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BEGIN SAYS HE DID NOT SUSPECT ATROCITIES IN BEIRUT

Unfortunate Accident In Beirut

TEL AVIV (WN) -- An Israeli soldier was wounded and two Lebanese soldiers were killed when an Israeli army vehicle was fired upon near a Lebanese roadblock in east Beirut, an army spokesman announced. Israeli forces returned fire and Israel Defense Force units scoured the area for the attackers. The incident was described as an "unfortunate accident" by IDF soldiers. Lebanese soldiers manning a checkpoint at the eastern approaches of the city were said to have opened fire in the direction from which the shots had come,

killing the two Lebanese soldiers at the checkpoint.

In Washington, the Reagan Administration said the Beirut shootout demonstrated the need for the rapid withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon.

At the White House, President Reagan was quoted by the spokesman Larry Speakes as saying

that one of the reasons it was "urgent" to "move forward" with the with-

drawal of troops as rapidly as possible was the danger of violent occurrences.

KEY POINT IN LETTER TO COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Menachem Begin continued to maintain that neither he nor his government had any reason to suspect that the Christian Phalangists would commit atrocities against civilians when Israel permitted them to enter the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in west Beirut last September.

This was the keypoint made in a letter the Premier sent to the commission of inquiry which is investigating the refugee massacres. Begin chose to respond by letter to a notification earlier by the commission to nine senior Israeli officials that they could re-appear before the commission to clarify testimony that they delivered earlier.

Begin stressed in his letter that the Phalangists had refrained from acts of vengeance "or other irregular actions" against Palestinians in the two days immediately after the assassination of Lebanon's President-elect Bashir Gemayel, the Phalangist leader. According to Begin, their restraint "eased fears" and "confirmed our knowledge" that the Phalangists were "organized, disciplined and centrally controlled military units."

Begin, who testified in person before the three-man panel on November 8, added nothing to his original brief. His letter stressed that

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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

Media: The New World Force

BY IRVIN J. BOROWSKY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Irvin Borowsky, Philadelphia community leader and publishing executive, is president of the Jewish Exponent and Inside Magazine.)

Who can deny that the Jewish people find joy in taking independent positions on most issues? Our heritage has taught us to constantly explore, to question, to dig deep in order to more fully taste and contribute to the life experience. Throughout the centuries, many of our learned scholars have devoted all their days, all their years, to researching, expressing their interpretations of the most minute passages of Torah and Jewish law. And who can deny that this creative, truth-seeking process became the seeds that have sprouted some of the world's more progressive movements in social and political endeavors?

It is no wonder that this heritage has brought many Jewish people into professions that utilize both verbal and written skills such as journalism, movies, television and other media.

In America, the scope and inventiveness of the Jewish ability to communicate, to sway, to influence, has been felt in every sector of the nation.

Curiously, this ability seems not to have extended to Israeli media personnel. In presenting a reflection of that country to their own citizens, to Jews abroad and to the world at large, their public relations efforts have been dismally ineffective. The events of the past few months have been presented as a complete disaster to the world and permitted Arafat, the terrorist, to emerge as a hero.

The Israeli leadership must learn the basic and advanced techniques of public relations and communications because the real world force today is Media!!

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