



PERHAPS THIS PICTURE ANSWERS BETTER THAN MANY WORDS WHAT SO MANY THINKING JEWISH WOMEN ASK TODAY: A MOTHER'S JOB -- IS IT JUST TEDIOUS CHORES -- OR IS IT THE FORMING OF TENDER YOUNG SOULS FOR OUR PEOPLE. . .

### PROGRESS MADE BETWEEN ISRAEL, EGYPT

WASH. (WNS) -- Special Ambassador Sol Linowitz said that Israel and Egypt have made progress in resolving the differences in the negotiations for autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "Through their serious and constructive efforts over the past months, Israel and Egypt have begun to bridge their differences on even the most critical, complex and emotional issues" that separate them, he told the Europe and Middle East Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

"Unfortunately, the negotiating process has been made even more difficult in recent months by a host of external and tangential disturbances and distractions which have diverted attention from the central issues under discussion.

In that connection he mentioned "violence on the West Bank, the seemingly endless stream of UN resolutions and the various actions and statements bearing on the status of Jerusalem." He said these "have interfered with and even interrupted our efforts to

focus on the complex and critical substantive issues."

Linowitz added, however, "Despite frustrations and disappointments, considerable progress in the autonomy talks have been made during the past year." He said that in the past three months "We have been able to help the parties make significant progress on several of the fundamental issues; specifically Israel and Egypt have narrowed their differences on the key issues of land and water. In addition," he said, "our work during the past three months indicates that the parties are far closer on the issue of security than many had thought."

Linowitz said, "We have also begun, I believe, to narrow differences on the nature of the powers that the self-governing authority should appropriately exercise in the transition period."

The envoy stressed the U.S. commitment to work for peace in the Middle East. "Such a U.S. role in pursuit of peace

advances our strategic interests while furthering our moral commitment to the peaceful resolution of disputes throughout the world," he said. "I know that President-elect Reagan joins President Carter in recognizing the importance of maintaining the continuum of our foreign policy and the vital role the U.S. must play in the search for peace in the Middle East," Linowitz said.

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