

ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH NEW SETTLEMENTS

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agree to talks with Israel and Israel would end up committed to the suspension of settlements.

The reported proposals by Arens would be in line with the peace initiative proposed by President Reagan. The President urged Israel to freeze settlement activity in the occupied territories and spoke in favor of their eventual status as a Palestinian homeland in association with Jordan. Israel flatly rejected the Reagan plan as a basis for negotiations.

The reaffirmation of Israeli policy on the settlement issue was stated by Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor. But Arens' reported remarks infuriated Cabinet hard-liners. Minister of Science Yuval Neeman, leader of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya party, said it was the job of an ambassador to report to his government the political atmosphere in the country where he is posted, not to make policy recommendations to the government.

Tehiya MK Geula Cohen said that if the report is true, Arens should be recalled from Washington and dismissed from his post. Benny Shalita, a hawkish Likud MK expressed "great surprise" because he thought Arens wasn't one who "scared easily."

Arens, who was chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee before he was named Ambassador to the U.S. last year, was well known as a Herut hardliner who opposed any compromise over the West Bank and also opposed the return of Sinai to Egypt and the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

The opposition Labor Party issued a statement October 31 urging a drastic change of policy in the territories lest the great sacrifices made for peace with Egypt be in vain. Arens' proposals may be a first sign that the government is sobering up, even though they were rejected outright, the Labor statement said. The Shinui Party proposed a debate on the subject in the Knesset. Mapam MK Imri Ron said Arens now understands that Israel must take advantage of the growing moderation in the Arab world.

BAR MITZVAH AT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM



EDOUARD

Edouard Mendel, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Mendel, will be called to the Torah and become a Bar Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Sho-

lom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., on Saturday morning, November 13, 1982.

Rabbi Kalman Appel, spiritual leader of the Temple, will officiate and conduct the services which commence at 9:00 A.M. Cantor Simon Bergman will chant the liturgy. The parents of the Bar Mitzvah will host the congregation to a Kiddush in the Temple's Entratter Social Hall immediately after the conclusion of services.

STACY GOLD HAS BAT MITZVAH

Stacy Gold, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Gold, was called to the Torah and became a Bat Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Sholom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., on Saturday morning, November 6, 1982.

Rabbi Kalman Appel, spiritual leader of the Temple, officiated and conducted the services which commenced at 9:00 A.M. Cantor Simon Bergman chanted the liturgy.

The parents of the

Bat Mitzvah hosted the congregation to a Kiddush.

ISRAELI COMMANDER TESTIFIES

JERUSALEM (WNS)

-- The general in command of Israeli forces during the massacre of Palestinians in west Beirut last month told the commission of inquiry that an "uneasy feeling" had prompted him to order Christian Phalangist units out of the Shatila and Sabra refugee camps on Friday morning, September 17, a day after the killings began.

Gen. Amin Drori, commander of the northern region, testified at an open session, however, that he had no concrete information at the time of "irregularities" committed by the Phalangists who had entered the camps the day before with the permission of the Israeli army. He said he heard "definite" reports of the "irregularities" only later that Friday afternoon. He could not expand on the "uneasy feeling" which, he said, was shared by other IDF officers at the Beirut command post, which led him to call a halt to the Phalangist operations.

Drori said the only indication that something was wrong came from civilians fleeing the camps who told Israeli soldiers they had been physically abused by Phalangist troops. He said these complaints were made by several people who said the Phalangists broke into Palestinian houses with their guns firing and without prior warning.

Drori said he telephoned Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan to inform him that he had halted the operation in the camps because "the Phalangists had gone too far." He said Eitan made no reply. According to Drori, he did not trust the Phalangists to carry out the operation in the camps.

BURTON COHEN TO HEAD NEVADA RESORT ASSN.



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The president of the Desert Inn and Country Club has been elected president of the Nevada Resort Association which represents most of the Southern Nevada hotels and casinos in labor relations and legislative matters.

Burton M. Cohen, a

leading figure in the Nevada hotel industry since 1966, will head the non-profit corporation for a two-year term.

"I am very proud to be selected. Our industry has a bright future, but it will face many challenges in the next two years," Cohen said.

Cohen came to Las Vegas from Miami where he was a member of a successful law firm, an association he still maintains.

In 1966, he served as managing director of the Frontier Hotel, supervising the building as well as the hiring. His Southern Nevada career has seen him in the position of administrative director of Circus Circus,

president of the Flamingo and Thunderbird Hotels, and vice president and member of the board of directors of Caesars Palace.

Joining Cohen as NRA board members are: John D. Gaughan, first vice president; Philip Hannifin, vice president; Don Ashworth, secretary; and Jeanne Hood, treasurer.

The association maintains a Washington, D.C. council, Jim Ritchie, who monitors legislation affecting tourism and gaming. Ritchie is responsible for coordinating the NRA's legislative program which is designed to secure more favorable tax treatment for the industry and its customers.

ISRAEL TO RESUME TALKS WITH EGYPT

JERUSALEM (WNS)

-- Israel seeks to resume negotiations with Egypt over the Taba region which has been in dispute between the two countries since Israel's withdrawal from Sinai was completed last April, the Cabinet indicated at its weekly session. But the Cabinet pointed out that negotiations over Taba, a small parcel of land near Eilat, must be

conducted with a discussion of other subjects of mutual interest to the two countries, meaning the autonomy talks and the normalization process.

Israel has also demanded the immediate return of the Egyptian Ambassador, Saad Mortada, who was recalled from Tel Aviv last September following the massacre

of Palestinians at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in west Beirut. At the Cabinet session, the central issue was Israeli-Egyptian relations. The ministers were briefed by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir who received a letter from his Egyptian counterpart, Kamal Hassan Ali, calling for an immediate resumption of the Taba talks.

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