

WHY IS IT IRRESPONSIBLE?

It is a conscious acceptance by the United States Government of Israel's armed takeover and occupation of Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. To date, the United States' position has been that the status of Jerusalem must be resolved by negotiation among the nations and the peoples concerned about the sovereignty of Jerusalem. To consciously breach that commitment would send a signal to the Middle East that the United States is no longer committed to a negotiated settlement for Jerusalem.

WHY IS IT AN AFFRONT TO THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY?

Jerusalem is a religious center of great significance to Christians, Muslims and Jews. Moving the U.S. Embassy would deny the wishes of those who have tried to make Jerusalem a city for all religions. Recent violent attacks on Jerusalem's Muslim and Christian holy places emphasize the need for the city to have international status.

WHY IS IT A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS?

In 1948, United Nations' Resolution 181 which the United States and Israel both **accepted**, specifically stated that Jerusalem is a separate entity to be administered by a UN Trusteeship council. Israel's UN Representative, Abba Eban, declared then, "the legal status of Jerusalem is different from the territory in which Israel is sovereign."

WHAT U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE SAID

"A change in the U.S. position on the status of Jerusalem would seriously undermine our ability to play an effective role in the Middle East peace process."

Lawrence Eagleburger
Undersecretary of State for
Political Affairs

"The United States has consistently taken the position that the final status of Jerusalem must be resolved among the parties concerned... For that reason, we have refused to recognize unilateral acts by any party as affecting Jerusalem's status."

George Shultz
Secretary of State

"I do not support the Moynihan bill that would move our primary diplomatic mission in Israel to Jerusalem."

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Senate Majority Leader

"We propose an international presence in Jerusalem which will preserve the peace and integrity of the city, foster the welfare of its inhabitants, and protect the holy shrines with full rights of access to all."

Executive Committee
U.S. National Council of
Churches

"Make the world know that Christianity and Islam are in Jerusalem by right, not by sufferance... Christianity does not—cannot—accept the ethnic domination of, or the political sovereignty of one religion over others."

Archbishop Rev. Joseph T. Ryan
Roman Catholic Church