

Person To Person With The Vice President

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produce, to do everything necessary to keep our production base.

Q: Did you discuss with Israeli leaders the espionage charges against Jonathan Pollard?

A: Yes I did. But it's better not to comment on that. I made clear that the relationship between Israel and the U.S. is strong, and should overcome that difficulty, but the U.S. must enforce its laws.

Q: And what about the theft of those cluster bombs?

(allegations that Israelis were seeking to divert a technology that was denied them following their use of cluster bombs in Lebanon).

A: I did discuss those allegations. Some Israelis feel there is a vendetta against Israel. I don't think so. But our Justice Department is determined to fulfill its obligations, to support our own laws.

Q: You planned to meet with (former Israeli Prime Minister) Menachem Begin on this visit. Why was that cancelled?

A: I don't know the reason. It probably wasn't convenient for him, but I would have been delighted to have met with him. I did speak with him on the telephone, and we had a good conversation. Mr. Begin is a great man and he made a major contribution to world peace. Our talk was upbeat and positive and I had a chance to express appreciation for the steps he took toward peace. (Mr. Begin was prime minister of Israel in 1979 when Mr. Bush made his first trip there).

Q: How would you describe the three leaders you just met in their own countries?

A: I have a personal relationship with each one.

Shimon Peres is a very strong and courageous leader. His recent trip to see Morocco's King Hassan got tremendous support.

I've always had great respect for King Hussein. I believe he does want to come to the peace table, one way or another. His life has been at risk since the day he was born, and yet he continues to lead his country in a courageous way.

President Mubarak is a man who I think wants to continue in the tradition of Sadat. Egypt has enormous economic problems and Mr. Mubarak is determined to better the lives of his people. To do that, he needs financial support. He has received a substantial amount from the U.S. but he is interested in seeing further financial relief.

Egypt is a very, very important country in the region. There is no way one can discuss a stable and peaceful Mideast without having a strong, and I'd say, a pro-United States Egypt. It is in our interest to do what we can to be sure Egypt remains the kind of friend it is under President Mubarak.

Q: How would you sum up?

A: This trip has strengthened my views and perceptions. My knowledge of the Mideast issues has been enhanced. I've been there several times, and each time I understand better the diversity of the area and the different ways the issues are perceived.

I think I have a clear picture of the Middle East. The United States has an important catalytic role in bringing peace there. I do worry about Soviet expansionism. I am convinced Israel is our strongest ally and closest friend in that region. I'm also convinced that we need close relations with Jordan, Egypt, the G.C.C. countries and others in that area.

Q: And, finally, how to you reply to critics who say you traveled to the Mideast only for political gain?

A: I think I'll let the results of my trip stand on their own merits. I know that a number of Mideast experts and the three chiefs of state with whom I met, said the trip was useful from a substantive standpoint.

It is disturbing to read about political 'cheap shots' taken at me, but I can't control what people say.

Rivers/Zadora/Stafford Triple Bill At Caesars Palace September 17 - 30



Pia Zadora

Joan Rivers returns to headline the Caesars Palace Circus Maximus Showroom September 17 - 30 with co-stars Pia Zadora and Jim Stafford.

Rivers, who spearheads the inaugural season of TV programming for Fox Broadcasting Company, begins her one-hour late-night talk show "The Late Show Starring Joan Rivers" on October 9.

Never at a loss for words, Joan's 1986 autobiography "Enter Talking" climbed to number four on the New York Times best-seller list only two weeks after the book's May publication. "Enter Talking" is a brutally honest account of her career defeats, humiliations, rejections and of her determination, which ultimately led to success.

Pia Zadora is singing almost non-stop since releasing her LP "Pia and Phil (The London Philharmonic Orchestra, That Is)."

Comedian/storyteller/instrumentalist/singer/composer Jim Stafford dishes up spoken humor

Former Gaza Mayor Granted Jordanian Citizenship

JERUSALEM (WNS)

— King Hussein of Jordan granted Jordanian citizenship to the former Mayor of Gaza, Rashad A-Shawaa, and six members of his family.

Residents of Gaza have no citizenship and travel on refugee papers. Shawaa received his citizenship in appreciation for his support of Hussein's policies, according to a statement issued in Amman, Jordan.

Shawaa supported Hussein's February 1986 split with the PLO and said the silent majority of Palestinians backed Hussein's demands that the PLO change its position on the peace process.

with a Southern fancy. Though Jim was born in Florida, members of his family were country musicians from Tennessee. "They just picked banjos, guitars and fiddles ... and when they came down here as migrant workers, they picked oranges, limes and lemons," he says.

Stafford began his career in Atlanta nightclubs, where he played guitar and banjo. "I found myself not being able to play enough. I had to talk. I was afraid to sing, so I began to write parodies on songs." The parodies, the comedy and a remarkable instrumental technique have made him popular at Caesars and in showrooms across the country.

Joan Rivers, Pia Zadora and Jim Stafford will perform two cocktail shows nightly at 8:30 and 11:30 p.m. For reservations phone the Caesars Palace Circus Maximus Showroom 702/731-7333 or 800/445-4544.

Sherry Hebert Hits \$12,500 on Quarter Poker Machine At Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino In Las Vegas



After playing the quarter poker machine at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas for half an hour, Sherry Hebert screamed when she watched a Royal Straight Flush appear in the window. She realized she had just won \$12,500! It truly was an exciting moment for the Raceland, LA, housewife who was visiting the Imperial Palace with her husband and daughter.

Sherry comes to Las Vegas about three times a year and says, "I feel fantastic. I never won anything before. I always come to the Imperial Palace. The people are friendly and it's the best place to be." When asked what she was going to do with her winnings, Sherry's first reply was, "I don't know." After a moment, though, she decided she was going to give all of her children some of it as well as her grandchildren. After that, Mrs. Hebert was going to play it by ear to figure out what she'd do with the rest of the jackpot.

Congratulating Sherry is Imperial Palace Slot Manager Brian Blumer.

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