

### U.S. Reviewing Next Steps In Mideast Policy

WASHINGTON (WNS) — The Reagan Administration is once again considering whether to send Secretary of State George Shultz to the Middle East to follow up on what it considers "positive developments" on the peace process. But State Department deputy spokesman Charles Redman maintained that there are no plans yet for Shultz to go to the region. He said the Secretary's position is the same as he stated in a television interview that he would go to the region "if there is something worthwhile that has at least some chance of being accomplished."

Despite persistent rumors of a Shultz visit to the Mideast for the past six months, he has not been in the region since 1982 when he brokered the Israeli-Lebanese agreement, which later collapsed.

The latest speculation is due to reports from Santa Barbara, California, where President Reagan is vacationing, that Shultz and National Security Adviser John Poindexter

and their staffs are reviewing the next step for the United States in the Mideast peace process.

But Redman noted that the Administration is constantly reviewing the "options" in the area. He said there have been two recent positive developments: Israeli Premier Shimon Peres' meeting with King Hassan II of

Morocco and Vice President George Bush's 10-day trip to Israel, Jordan and Egypt.

It is apparent from what Bush and others have said since the Vice President's return that the Administration is concentrating on improving Egyptian-Israeli relations. The Administration believes that improved relations between Egypt and Israel could be the spark that ignites the peace

process. This might be the "something constructive" that Shultz is waiting for in order to go to the Mideast. The Administration is also undoubtedly considering any effect that improved relations between Israel and the Soviet Union will have on the peace process.

King Hussein of Jor-

dan still wants an "international umbrella" for any talks with Israel which would include the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

However, both the U.S. and Israel have said that the USSR cannot be part of the peace process as long

as it does not have diplomatic relations with Israel. The U.S. has also demanded increased emigration for Soviet Jews, as well as other conditions, that would demonstrate Soviet willingness to play a constructive role in the Mideast.

### Mrs. George Bush Visits Alyn Hospital

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of Jerusalem's Mayor; Mrs. Pickering, wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Israel and their guests. Mrs. Bush, who is particularly interested in the care and treatment of the physically handicapped child, was warmly received by both staff and patients.

Dr. Shirley Meyer, medical director and senior orthopaedic surgeon of ALYN Hospital in Jerusalem, conducted an orientation meeting for the Bush party at the start of the visit. ALYN - The Woldenberg Orthopaedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Center for Physically Handicapped Children is the only such medical facility in Israel and serves the needs of the entire country. This non-sectarian facility cares for close to 100 in-patients and tends to the needs of over 5,000 out-patients per year in the out-patient clinics.

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