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BEGIN SAYS CABINET AGREES ON NEW ELECTIONS JULY 7th

HAIG CALLS ISRAEL STRATEGIC ASSET

WASH. (WNS) -- Israel is a strategic asset to the United States, Gen. Alexander Haig told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He made his remarks, as the committee confirmed him by a 15 - 2 vote, in response to a question whether he considered Israel a strategic asset. "I always have and I have always described it as that," he responded. "And I continue that with our long standing obligation to the post - World War II creation of the State of Israel."

When Haig was asked about contradictory statements he made about the Palestinian Liberation Organization, he replied, "I will live by" the

"policy statement" quoted by Sen. Christopher Dodd (D. Conn.) in which he said "So long as the PLO advocates views incompatible with the peace process, the U.S. will not recognize or negotiate with the PLO."

Haig also stressed that he was "very much concerned that we have got to be sure that we not let either President (Anwar) Sadat (of Egypt) fall from incumbency because of the failure of the U.S. to meet his urgent needs and to ensure that there is some value in his relationship and his contributions to the peace process which he is taking great risks to undertake."

FINANCE MINISTER IS YORAM ARIDOR

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Menachem Begin announced that the Cabinet has agreed to dissolve the Knesset and hold elections on July 7. The decision will have to be approved by the Knesset where the government coalition faces a stiff fight from the Labor Alignment which wants the elections earlier.

A Labor spokesman noting that July is the vacation season where many Israelis will be out of the country said, "This proves that Likud fears the decision

of the voters."

Moshe Shahal, chairman of the Labor Alignment Knesset faction said the opposition, which has proposed an April election, will demand that the election be held no later than June 30. He warned that if an agreement cannot be reached by Likud, Labor will offer its own date. The Shinui Knesset faction said it would support the earliest date if several elections bills are introduced into the Knesset. The July 7 date was

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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

Save A Yellow Ribbon

BY DON TELL

REAGAN IN 2 HOSTAGES OUT was the perfect banner headline in the January 20th issue of the Las Vegas Sun. After suffering 444 days of intolerable captivity, the 52 American hostages were at last free from the outlaw government of Iran.

Now we are learning that our hostages were not treated humanely after all but were subjected to threats of a firing squad, torture, Russian Roulette and food not fit for human consumption. What did we expect?

Israel, for years, has been trying to educate the American people to the fanatical ways of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Arab countries in general will push our economic structure to the breaking point if we allow ourselves to depend on their oil.

With the possible exception of Egypt, the Arab nations will use our technology to the maximum, then stick it to us when we need their oil.

President Reagan called the Iranian government "barbarians" and promised when he took office he would not make deals with criminals, kidnapers and people of this order. His forceful approach was the key to the release of our hostages.

The Iranians preferred to "let our people go" than face a new President who laid down the law. God bless his courage. Maybe he'll continue to exert enough pressure on the other Arab countries so they'll be very cautious before they further strain our economy and continue to threaten Israel.

For years, Israel had a code that they will not deal with any government that uses hostages as a bargaining point. Maybe President Reagan follows Israel's approach.

In the meantime, let's save the yellow ribbons as a reminder of 444 days of hell. March on President Reagan. WHAT A GREAT START!



RABBI MALCOLM STERN, NOTED AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORIAN, LEFT, WHO HELPED RESEARCH THE EXHIBITION AT DAR HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. MEETS WITH FORMER PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD, CENTER, WHO OPENED THE EXHIBIT; AND JOHN L. LOEB, JR., RIGHT, -- AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER, PHILANTHROPIST AND A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE EARLIEST JEWISH FAMILIES TO ARRIVE IN AMERICA -- WHO INITIATED THE PROJECT. THE THREE STAND BEFORE A PORTRAIT OF RACHEL SEIXAS BY THE BRITISH PORTRAIT PAINTER JOHN WOLLASTON.



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