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the struggle for the destruction of Israel to the triumph of violent, Soviet - sponsored revolutionaries in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Africa, the Middle East -- indeed, everywhere. Moreover, the PLO has linked the destruction of Israel to the Soviets' global agenda. No wonder the Kremlin has now added to its supply of military hardware for the PLO the prize of full diplomatic status.

Jeane Kirkpatrick serves notice to all those who seek to bring the PLO to the negotiating table that Yasir Arafat's terror gang "not only declines to recognize Israel, it is committed, as it reaffirmed in 1980 'to liquidate the Zionist entity, politically, economically, militarily, culturally, ideologically.'"

"American policy," she insists, "must be based on the fact that the primary obstacle to peace has been the refusal of the Arab governments to recognize the rights of Israel to exist. . . None to date, not even Saudi Arabia -- take note, Reagan -- has publicly so declared by mentioning Israel by name. Egypt remains the sole nation, and Egyptians are not real Arabs,

U.S. PONDERES PALESTINIAN STATE

WASH. (WNS) -- The State Department sought to clarify a statement by Secretary of State Alexander Haig who told a Congressional Committee that Saudi Arabia's proposal for a Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as its capital was "especially unacceptable" to the United States.

Department spokesman Dean Fischer, responding to reporter's questions, said that while the United States does not advocate the creation of a Palestinian state, it does not rule out that such a state could come into existence through negotiations. "I don't think you have found any United States Administration in recent years that advocated a Palestin-

ian state," Fischer said. "But that does not necessarily mean that it should be ruled out of negotiations. I do not think that any American Administration could put itself in that position."

Fischer denied that Haig's comment meant to imply that the Administration ruled out negotiations. Fischer said that Haig had pointed out that most of the eight point peace plan proposed by Saudi Arabia was unacceptable because it put down conditions that should be negotiated. He said Haig was saying that a Palestinian state was "unacceptable unless and until it is negotiated." He added that the peace process is the "appropriate" means for deciding this and other issues.

STANDARD OF LIVING RISES

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The standard of living in Israel rose by 12 percent during the first half of this year, nearly a record. A similar rise was recorded in 1967 after the slump which preceded the Six - Day War.

Details on the changes were disclosed by the Central Bureau of Statistics with publication of the Government's statistical annual.

The data showed that the principal contributor to the living standard improvement was a rise in the purchase of consumer goods, particularly color TV sets and autos. The rise was attributed to tax cuts on such products implemented by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and by higher

personal incomes because of an income tax decrease.

ISRAEL MAY HAVE TO REASSESS POSITION

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned that Israel might have to "reassess its attitude" toward the peace process because of the failure of the West to appreciate Israel's concessions for peace and because of the attitude of the Western countries toward the oil-producing states.

In a major address to a United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership mission in the evening here, Shamir declared that "Israel has done its duty and contributed more than its share toward a change for the better in the Middle East."

He added: "We have reached even passed, the limits of our concessions, both in the south," a reference to the Sinai, "and in our proposal for full autonomy for the

Arabs of Judaea and Samaria. The reaction of the West and its present attitude toward oil - producing states may cause us to reassess our attitude. We cannot afford to take risks that are met only with demands for more risks."

He asserted that the West had made "a major blunder" in considering Saudi Arabia "a main bulwark for strategic deployment in this region. The Saudi regime is a broken reed which cannot be relied on." He declared that the Saudis were now saying openly that the AWACS reconnaissance planes sold to them by the Reagan Administration were needed for "Arab and Moslem purposes" and that the Soviet Union should be a full partner in peace talks.

sorption into Israeli society. "But the numbers reaching Israel only emphasize how difficult and desperate the situation is," the resolution stated. Ethiopian Jews are in "danger of physical and spiritual disintegration" and there is an "urgent need for all agencies concerned to make greater efforts to ameliorate their plight," the CJF resolution said.

It noted that over 1,000 Falashas have reached Israel since 1979 and "have adjusted to that country in a remarkably constructive and speedy manner." However, "we continue to call for a level of action that is commensurate

with the danger and the urgency of need. The situation is desperate and calls for rescue efforts of the highest priority," the resolution said.

At an earlier session, Daniel Shapiro, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council's (NACRAC) Committee on Ethiopian Jews told participants at a forum on "Ethiopian Jews -- A Community in Peril" that Israel was doing all it could to assist. "It is a difficult and sensitive issue" but "I am convinced that Prime Minister (Menachem) Begin is making a strong effort to save them," Shapiro said.

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