

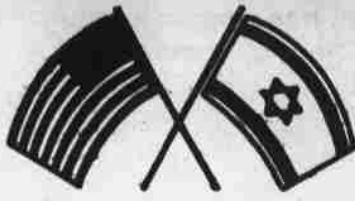
### Pickering Arrives In Israel, Meets With Peres

JERUSALEM (WNS) — The new American ambassador to Israel, Thomas Pickering, assured Premier Shimon Peres that there has been no change in Washington's policy towards the PLO, and that the meeting between a U.S. official and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation will go ahead only if the U.S. is convinced that it will lead to direct talks with Israel.

The envoy gave these assurances at his first meeting with the Premier, held in the Knesset building. Pickering is to formally present his credentials to President Chaim Herzog next week. He will then return to Washington, coming back to take up his post permanently only at the end of August.

Pickering told Peres that the U.S. is ready, if requested, to offer all possible help to Israel and Egypt to resolve the Taba border dispute between them. American diplomats and legal experts have been involved in previous negotiations

between Israel and Egypt over interim arrangements at Taba, where Israeli entrepreneurs operate a major hotel.



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### Shultz: Russian Jews Abused Helsinki Pact Violated

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disbanded in 1982 "for fear of further persecution." He pointed out that many of its leaders were imprisoned, including Anatoly Shcharansky, who he said, was "imprisoned on a false charge in 1977, has completed his term in the notorious Chistopol prison and is now serving out the rest of his 13-year sentence in one of the most brutal of Soviet labor camps."

Listing the harassment against Jews, Shultz said, "At least 16 Jewish cultural activists, including nine teachers of the Hebrew language, have been arrested in the Soviet Union since last July and many have been convicted on obviously trumped up criminal charges to three to four years of imprisonment in labor camps."

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