## Friday, June 8, 1984

## Weinberger: Israel-U.S. Relations Have Never Been Stronger

WASH. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said that while the He did not indicate how United tinues to remain com- the Navy will buy. Penmitted to the security tagon officials said the of the State of Israel, details of the deal "Israel cannot make remain secret. peace by itself and we understand that the that United States cannot relations have "never impose peace and should not try." He said the U.S. the U.S. should try to commitment to Israel's provide security and security and well-being help to bring about as evidenced by the peace, which he added record of foreign aid to was best through Reagan's 1982 Middle cooperation that is go-East peace initiative.

day conference of the two American Jewish Press developed Association, berger also said that of U.S. forces of Israeli the Navy has bought medical facilities, an remotely controlled vehicles from Israel, which used similar reconnaisance drones U.S. marine compound

(WNS) - missile batteries in eastern Lebanon in the war in Lebanon in 1982. States con- many pilotless aircraft

Weinberger asserted Rights Israel-U.S. been stronger." He said "continued achieved Israel and the new President strategic and political Moreover, ing on. Addressing the four he stressed that the countries have an Wein- agreement for the use issue which was highlighted after the terrorist attack on the to help destroy Syrian in Lebanon last year. lem or Washington."

The U.S. sent the injured marines to U.S. facilities instead of using the Israeli facilities which were much closer.

Meanwhile, at the opening session of the conference of the AJPA, Elliott Abrams, the Assistant Secretary of State for Human and Humanitarian Affairs. addressed the group, denying that it was Administration's the "tough talk" which has resulted in the Soviet Union's harsh treatment of Jews. "Let us looking stop everywhere but the Kremlin for explanations," Abrams said. "Jews are jailed in the Soviet Union, Jews are forbidden to leave the Soviet Union, Jews are persecuted practicing their for religion in the Soviet Union because of decisions made in Moscow, not in Jerusa-

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## U.S. Withdraws Request For Funds For Jordanian Strike Force

Reagan Administration has withdrawn its request for Congressional approval for a \$220 million plan to arm and equip a Jordanian strike force, pending review, State Department spokesman John announced Hughes that Congress was asked to defer action "without prejudice" following consultations between the U.S. and Jordan.

The purpose of the proposed strike force was immediate response to any emergency that might develop in

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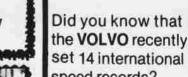
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WASH. (WNS) - The the Persian Gulf states. It was strongly opposed by Israel and its supporters in Congress on grounds that the weapons could be used by Jordan against Israel. Jordan is technically in a state of war with Israel.

Hughes said that the U.S. and Jordan had agreed that the proposal should undergo further review.

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