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As for U.S. - Israeli relations, the Secretary said they remain strong. "We are completely committed to the support of the security of Israel," he said. "Certainly, there have been some strains during the period since Israel invaded Lebanon. The U.S. opposed the entry of Israeli troops into Lebanon. There were some occasions when it seemed to us that the Israeli military actions were excessive, and we said so. So those times presented great strains. But underneath it all, the relationship between the U.S. and Israel remains strong."

Asked for his position on new Jewish settlements or the expansion of the existing ones in the occupied territories, Shultz responded that he agrees with the President who recently told him that the question is not whether they are legal or illegal -- the question is, are they constructive in the effort to arrange a situation that may, in the end, be a peaceful one and be one in which the people of the region can live in a manner that they prefer.

As for whether Egyptian President Mubarak is as anxious as was President Sadat to proceed along the framework of 'Camp David,' Secretary Shultz said: "People throughout the Arab world

are very upset about the events in Lebanon, and it has had a profound effect on their attitudes, and that will present a problem. But as we go along, we expect to work with the Egyptians. They have been an essential part of the peace process."

He said that he expects everyone will look at what has happened in the last few weeks and feel it means that we must all concentrate on creating a just peace. "This shinning objective will be the principal motivating force for everyone," Shultz stressed. "What the outcome of discussions will be and how much flexibility will be shown by various parties to it remains to be seen. The prospect of peace, particularly in the light of the conflict in Lebanon, should convince people that if there is any genuine prospect of peace, it should be seized. Perhaps that will be an incentive for everyone to give and take, and try to construct something that might work."

"I think that this moment, with the bloodshed and the damage done in Lebanon fresh in peoples' minds, is a time to work hard because people must be able to see that the alternative to a reasonably peaceful situation in the Mideast is not a pleasant thing to contemplate. So perhaps it is a moment when people can turn their eyes from the problems of war to the problems of peace -- and that is going to be our effort."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A Congress of Hungarian Jews is being organized for Jerusalem in April, 1984. The organizing committee here in Jerusalem said the Jerusalem International convention of Hungarian Jews would aim to "re-unite a community shattered by Nazi persecution and to highlight its thousand year old heritage and great contributions to European culture." The date will mark the 40th anniversary of the Nazis' attempted destruction of all Hungarian Jews.

JEWISH LEADER BLASTS NETWORKS

NEW YORK -- Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, President of the American Zionist Federation, the umbrella agency for 16 national Zionist organizations representing some one million American Jews, today singled out the American television networks for "setting a new standard of shallowness in news coverage of the war in Lebanon."

He said, "While newspaper coverage of events has often shown balance and depth and debated the complex problems that led up to the war, network television has failed entirely through incompetence, or neglected entirely through intention, to cite and analyse the factors which brought about the current military situation."

"While rockets' red glares and bombs bursting in air offer ample opportunity for

TV reporters to wax poetic over the cruelties and injustices of war, it does not promote deeper understanding of the swarms of issues behind those pictures."

He alleged that network cameramen filmed rubble in Lebanon that was caused before the current Israeli military operation, mis-

leadingly attributing it to the Israelis. He alleged that some early war pictures of families fleeing with their belongings were actually families heading back home to the South, rather than fleeing from the Israeli advance, as was implied.

In particular, he scored ABC World News Tonight for airing, weeks apart, identical footage of a civilian woman running from an Israeli air assault

with an infant held at her breast. "I'd say that this type of thing distorts the true picture of what's happening in Lebanon," Rabbi Sternstein said.

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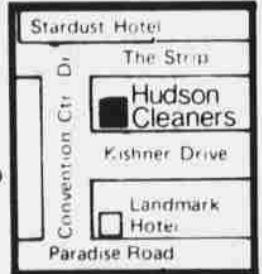
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