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order to stabilize the Middle East.

Give us a break. Is the Palestinian issue the reason that Iraq attacked Iran over a border region that has been disputed between the two countries for centuries? Is that why Syria is menacing Jordan? Is that why there is unrest in so many of the Gulf oil - producing states?

The Palestinian issue is so important to the Arab states that they couldn't get together for a summit conference called to take steps against Israel because they were divided over the Iraqi-Iranian war. In fact, the Palestinian issue and Jerusalem are raised by the Arabs every time they bicker over issues really important to them; territory, oil and money -- all of which is involved in the Iraqi - Iranian war.

But every time a crisis occurs in the Middle East, Arab leaders and their willing appeasers in the U.S. are all too willing to make the ridiculous claim that this problem could be solved if Israel allowed the Palestinians to have a state. We hope the Reagan Administration will not be taken in by this.

**ISRAELI PLANES SHOOT 2 SYRIAN MIGS**

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israeli planes shot down two Syrian MIGs which had tried to intercept an Israeli airstrike on Palestinian terrorist bases in south Lebanon. An Israeli Army spokesman in disclosing the dogfight said the Israeli strike was on terrorist training bases and staging posts in the Tyre and Nabatiya area from which attacks were launched on targets in Israel.

During the attack, two Syrian aircraft approached from the northwest of the upper Galilee area and the dogfight ensued. The two Syrian MIGs were

downed about five miles from Merullah. The last time Syrian planes were shot down in a clash with Israeli planes was last Aug. 24.

In Washington, the State Department said that the incident "adds significantly to rising tension in the area" but refused to denounce Israel's deployment of aircraft across the southern border.

The Israeli airstrike was "in conjunction with the Israeli preemptive bombing raids on Palestinian positions in the area of Tyre and Nabatiya," a State Department spokesman, Jack Cannon, said. "The last ten days have been a tense period in Lebanon. We deplore this latest development which adds significantly to stirring tensions.

"It is imperative that all parties involved exercise maximum restraint and avoid further armed action." When he was asked whether he was deploring Israel's deployment in south Lebanon, Cannon replied "No, I am deploring the situation that resulted in the military action that took place."

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WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Warren Rudman, one of two Jewish Republican Senators elected in November was sworn in as New Hampshire's Junior U.S. Senator after Sen. John Durkin, a democrat, resigned a week before the new Congress convenes Jan. 6. Rudman, who defeated Durkin in November, will now have seniority over other new Senators. The other Jewish Republican elected is Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania. They join four incumbent Jewish Senators, one Republican and three Democrats.

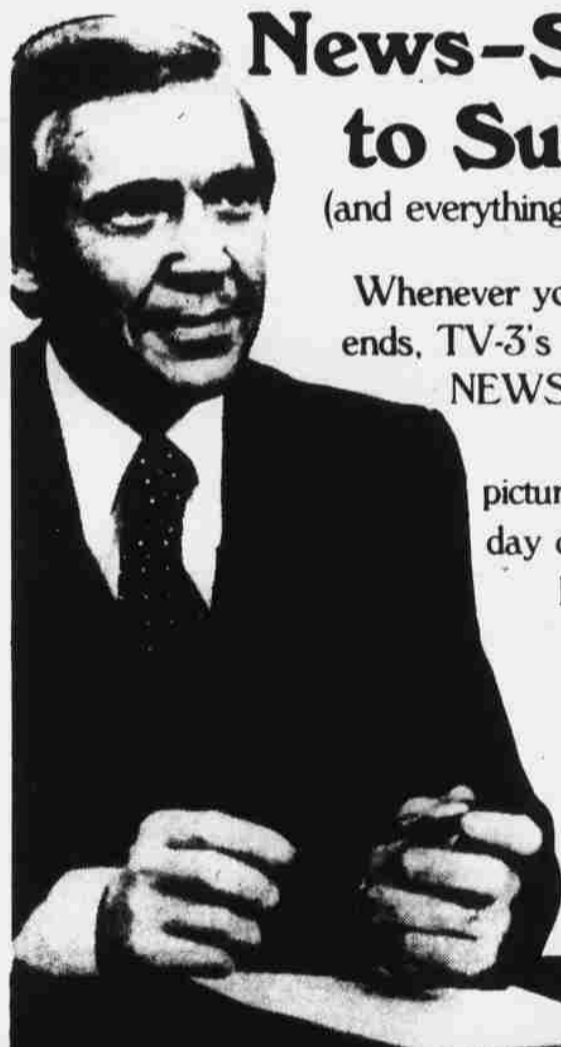
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