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DAYAN: ISRAEL PREPARED TO TRADE TERRITORY FOR PEACE WITH ARAB NEIGHBORS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (JTA)—israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said here last night that his country was prepared to trade terrifory for peace with its Arab neighbors. At the forthcoming Geneva conference Israel must demonsfrate "political wisdom" and be ready to compromise and "to insist only on what is really essential for us, and only that," he told 3000 American Jewish leaders attending the banquet of the 1974 annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal at the New York Hilton Hotel. "On that, we have to insist even if we will have to fight for it." Israel, Dayan said, is "ready to pull back" from "a part of Sinai and other places" in return for a settlement. "We want to give them territories and in return we ask for peace, we ask for an agreement," he said.

But the Defense Minister warned that the situation remains tense on the cease-fire lines, that the Arabs could resume warfare at any time and that Israel must maintain a full alert for as long as necessary even while pursuing a peace settlement in Geneza. He drew prolonged applause when he said that Israel was stronger now than at any time in its history. But he stressed that Israel must maintain its military, political and economic strength against the possibility of a new round of fighting. "We have to-get new arms...and we hope we shall get it here, in America," he said. Dayan declared that one of the most important aspects of the Geneva conference is that Israel is going there to negotiate not only peace "but the permanent, final boundaries for Israel." He said that Israel had nothing to ask from the Arabs as far as territories are concerned.

The Israel Defense Minister-observed that at the present time, the Jewish people as a whole are undergoing one of the most "difficult times in our history" and the question, what will happen to the Jewish people "is very much on our minds," Dayan said. He conceded that there will be pressure on Israel but said "We can take it." He stressed that the Jewish people are united now "and this unity makes us strong."

Dayan arrived Friday in the U.S. on a visit officially on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. He was in Washington today for talks with Secretary of Defense James, Schlesinger to reportedly request more tanks, planes and electronic equipment to make up for losses suffered in the Yom Kippur War. On Friday, Dayan met twice with Secretary of State Henry A, Kissinger, met for 50 minutes with Vice-President Gerald Ford and also conferred with Deputy Defense Secretary William Clements, Dayan's meeting with Ford was the first the latter had in his office adjoining the White House since he was sworn into office Dec. 6. A spokesman for the Vice-President described the meeting as "cordial and friendly." He said Dayan expressed appreciation for America's replacement of military equipment lost by Israel in the Yom Kippur War and that the Vice-President reaffirmed the support for Israel by President Nixon and the American people. (See P. 2 for Dayan interview on CBS-TV.)

REVISED CASUALTY LIST SHOWS 2412 ISRAELIS DIED IN YOM KIPPUR WAR

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9 (JTA)—Israel learned today that it suffered higher casualties than previously announced in the Yom Kippur War. Gen. Herzl Shafir, head of the manpower division at General Headquarters, released a revised casualty list showing 2412 dead—-558 above the 1854 known dead announced a month ago.

The new-casualty list includes soldiers originally presumed missing and now definitely know to be dead; wounded soldiers who succumbed to their wounds since the first casualty list was announced; and 57 soldiers killed on the cease-fire lines since hostilities officially ended in mid-Oct. The latter list was up to date as of yesterday.

Meanwhile, shooting incidents continued on the Egyptian front. Ten Israeli soldiers were wounded yesterday afternoon in an artillery exchange in the Ismailia sector initiated by the Egyptians. Seven of the soldiers reportedly sustained only slight injuries. Other incidents involving small arms fire were reported over the weekend at the 60 kilometer marker on the Suez Canal, east of El Baleh and south of Lake Timsah. There were no Israeli casualties. The Syrian front remained

Israel had originally listed 508 soldiers missing in the Yom Kippur War. That list was reduced today by 293 whose names were added to the list of dead on the basis of eye-witness accounts by fellow soldiers and other evidence. The remaining, 215 on the missing list includes 102

soldiers missing on the Syrian front. Their present status is unknown because Syria has so far refused to submit a prisoner of war list or confirm that it holds any of the men on the missing list which Israel has presented to the International Red Cross.

ISRAEL FILES REPORT ON MURDERS, TORTURE OF POWS IN EGYPT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9 (JTA)--Israel filed a preliminary report today with the International Red Cross on the murder and torture of Israel POWs in Egypt. Foreign Ministry Assistant Director General Mordechai Kidron presented the report to Red Cross representative in Israel, Michel Convers, and asked him to transmit it to Geneva. At the same time, the report was passed onto the Israel UN Mission in New York to be handed to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for distribution.

