

Imperial Palace Hosts Senior Citizens For Christmas Dinner/Show



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this gift to the needy seniors of Las Vegas. Employees of the hotel donated their time serving dinner and helping the guests in the showroom where they saw Legends in Concert. During dinner in the Royal Halls, additional entertainment was provided by John Stuart, Raymond Wood and George Trullinger of the Legends cast, and several groups of carolers.

Governor Richard Bryan and his wife Bonnie greeted the guests before both shows.

U.S. Aid To Israel Assessed

WASH. (WNS) — Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam indicated that Israel will not get all of the increased aid it is asking for because if its economic austerity program works, Israel will not need it and because of the diffi-

culty in increasing foreign aid in a time of cutbacks in U.S. domestic programs.

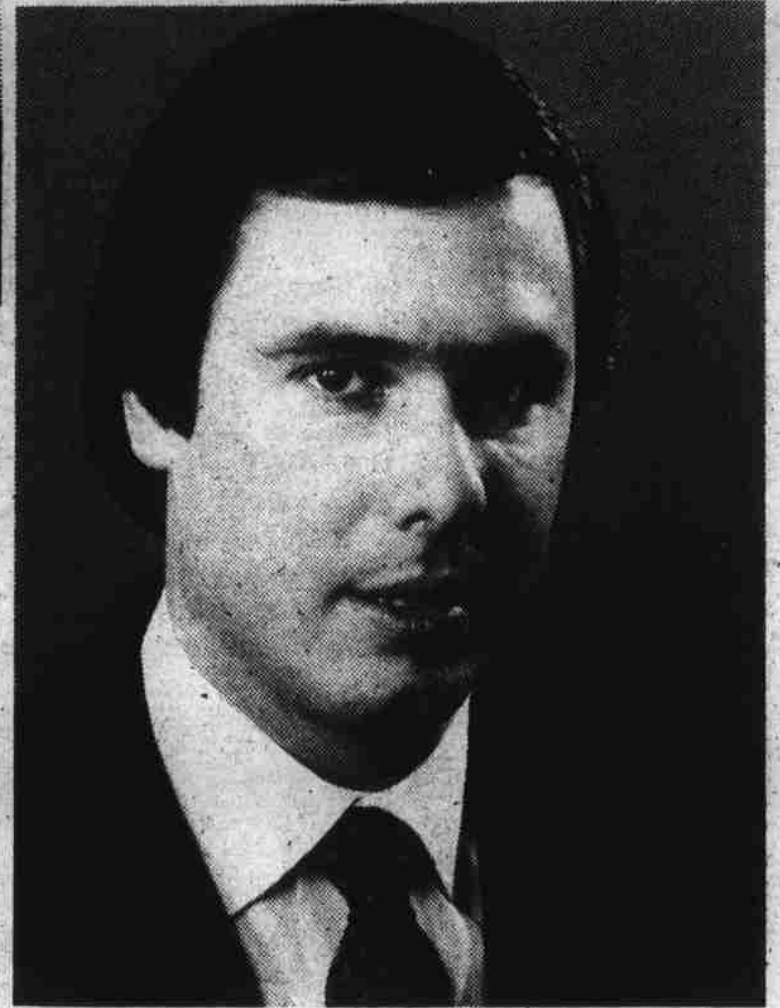
His remarks at a briefing for foreign reporters came as two teams of Israeli officials began two days of talks with State Department officials reportedly aimed at seeking \$4.1 billion in economic and military aid for Israel in the 1986 fiscal year compared to \$2.6 billion in the current 1985 fiscal year. Israel is also asking for an additional \$800 million in emergency economic aid for 1985.

"With regard to the economic assistance, we are prepared to be of assistance provided there is a serious and credible economic program announced and implemented by Israel," Dam said when asked about the Israeli request in this year end briefing at the Foreign Press Center here.

But he stressed that the economic program is one of which Israel will have to decide for itself, although the U.S. will feel free to comment on it. He said while it was "premature" to discuss the "numbers," the figure may not be as high as reported if the Israel austerity program is credible. If it is not credible then Israel's problems will not only be economic, he added.

While stressing that he was speaking generally about foreign aid, and not specifically

Sheldon Promoted To Resident Manager For Las Vegas Hilton



John H. Sheldon III has been named resident manager for the Las Vegas Hilton and assistant to Henri Lewin, executive vice-president of Hilton Hotels Corporation, according to a recent announcement made by Lewin.

Sheldon, who has been with the Las Vegas Hilton for two years, served as director of marketing for the resort before taking on the new post.

His new duties will include assisting Lewin and Fritz Uebler, vice president and general manager, on the day-to-day operations of the 3,174 room hotel. Sheldon will also continue to work in an administrative capacity with the marketing department.

Sheldon transferred to the Las Vegas Hilton in January 1983. Prior to that, he spent four years at the Flamingo Hilton as director of sales and marketing and saw the hotel grow from 770 rooms to its present 2,250 rooms. He also served as director of sales for the Hilton Hotel of Philadelphia for a period of four years.

"I am very pleased with the work that John has done for us," Lewin said, "and I am confident that his spirit of professionalism will continue to shine in his new position as resident manager."

Sheldon attended the University of South Carolina and majored in business administration.

about Israel, Dam said the United States will be operating under an "extremely difficult budget environment" in which domestic programs are being cut and so it will "not be easy" to increase foreign aid to any country.

Israel is reportedly asking for an additional \$800 million to the \$1.2 billion it is receiving in the current year in economic aid. Israel is also asking that economic aid be increased to \$1.9 billion in the 1986 fiscal year. In military aid Israel is receiving \$1.4 billion which it would like increased by \$700 million to total \$2.1 billion in the 1986 fiscal year.

The U.S.-Israeli talks

now going on are a continuation of the talks held at the State Department last month. One session is on the economic situation and is being conducted by the first formal meeting of the Joint U.S.-Israel Economic Group which was established during the White House talks between President Reagan and Israel Premier Shimon Peres last October. The United States is led by W. Allen Wall, Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs. The second group of talks deal with military aid.

At this meeting, the U.S. is reportedly giving its reply to the Israeli proposals made at the November meeting.

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