

### Israeli Government To Rebuild Old Jewish Quarter of Hebron

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Defense Minister Moshe Arens affirmed the Israeli government's decision to proceed with its ambitious plans to refurbish the Jewish quarter of Hebron, telling a Knesset meeting that it will be restored "like the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem," meaning the Old City, after its conquest by Israel in 1967.

Arens appeared to suggest that the government intends to go far beyond the 1980 plan for Hebron, which was endorsed by the Cabinet several days earlier, and calls for renovating the "Jewish courtyard" and adding a floor to the "Hadassah House," two sites in the center of Hebron seized by Jewish squatters some years ago. Housing Ministry sources are speaking of settling 500 Jewish families.

Arens spoke in the Knesset in reply to seven agenda motions related to the violence in Hebron. On July 7, 19-year-old American-born Aharon Gross was stabbed to death in the central market of Hebron, and following his death, Jews from Kiryat Arba burned most of the market place in retaliation. But after a tight curfew was imposed for a couple of days following the events, the latest reports indicated that tensions between Jews and Arabs in the West Bank town appeared to abate.

But while Arens appeared to be addressing the demands of the Gush Emunim militants of Kiryat Arba that a large section of downtown Hebron be turned over to them on grounds that the land belongs to Jews who were forced to leave during the Arab riots in 1929, he warned the settlers at the same time not to take the law into their own hands.

He told an audience in Haifa that the settlers must set an example of order, discipline and loyalty to the State.

He said he hoped that it was a minority of Jewish militants who were responsible for the burning and sacking of the Hebron market and maintained that such action was illegal. "We will do everything in our power to prevent such acts in the future and to locate those responsible," he said.

But despite Arens' apparent call for order, the Kiryat Arba Jews

demanded that the area be turned over to them for Jewish settlement. With support in the Cabinet by former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and Science Minister Yuval Neeman, leader of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party, the Jewish settlers in Hebron area have some degree of political power in the government.

In Washington meanwhile, the Reagan Administration said plans to build up the old Jewish quarter of Hebron were not helpful to the peace process. "We do not consider plans to build settlements in Hebron to be helpful in achieving an atmosphere on the West Bank conducive to the peace process," a State Department spokesman said July 11 in reaction to the Cabinet decision to rebuild the area.



### Kirkpatrick To Receive Award



Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, America's permanent representative to the United Nations, has been designated as the 1983 recipient of Pioneer Women/Namat's prestigious Golda Meir Human Relations Award, it was announced this week by Phyllis Sutker of Chicago, national president.

The award will be presented at the organization's 28th biennial convention in Baltimore, October 16-19. The U.N. diplomat will be cited for her "outstanding contribution in bridging the gap between the United States and Israel."

Shirley Asner of St. Louis, chairman of the Golda Meir Award Committee, will present the

award -- a statue of the late Golda Meir holding a child aloft -- to Ambassador Kirkpatrick. The statue was sculpted by the renowned American sculptor, Phillip Ratner, of Washington, D. C.

Previous recipients of the award -- named in memory of Israel's former prime minister who once served as national secretary of Pioneer Women -- were Sister Ann Gillen, Isaac Stern and the late Hubert H. Humphrey.

More than 1,000 delegates are expected to participate in the biennial convention, which will feature sessions on "Women's Rights," "The effects of Reaganomics," and "Constitutional Challenges."

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BONN (WNS) — A group of Jewish Families in West Germany announced plans to establish a settlement in Israel, to be called Armonim. It will be the first settlement by Jewish emigres from Germany since the Hitler era. A spokesman for the group stressed that the families will be settling in Israel proper, not in occupied territories and that their village will be organized along the lines of a moshav, a small holder co-operative.

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