The report--based on evidence of returning POWs--lists 28 cases of attested muxder of POWs. It also speaks of atrocities and tortures both at the time of capitivity, during transportation to prison, and in prison itself. Foreign Ministry officials said the report--and the 28 figure--is by no means exhaustive and there would be more reports and more attested cases as the evidence was collated from the returned POWs.

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dead, and some-an undetermined number to date--were killed by these indiscriminate bayonet stabs.

DAYAN: GUARANTEES NOT ULTIMATE ANSWER TO PEACE IN THE MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 79 (JTA):—Israel Defense Minister Moshe Dayan told the American people today that guarantees by the United States and the Soviet Union or by the U.S. alone are not the utmate answer to peace in the Middle East.—He also stated that the question of whether or not a United Nations peace-keeping force would be acceptable to Israel would have to be answered "within the general aspect of peace." Dayan made these statements during an interview on CBS-TV "Face the Nation." taped yesterday.

Asked by reporters whether guarantees—foolprof guarantees—were not more important than territories for Israel's defense, Dayan said he did not know what this meant in practical terms. He asked rhetorically whether this meant that the U.S. would send troops to the ages to protect Israel and whether Congress or the American people used reaches to accept the product of the process of the American people used reaches accept the product of the process of the American people used reaches accept the product of the process of the product of the process of the pro

can people were ready to accept such a move. Declaring that there are three elements in maintaining peace in the Mideast-territories, peace agreement and armsments-Dayan said, "iff peace is maintained we don't need guarantees. The question is whether the Arabs will break the peace." He stated that territory is important to Israel because, while it is possible for the enemy to launch missiles and utilize airpower to destroy cities, the conquestrof territory is what determines the future of a nation. "It matters very much where war starts," he said, asserting that if Israel is forced to return to its pre-June 1967 borders "we'll be much worse off than before."

The Defense Minister noted that guarantees by a superpower or even its presence in the area are insufficient to restore normalcy and quiet. He pointed out that despite the presence of a U.S. aircraft carrier near Bab el Mandeb the blockade by Egypt continues and there is no freedom of navigation.

On other sulfiects, Dayan dented pressures on Israël from the U.S., Europe or Japan but said in reference to the U.S., "We won't be dictated to. They won't tell us what to do"; stated that "Israeli forces do not hele verapons" and also said that he does not believe reports that there are Sowlet nuclear weapons in Egypt; contended that the USSR is not now militarily dominant in the Mideast but would be if she sent in troops and the U.S. did not; observed that there is a possibility that fighting might break out again before the Geneva peace talks, but that "this is absolutely up to the decision of the Egyptians."

Dayan also stated that he would recommend to the Israell government that it not sit down with the Syrians at the Geneva peace table until Syria permits Red Cross representatives to visit Israell Pows and submits a list of the Pows to Israel. He also stated that if Palestinians want to participate in the peace talks they should be represented by Jordan.

"THINK TANKS" SET UP TO PREPARE ISRAEL FOR GENEVA PEACE TALKS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9 (JTA) -- Israel is applying its best brains to the task of preparing for the Middle East peace conference scheduled to open in Geneva Dec. 18. Several "think tanks" made up of top civilian and military persons are already in operation with the task of presenting to the government a cogent list of the options open to Israel

on all of the issues likely to arise at the conference. Their data will be the bb. i of Israel's bargathing positions and final positions on each of the issues, to be worked out by the government. The "think tank" participants will not offer recommendations of their own. It was stressed here.

