## Carter's Geneva optimism for success forcing

ambassadors met with him. Vance left for the Mid-east Secretary of State Cyrus LESS than a week before They expressed anxiety about delegation of Arab

Begin's visit. attitudes expressed during Israeli in light of statements made and President Carter's Mid-east policy Minister Menachem

bled, and in some cases rather end of the year he told the assem-Geneva conference toward the is, in fact, hoping to reconvene the unaltered. The U.S. government Administration's policy remained offered assurances that the Carter sceptical, ambassadors. As was to be expected, Vance

optimism about Geneva. might explain what many see as progress in the Mid-east. This and will settle for an image of need of a "foreign policy success" Carter Administration feels in beginning to wonder whether the Informed opinion in the U.S. is President's excessive

advance, not the principles to govcedural framework for Geneva in hinted at offering. The plan now is concessions he has not so far even with Israel will force from Begin Arab willingness to make peace process started," hoping that planning for Geneva in a comto seek agreement only on a propletely different way than before. The goal has become to "get the The Carter people are now

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parameters of a possible settleern discussions or the overall

complete reversal from the prior risk of complete stalemate seems at Geneva were thought excessive risks of what could follow failure through quiet diplomacy. The and to legitimise what would be of as a public forum to announce largely agreed upon before hand one in which Geneva was thought by many in the past. But now the This new strategy is nearly a

## Harsh editorial

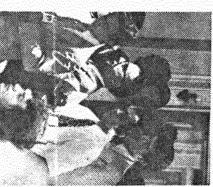
east policy is now being strongly expressed in the U.S. that Midto Mid-east policy domestic polireflects, it is said, Carter's increasdetermining role. tics must play an important if not a ing awareness that when it comes foreign policy expert. And this for Domestic Affairs. Neither is a Eizenstat, Presidential Assistant for political affairs), and Stuart Assistant to the President (mostly influenced by Hamilton Jordan, The opinion is frequently

stated: "There exists an almost known book on Henry Kissinger's Sheehan, who authored the well-"shuttle diplomacy," Mid-east expert Edward R. F. recently

> between American theory and phantasmagoric practice in the Arab-Israeli concontradiction

tions of Israel's American constidomestic politics and the protestais "plagued by the pressures of demolishing his own policy," as he lates, may be "in the process of disaster." Carter, Sheehan specuhad best brace ourselves for a new fears, may only be "theatre and we Carter's "peace plan," Sheehan

**ALTHOUGH** Carter last week



sizes up Menachem Begin at a Assistant to President Carter, HAMILTON Jordan (arrowed), Press Conference in Washington last month

> cism of the Israeli government's appeared to soften Vance's criti-U.S. has been unusually toughsettlements in heavily-populated Arab areas, Press reaction in the legalisation of three West Bank

bility impossible." sive settlement of Jews in disputed added, "if he intends a more masexisting settlements to avoid creatants on his right, 'legalising' some only a minimal and politically territory, he may well make real necessary concession to the militbe that (Begin's) actions represent negotiation or a test of Arab flexiing new ones." "But," the Times its views by asserting that "it may The New York Times balanced

ble," the Post's editors wrote. "It dibility of the Administration's amounts to a frontal assault on the "the aura of sticking a thumb in legalisation of settlements has Mid-east diplomacy on the line," less, provocative and indefensi-Jimmy Carter's eye." "It is recktime for balance is at an end. The tlement ... and puts the whole cre-American effort to arrange a set-The Washington Post felt the

The editors went on to encour-

all hope for a comprehensive ways that could fatally foreclose superficial and misleading sort age Carter to "fight" on this issue week is not merely worthless. It achieved by Mr. Begin here last Begin's visit. "Good feeling of the ming from the cordiality of with the Israelis so they would Arab-Israeli settlement. encourages Israel to proceed in becomes positively perilous if it have no misunderstandings stem-

## Home bombed

exploded in the early morning of A LARGE, sophisticated bomb the Jewish lobby. referred to as the Israeli lobby or Committee (AIPAC), popularly American Israel Public Affairs Amitay, excutive director of the July 26 at the home of Morris J.

children were "very, very lucky" to be alive, according to a police Amitay, his wife and their three

supporters on radical Palestinians or their ing which is being blamed by many tle progress in solving the bomb-The police have as yet made lit-

sination of Col. Yosef Alon, an bombing was never solved. side his home in July 1973. That Israeli air and naval attache, out-The incident recalled the assas-