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COMMON STRATEGIC AIMS BIND UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL

PALESTINIANS ARE DIVIDED

PHILADELPHIA -- (WNS) -- Joseph Sisco, a former Undersecretary of State, declared here that the Palestinians are as divided as the Arab states themselves. "There is no Palestinian leader who can speak and act for the broad majority of the Palestinian people and who can make an agreement with Israel and make it stick," he told 200 members of the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

Sisco said the Palestinian Arabs on the West Bank have not given up hope for a

"negotiated solution" with Israel and that they have "no interest in giving up their power to Palestinians who reside outside the West Bank."

Sisco predicted that the new Reagan Administration would consult more with Israel; would commit itself to the security and survival of Israel in a firm and abiding manner; would play a critical role in Mideast diplomacy, and would adhere firmly to the policy of not recognizing and not having any contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

U.S. CONFIDENT OF MULTINATIONAL FORCE

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The United States is confident that a multinational force can be established to patrol the Sinai in time for Israel's final withdrawal from the peninsula in April, 1982.

This confidence was expressed by Michael Sterner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, who arrived in Jerusalem for two days of talks on the force.

HAIG AND SHAMIR AGREE TO WORK TOGETHER

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Secretary of State Alexander Haig stressed that the United States and Israel have common strategic aims and that the two countries must work together to achieve them. He made his remarks in a toast at a reception for visiting Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir at a dinner party given in Shamir's honor by Ambassador and Mrs. Ephraim Evron.

In his toast, Shamir spoke of the "pillars" that support Israel - American friendship and said that the differences between the two countries can be worked out in a spirit of frankness.

Haig responded that "The U.S. benefits from frankness and views (expressed) without equivocation." He added, "We have an underlying commonality of strategic interests. Our relationship will always be viewed by strategic realities that bind Israel and the U.S. and frankness will be the ultimate guide and framework of our relationship."

The differences between the two countries appeared at the meeting at the State Department between Haig and Shamir, the first high level meeting of an official of Premier Menachem Begin's government with the Reagan Administration.

Haig told reporters that during their three-
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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

The Cuts Go Deep

No one should be surprised after Ronald Reagan's election as President to find that the new Administration is proposing massive cuts in government spending. But even many of the people who voted for the new President were shocked by the extent of the slashing when the Administration announced cuts of \$41.1 billion in 83 federal programs, and before anyone could recover from that, said another \$3 to 5 billion would have to be reduced.

The Administration is, in fact, attempting to turn the United States around from the course that it has followed since 1932, that of a compassionate country that was concerned about social justice. This was a course which the Jewish community has always supported because it is the essence of Judaism itself.

The Reagan Administration has stressed that the "deserving" poor will not be hurt. But its definition of who is "deserving" has eliminated the near - poor. These include the working poor, many elderly and the young. Among them are many Jews who are in need of social services.

In addition to individuals being hurt, many of the programs sponsored by Jewish organizations nationally and locally will be hurt. The cuts hit hardest at the programs Jews have traditionally cared the most about.

Jews are also concerned about the general community where these cuts may cause hardships among thousands of Americans, particularly those who are already disadvantaged. Nor should it be forgotten that if the cuts lead to social unrest, as some predict, Jews may be the first target.

No thinking person opposes cutting out waste and fraud. Nor should programs that have outlived their usefulness or are not doing the job, for which they were created be allowed to continue. But in 1981, not to provide food, shelter, medical care and other services for those who can't do it for themselves is a situation that cannot be tolerated. This is not the kind of society America is nor wants to be. It is certainly not one in which Jews can feel secure.



FIRST CADET BAR MITZVAH AT WEST POINT, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CONGRESSMAN BENJAMIN A. GILMAN (R-NY), CADET LYLE JAY KELLMAN, RABBI AVRAHAM SOLTES, DR. FRED J. KELLMAN, MR. HERBERT M. AMES, PRESIDENT, WEST POINT JEWISH CHAPEL FUND.



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