The target date for completion of their task is early Jan. 1974: Israel expects no substantive matters to be taken up at Geneva before then, inasmuch as all'of the parties recognize tacitly that Israel cannot negotiate such matters until after its general elections Dec. 31. The conference opening is expected to be devoted to broad generalities, a possible discussion of procedural arrangements and, possibly, a discussion of the issue of disengagement of forces on the Suez Canal front which Israeland Egypt have failed to resolve in four weeks of meetings at the Kilometer 101 checkpoint.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban indicated over the weekend that he will head the Israelt delegation to Geneva. So far no official invitation has been received by Israel from the U.S. which, with the Soviet Union, is sponsoring the Geneva peace talks. Israeli officials believe the delay reflects continuing difficulties over the precise role to be played at Geneva by the United Nations and Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

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Participants in the "think tanks" include senior officials of the Foreign Ministry and the Prime Minister's Office and top military intelligence ofsciers. Their work is being coordinated by Mordechai Gazit, director general of the Prime Minister's Office who is one of Premier Golda Meir's closest aides. Another key figure is Prof. Yuwal Neeman, president of Tel Aviv University, who has been enlisted as a special assistant to the chief of military intelligence. Prof. Neeman served with distinction in a military intelligence unit in the 1950s. The Israeli "think tanks"—like their American counterparts favored by Secretary of State Henry A, Kissinger—also call in outside experts for specialized opinions on specific problems.

SENATE URGED TO APPROVE \$2.2 B FOR ISRAEL

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9 (JTA)--Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D.Hawaii) received a standing ovation last night when he told a B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League dinner that he would recommend to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee of which he is chairman that Israel. receive the full \$2,2 billion in aid recommended by the Nixon Administration. Inouye spoke to some 600 persons at Ahavoth Achim Synagogue. Georgia-Senator Herman Talmadge received the local ADL's Ahe Goldstein Human Relations Award.

Inouye warned against those who would give into Arab oil blackmail, especially those who also dismissed the Munich murders as a "Jewish problem." "This is our problem." he insisted, "It is an American problem; it is a world problem." He warned: "It may be oil today, and tomorrow it may be tin, copper or bauxite." Two House committees, overwhelmingly approved on Dec. 4 the \$2.2 billion measure.

TEL AVIV (ITA)—Col. Eliezer Segev, the Military Governor of Nablus, was severely injured Saturday when a hand grenade thrown through the window of his car exploded under his seat. An army private in the car was also injured. Segev. was given first aid on the scone and rushed-to-Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem where he was reported to be out of danger following-surgery. The private was slightly injured. Security forces imposed acuriew on the entire town and as of this morning some 150 persons had been taken into custody for questioning. The curfew was lifted Sunday except for the Cashah district.

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ZUCKERMAN SAYS RESPONSE TO UJA CAMPAIGN IS UNPARALLELED

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (JTA)—Paul Zuckerman, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, reported here that the 1974 UJA campaign, initiated shortly after the start of the Yom Kippur War, had already raised more money than had been raised in any prior complete campaign in UJA history, an achievement he said unparalleled in American philanthropy. Zuckerman and his status report at the opening session-Friday of the 1974 UJA national conference to more than 2000 American Jewish leaders.

"The post-Yom Kippur world is a different world, and it requires of us a new kind of human response," he explained. "When we say 'commitment and sacrificial giving,' we must mean them in a most literal sense... for we have a mission, and that is to assure not only the survival of the people of Israel, but to guarantee them and all those who will come in future years a life free from the fear of want. At this time when so much is in doubt, so much in jeopardy, we can only fulfill that mission by meeting the goal of \$750 million for humanitarian needs."

The keynote address was given by Avraham Harman, president of Hebrew University and a former Ambassador of Israel to the United States. "The American Jewish community;" he said, "is part and parcel of the voluntary mobilization of the entire Jewish people. You are determined, as are the people of Israel, that the Jewish people shall have freedom, both as individuals and as a people. Together we shall ensure that freedom, because our will and need to survive is much stronger than the will and the need of our enemies to destroy us."

In his address earlier to the 400 delegates attending the Joint Distribution Committee's 59th annual meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel, Harman said that at least 25 percent of the Jewish people are in countries where they are not allowed to leave for Israel, "Not every Jew wants to leave, but every Jew would like to have the right to leave," he stated. Noting that during October, the month of the Yom Kippur War, almost 5000 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel, Harman said this could not be the result of Zion ist propaganda. "Where is there Zionist propaganda in Moscow?" he asked, "Where is there an office of the World Zionist Organization? Where is there the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Moscow?"

Harman stressed that in fighting for the right of free emigration Jews were fighting not only for themselves but also for all peoples. He said that in defending Israel, Jews were also fighting for diversity throughout the world. "The real essence of Israel is that it is an open door for the Jewish people who need it;" he declared. "That is what we are defending there."

