

**EFFORTS TO PREVENT
ISRAELI-U.S. MARINE CLASHES**

WASH. (WNS) --- The Reagan Administration announced here that the United States has started "high level" talks with Israel to prevent a continuation of clashes between Israeli forces and U.S. marines in the Beirut area.

But the Israel Embassy here said the incidents would not occur if there was a "direct liaison" between the Israel Defense Forces and the U.S. marines as there was between the IDF and other contingents of the multinational force (MNF) in Beirut, consisting of French, British and Italian units.

The Administration and the Embassy were referring to charges by Gen. Robert Barrow, Commandant of the Marine Corps, that Israeli troops are deliberately threatening the lives of American military personnel in Lebanon for "political purposes."

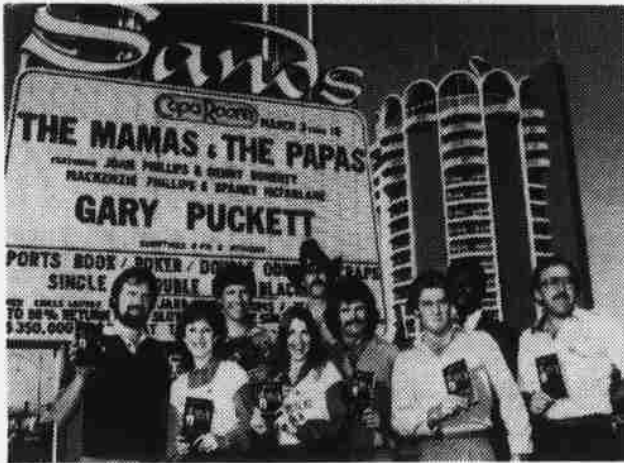
The charges were contained in a classified letter from Barrow to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in which Barrow urged that "firm and

strong action" must be taken by the U.S. to end the confrontation. The letter was released to the press after it was obtained by the Knight-Ridder newspaper chain. There was no immediate comment from Jerusalem.

The Pentagon said that it had no comment on Barrow's charges because "the letter speaks for itself." State Department spokesman John Hughes said he did not know the details of the recent clashes but that the issue has been raised with Israel and that both Israel and the U.S. are "concerned" and want to take steps to resolve the problem.

The Israel Embassy issued a statement stressing that "Israel views itself as an ally of the U.S." and "wishes to have the fullest cooperation" with the marine contingent in the Beirut area. The statement said:

"Israel has repeatedly expressed the desire for a liaison with the U.S. marines,



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