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### *Agonizing Reappraisals*

"U.S.-Israeli Policies: Reading the Signs for '77" by Mark A. Bruzonsky, in *Worldview* (Sept. 1976), 170 E. 64th St., New York, N.Y. 10021.

In the spring of 1975, the United States completed a much-publicized "reassessment" of its Middle East policy that was begun in the days of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Bruzonsky, a Washington writer and consultant on international affairs, asserts that the results of that study are "nicely camouflaged" but nevertheless clear in a Brookings Institution report of December, 1975, entitled "Toward Peace in the Middle East."

The report was prepared by a study group headed by Roger W. Heyns, former chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley, and signed by such influential American Jewish community leaders as Philip Klutznick and Rita Hauser. It proposed: an Israeli pullback to its 1967 borders; Israeli recognition of the principle of Palestinian self-determination; resolution of all outstanding issues (probably at Geneva), including the status of Jerusalem; step-by-step implementation, with multilateral and bilateral (U.S.-Israeli) security guarantees.

It is within this framework that the United States is likely to press for a final settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict in 1977, Bruzonsky says, making diplomatic confrontation between Washington and Tel Aviv almost inevitable. Pressure on Israel was momentarily eased by the Lebanese civil war and the American elections. But Israeli and U.S. goals are now firmly set on a collision course, says Bruzonsky, who predicts that the Jewish state "will sooner or later be forced to alter basic political positions."

Ultra-nationalist factions within the Israeli government are still determined to force a confrontation with Washington over the occupied territories or the status of Jerusalem, in hopes of deterring further movement toward a settlement imposed by Washington, Bruzonsky says. But Israel is militarily and economically more dependent than ever on the United States, and there has been massive erosion of past U.S. support, both in Congress and in the American Jewish community. Israel faces possible diplomatic isolation, and perhaps greater dependence on the nuclear option.