreal industrialist, stressed here that Israel must develop nuclear energy in order to become economically self-sufficient. He spoke at a meeting of the Canadian Friends of the Technion at which a drive was launched to raise \$5-\$6 million from the Montreal Jewish community to build a Canadian nuclear research center.

RABBI RAPS MIXING POLITICS, RELIGION

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. (WNS) -- The "mixing of politics and religion" in Israel was assailed by Rabbi Saul Teplitz, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the organization of Conservative rabbis.

Speaking at the Rabbinical Assembly's 80th annual convention, he called for an end to the practice of "politicizing theology" and "theologizing politics." He also questioned the "theological rationale" of Gush Emunim for creating settlements on the West Bank for ideological rather than security considerations, thereby causing "great divisions in the Jewish world."

Teplitz, who was ending his two-year term as the organization's president, also criticized the Israel Labor Party "for joining hands with the National Religious Party to pass a law in the Knesset that transferred the authority to decide who can perform Jewish marriages from the Minister of Religious Affairs to the Chief Rabbinate."



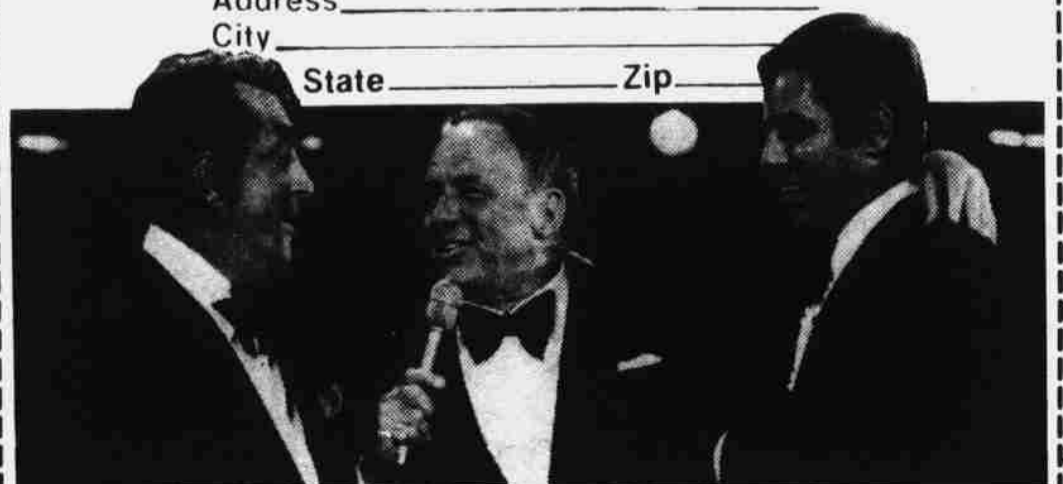
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