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A REVOLUTION IN U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS

Part I

WASHINGTON, - What Thomas A. Dine called the "revolution" in U.S.-Israel relations was very much in evidence as CIA director William Casey and Attorney General Edwin Meese joined with Israeli Ambassadors Meir Rosenne and Benjamin Netanyahu and over 200 members of Congress to discuss goals shared by the two countries.

Their forum was the 27th annual Policy Conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). The conclave also featured Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and John Heinz (R-Pa.), Reps. Larry Smith (D-Fla.), Lynn Martin (R-III.), Tony Coehlo (D-Calif.), Mickey Leland (Tex.) and Vin Weber (R-Minn). Although the gathering was held during congressional recess – when mostlawmakers are out of town – 267 members of Congress and dozens of congressional candidates and



William Casey, CIA director, is greeted by AIPAC executive director Thomas Dine as Casey arrives at the AIPAC's Policy Conference. Casey's keynote address to the pro-Israel lobby was a rare public appearance for the CIA head.

local officials participated.

More than 2,000 pro-Israel activists from across the nation came to discuss the issues with policymakers, engage in workshops on pro-Israel politicking and help set the pro-Israel community's political agenda for the coming year. Five hundred students – more than at any prior AIPAC conference – and 100 pro-Israel Christian activists attended. At the conclusion of the conference, the delegates went to Capitol Hill to lobby their members of Congress.

"We are in the midst of revolution that is raising U.S.-Israel rela"We are no longer talking about a transformation of that relationship, we are talking about a revolution in the relationship between the two states and in the attitudes of key people responsible for that relationship."

Dine cited as examples the shift of Israel's foreign aid from loans to grants, the unprecedented establishment of a U.S.-Israel Free Trade Area and strategic cooperation. He quoted Secretary of State George Shultz, who said the point of strategic cooperation is to build institutional arrangements so that eight years from now, if there is a able to overcome the bureaucratic relationship between the U.S. and Israel that we have established".

While support for the Jewish state is strongest in the legislative branch of government, Dine said that "a whole new constituency of support for Israel is being built in precisely the area where we are weakest" – the executive branch. Dine was speaking about U.S.-

Israel relations as a whole, but the relationship was represented in a microcosm at the Policy Conference.

CIA director William J. Casey, who keynoted the three-day conference, is known among Washington insiders for his reluctance to speak publicly. This was his only Washington speech since October 1985.

Casey's AIPAC appearance was the first time a CIA chief had publicly spelled out intelligence-sharing between the United States and Israel. "We do a lot of training, providing technical services to improve the capabilities of these services, and we collaborate with them in counterterrorism actions," Casey said. TASS, the Soviet news agency, was quick to report these remarks of "the head of the U.S. spy and subversion department".

Casey charged that Saudi Arabia has paid only "lip service" to American concerns about terrorism and the PLO while it continues to finance the organization.

In an unusual public criticism of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev,

the director of central intelligence reported that "a hallmark of his regime is an intensified effort to nail down and cement bridgeheads" to subvert nations in the Middle East as well as in Central America and Africa.

NEXT WEEK: How the PLO uses its offices in the West as "bases from which to commit murder".

7 April 1986

AIPAC 27th Annual Policy Conference Luncheon AIPAC LUNCHEON SPEECH -- COALITION BUILDING (have cassette tape)

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"We can't be responsible for Mr Farrakhan, no more than you can be responsible for Rabbi Kahan.

"Some of us have raised our voices in oppostion to Mr Farrakhan, including myself right here in Washington."

later.

"Before that many Black people believed the Jews in Israel were racist. They only cared about other Jews in Russia.

"But now, they have nothing to say because the people of Ethiopia are even Blacker than ourselves."

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And blacks reply, some of my best friends are Jewish

Texas quote of the week: "I might be a bit presumptuous, but I don't think there is anyone in this room who loves Israel any more than I do." — Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Houston, speaking to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's 27th Annual Policy Conference

□ Speaking trankly... At the predomi-nantly Jewish gathering, Leland — who each year raises money to send several Houston minority high school students to Israel where they live in kibbutzim — was warmly welcomed by the audience.

The black Houston congressman, who has close ties with Jewish organizations, got a rousing standing ovation when he finished his remarks, despite the fact that they included some zingers. Among them:

"We black people have to get even: I must say that some of my best friends are Jewish."

"We (black leaders) can't be respon-sible for Minister Farrakhan any nore than you can be responsible for Rabbi Ka-

□ Personal delivery ... Just in case there is a runoff? Vice President George Bush not only will cast his ballot in the Texas primary in person May 3, but his current calendar also has a Houston stop penciled in for June 7, the date a runoff would be scheduled.

□ Return engagement ... Houstonian David Bates is back in the Reagan admin-istration again, returning this time to be-come a deputy to the chief of staff for Bush. Bates left his job as deputy U.S. treasurer to work in the Washington office of the Houston law firm of Reynolds, Allen and Cook. Before serving in the Treasury Department, he had been a personal aide to Bush.

□ **Triple header** ... So much for the theory that the cheap oil crisis is diminishing the importance of Texas — and Houston in particular — on the national scene. Last Sunday morning, three Houstonians we've guests on the talk show circuit: Gov. Mark White was on NBC's Meet



the Press (on the oil crisis), superlawyer Joe Jamail was on ABC's This Week With David Brinkley (on the liability insurance issue) and Treasury Secretary James Baker was on John McLaughlin: One on One

□ Hard times 1... The American Pe-troleum Institute, a key lobbying arm of the oil industry, recently laid off 35 of its 575-member Washington staft to deal with the austerity efforts brought on by the drop in oil prices. API employees who re-main have no pay raises in sight: Like a number of its client companies, the insti-tute has announced a salary freeze. Also laying off some employees recently was the Independent Petroleum Associa-

□ Hard times II ... Recently Vice Pres-ident Bush sent Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Tex-as, a note that he obviously had typedi himself. In response, Gramm replied, in part, "Dear George, before Gramm-Rud--man, the vice president used to have a secretary."

□ Hard times III ... Asked recently iff the threat of the Lyndon LaRouche candi-dates will drain the Democratic Party's: financial resources, a realistic Jim Wright: replied, "They are going to be drained as: they are every election year. They stay' drained, and it isn't because of La-Rouche."

□ A trl-state candidate ... House Ma-jority Leader Jim Wright, D-Fort Worth, recently had some words about Vice Pre-ident Bush: "I understand he only has two competitors (for the GOP nomination): George Bush of Connecticut and George Bush of Maine."

A touch of honesty ... Wright was

asked about the possible challenges for the House speakership by Rep. Dan Ros-tenkowski, D-III., and Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee. Well, Wright re-plied, either one would make a good speaker. "But, you know," he added, "Td kind of like to be speaker."

□ A touch of class?... Nary a presiden-tial press conference goes by these days without the subject of attire — not the president's, but reporters'. Ever since women reporters started wearing red — Nancy Reagan's favorite color and one that tends to catch Reagan's eye — the president has commented on the Ladies in Red.

Red. Thus his "How can you write with those mittens on?" comment last Wednesday night to a reporter on the front row. In a variation on the red dress technique, Jo-hanna Neuman, the USA Today White House correspondent, had taken to wear-ing red claves It worked taken to wearing red gloves. It worked.

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