

MEMORANDUM

April 10, 1972

TO: Senator Humphrey  
FROM: Mark Epstein  
SUBJ: Philadelphia Physicians Division  
American Friends of the Hebrew University  
Tuesday, April 11.

This event is the installation of Bernard J. Ronis, M.D., as President of the Philadelphia Physicians Division.

We feel that you do not need extended prepared remarks for this event, but urge you to include the excerpts on Jerusalem we have provided--especially as Jerusalem is where the Hebrew University--Hadassah Medical Center is located.

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

PHILADELPHIA PHYSICIANS DIVISION  
AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA  
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THE MOST IMMEDIATE CONTRIBUTION THE UNITED STATES  
CAN MAKE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS TO RECOGNIZE A REALITY  
ALMOST A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OLD--THE REALITY OF JERUSALEM  
AS THE CAPITAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED AND CONTINUES  
TO REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO DECIDE WHICH CITY  
IS ITS CAPITAL.

WE WERE WRONG NOT TO RECOGNIZE JERUSALEM AS THE  
CAPITAL OF ISRAEL IN 1948.

WE WERE WRONG NOT TO CRY OUT WHEN JORDANIAN FORCES  
OCCUPIED HALF OF THAT SACRED CITY LATER THAT YEAR.

WE WERE WRONG TO REMAIN SILENT WHEN THE CENTURY-OLD  
JEWISH QUARTER WAS REDUCED TO RUBBLE AND SHRINES OF DEEP  
SIGNIFICANCE TO CHRISTIAN AND JEW ALIKE WERE DESECRATED.

WE COMPOUND THESE WRONGS TODAY BY IGNORING THE  
REUNIFICATION OF JERUSALEM AND THE HUMANE ADMINISTRATION  
OF THAT CITY UNDER ISRAELI RULE.

FROM THE RUBBLE OF ARMED OCCUPATION HAS SPRUNG UP  
A CITY OF PEACE. SHRINES OF ALL RELIGIONS ARE TREATED WITH  
RESPECT. EACH RELIGIOUS GROUP HAS BEEN GRANTED AUTONOMY.  
"JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN" IS ONCE AGAIN A SINGLE THRIVING  
VIBRANT CITY.

LET US WELCOME A UNITED JERUSALEM. THAT HOLY CITY

MUST NOT BE DIVIDED BY WALLS BY BARBED WIRE, BY HATRED.

IT IS AND MUST BE ONE CITY, A SYMBOL OF LOVE AND THE IDEAL  
OF HUMAN BROTHERHOOD.



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