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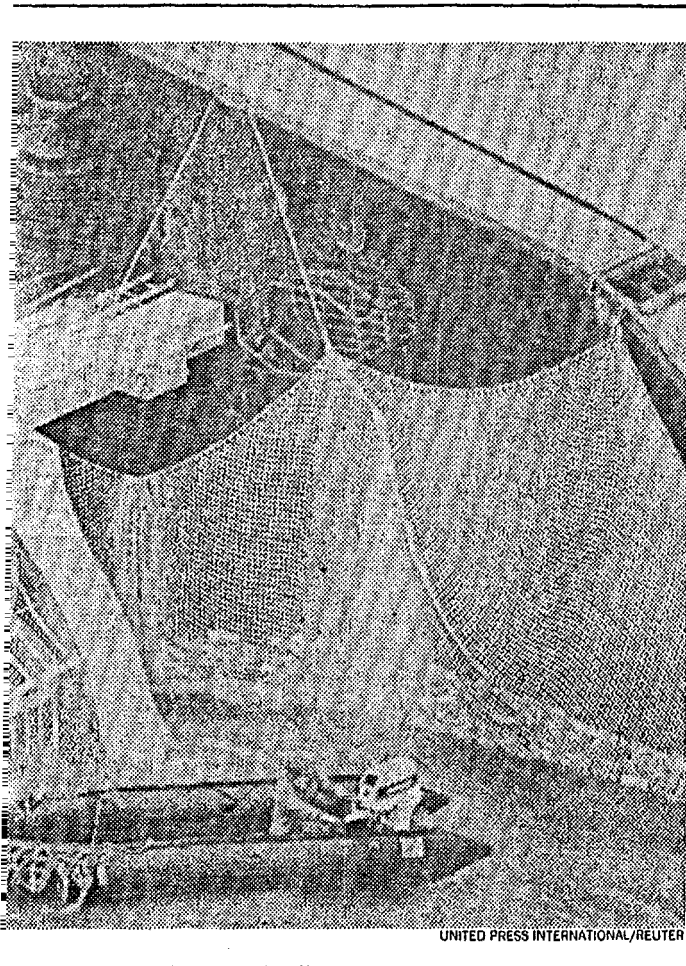
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Shamir Rejects Probe Calls

Israeli Leader Says Pollard Spy Case Is 'Closed' Affair

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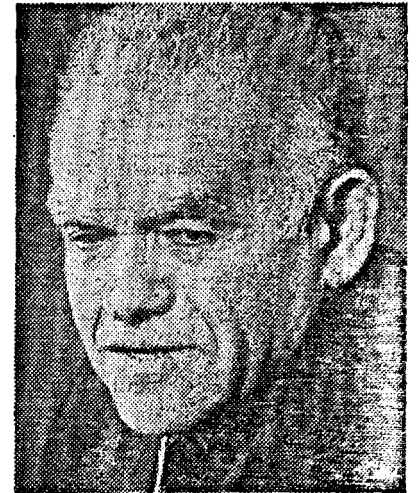
JERUSALEM, March 8—Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in his first public comments on last week's sentencing of former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard for spying for Israel, today rejected calls for a government inquiry into the case.

"For us, this painful affair is closed," Shamir said.

Shamir refused to allow discussion of the matter in the full Cabinet today, instead referring it to the 10-member "inner cabinet" and effectively shutting off debate for the time being on how Israel should cope with what some politicians here contend is the most difficult moment in the history of Israeli-U.S. relations.

"I don't think we need a special committee for investigations because we know all the details" concerning the case, Shamir said after the Cabinet meeting. "We know what happened, and we did everything [to see] that it will not happen again."

Three Cabinet ministers pre-



YITZHAK SHAMIR
... blocks Cabinet debate on Pollard

sented a formal request for a government inquiry, which Shamir and his two most senior coalition partners, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who is also vice prime minister, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, are said to oppose firmly. The inner cabinet is next scheduled to meet on Wednesday.

Officials here had hoped that the Pollard affair had ended last Wednesday when the former U.S. Navy employee was given a life term and his wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, received two concurrent five-year sentences from a federal judge in Washington.

But Israel compounded its embarrassment and prolonged the affair by awarding the command of the country's second-largest air base to Pollard's alleged recruiter and first spy handler, Air Force Col. Aviem Sella—a move disclosed earlier last week. Sella was indicted in Washington last week for his role in the affair.

Official sources said Israel's three
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At Tampa's Core, 'Life Gets Worse'

City Reexamines Progress In Wake of Race Disturbance

By Morris S. Thompson
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TAMPA—This is "the next great city," local boosters say as they point to bustling new hotels and office buildings downtown and sleek new planned communities under swaying palms. But boosters can't hide the fact that some central-city neighborhoods—like those in cities across the country—are getting poorer, blacker



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