

U.S. ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP

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gram, Walter Stoessel, Undersecretary of State for political affairs said the Administration expects "no further aggravation of the relationship" between the U.S. and Israel. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations said in reply to questions on the ABC-TV "This Week With David Brinkley" program that "it is inconceivable" that the U.S. would support sanctions against Israel for its actions on the Golan.

Stoessel said the U.S. has made its points to Israel. He said "there is a lot of reflection going on" there about the situation "and I think the prospects are there for no further aggravation of the relationship."

Kirkpatrick refused to say how the U.S. would react to a resolution in the Security Council that is at the moment only hypothetical. "We haven't even had a resolution," she said. She observed, however, that "We understand that the Syrians and some of their colleagues right now are considering whether they want to come in with a very strong resolution to impose sanctions or whether they want to come in with a mild resolution and hope for consensus. It is inconceivable to me that we would accept sanctions in the UN against Israel."

With respect to the status of the memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation, signed by the U.S. and Israel November 30, Fischer said, "We regard it as a suspension, or something that is held in abeyance. We do not see it as something being cancelled at all." He added that the U.S. "is in communication with Israelis on reinstatement of the memorandum and a number of other subjects."

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.) received a warm welcome upon his arrival. Percy, the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, is the first prominent American political official to come to Israel since the confrontation with Washington over the

Golan Heights action. Percy met with Premier Menachem Begin at his Jerusalem home and remarked afterwards that a new leaf has been turned in U.S. - Israel relations.

Percy said he and Begin discussed three topics -- Lebanon, the annexation of the Golan Heights and the autonomy talks with Egypt. He said that Begin spoke of "full autonomy" but did not use the word annexation with reference to Israel's action on the Golan. "I expressed myself frankly about the issue," Percy said. "It was a cordial fine meeting. We came together on many misunderstandings of the past and I hope it will characterize the new spirit, the new beginning that we are going to make in this special friendship between the U.S. and Israel."

But Percy, at a meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, was sharply critical of Israel's move on the Golan and made it clear that Washington resented Israel's failure to consult or inform the U.S. in advance. He spoke of earlier "surprises" this year when Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor and its bombing of Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Beirut which resulted in heavy civilian casualties. Shamir replied with an impassioned defense of Israel's actions. He contended that the "surprises" were necessary to protect Israel's security. He stressed Syria's intransigence and Israel's vital security needs on the Golan Heights and objected to the U.S. "punishing" Israel whenever differences of opinion arose between them.

Before leaving Israel Percy told the press that Israel must desist from further "unilateral action" taken "without regard for the interests of the United States" in shoring up regional security and advancing the peace process. He warned that such actions could endanger the special relationship between the U.S. and Israel. Percy also said that during his three days of talks with Israeli leaders he had urged a "moderation of rhetoric" in the relationship between the two countries.

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Chairman Gary Baldwin has announced that Sig Sakowicz will again host (for the third consecutive year). Tony Orlando will co-host from 3 A.M. (after his second show at the Hilton) until late Sunday morning. Singer impressionist Bob Anderson will also co-host.

Talent coordinator Gina Sakowicz announced that many top performers have

agreed to participate, including Siegfried and Roy with Lepjac, Joan Rivers, Bob Goulet, Eddie Rabbitt, Pia Zadora, Kay Starr and many others (in alphabetical order): Peter Anthony, Dominick Allen, Bob Berosini and his orangutans, Sam Butera and "The Wild Bunch," Don Cherry, Dick Contino, Johnny Desmond, Mike Douglas, King Charles Troupe, Jeff Kutash and His Dancers, Billy Ledbetter, "Love All People," Libera, Rios Brothers, Sasha Semenov and His Violins, June Terry, (the Madame in "Best Little Whore House in Texas"), Bobby Vinton, Szentner, and many more.

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