HOLLAND SAYS ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL REMAINS UNCHANGED; STATEMENT ON REVISED POLICY WAS UNAUTHORIZED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9 (JTA).—Foreign Minister Max van der Stoel has relleved Charles Thurkow of his duties as Foreign Office spokesman. Thurkow has held the post for the last three years. In an official communique, the Foreign Minister stated that recent events made it very difficult, if not impossible for Thurkow to continue his duties as spokesman.

Last Tuesday, in a weekly talk with journalists, Thurkow said that the Dutch Mideast policy had changed and now demands Israel's withdraw

al from all the areas it has occupied since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Van der Stoel strongly denied Thurkow's statement upon his return from the Euromarket Ministers' meeting in Brussels.

Earlier a government spokesman said The Netherlands' Mideast policy remained "unchanged." He denied that Holland had revised this policy in favor of pre-1967 borders for Israel. He added that Thurkow did so entirely on his own authority and in the absence of van der Stoel.

CONGRESSWOMAN SAYS U.S. POLICY IN MIDEAST MAY HARM ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (JTA)—Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.NY) charged today that the Nixon-Kissinger "shooting from the hip" diplomacy in the Middle East "might have placed Israel-in a more vulnerable position than before" the Yom Kippur War. Addressing the 9th biennial convention of the Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Rep. Holtzman observed that when the Egyptian Third Army was encircled by Israeli forces, Secretary of State Henry A, Kissinger flew to Moscow to negotiate a cease-fire but failed to bargain for an end to the Arab oil boycott.

"The U.S., by its failure to bargain at that point allowed Israel to become isolated in the whole world with every country an enemy except the U.S.," she said. Rep. Holtzman said she was also disturbed by rumors that the U.S. will try to pressure Israel to,give up defensible borders and part of Jerusalem in exchange for a peace settlement. We must be realistic about American intentions, she gastid, alleging that the Nixon Middle East policy was

based on political expediency.

She said the Administration's \$2.2 billion military aid bill for Israel is expected to be passed next week but observed that the Administration did not push very hard for it as Administration spokesmen were "very unprepared" when they appeared before Congress to discuss the bill. The Congresswoman who represents Brooklyn's 16th District, said that she and other Jewish members of Congress have received "hate mail" in recent weeks. She warned that unless the public is educated to the real causes of the current energy shortage there was danger of an uprising of anti-Semitism in this country.

Rep. Holtzman also assailed the Nixon Administration for its alleged willingness to sacrifice Soviet Jews for the sake of "so-called detente" with the USSR. She referred to the Administration's éfforts to kill the Mills-Vanik legislation in the House. She said that an Administration that would "sell out" Soviet Jews cannot be trusted to maintain the integrity of the State of Israel.

ELIEZER DORI DEAD AT 89

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9 (JTA)—Funeral services were held today in Haifa for Ellezer Dorl, who won the title of "Father of Aliya" after his 50 years of work for immigration and immigrants. He died irriday night at the age of 89. Mr. Dori came to Israel in 1994 from Odessa. He escaped from Russia after injuring a rioter who attacked him during a progrom in the Odessa Polytechnicum. Myhen the Jewish Agency was established after World War I, Mr. Dori was made head of its Haifa office. Haifa was then the main port of entry for immigrants.

When the State was declared, Mr. Doft was made the overall head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, a post he left on his retirement 20 years ago. He was an active Hagana member and an active member of Mosad Aliya Bet, the group that helped the "illegal" immigration of Jews during the Mandatexperiod.

ISRAEL ASSAILS UN ASSEMBLY FOR DELAYING ACTION ON TERRORISM

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 9 (3TA),-Israel-sharply criticized a decision of the United Nations General Assembly Friday to postpone until next year its debate on terrorism. The postponement was accepted by the United States. A year ago Secretary of State William P. Rogersurged here forceful measures and proposed a treaty text on the problem. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim had proposed that the UN act to combat terrorism after Palestinian terrorists killed Il Israelis at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

The formal reason for the delay was that there was insufficient time for debate by the Assembly's Sixth (legal) Committee before the session is to end Dec. 18 but sources said there was no houe for progress this year.

Israeli Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne said that the Israeli delegation felt the decision indicated "the helplessness" of the UN and "the utter lack of will" which, he said, the UN had demonstrated by not taking "any worthwhile and effective steps to combat the evil of international terrorism." He said there was no justification for the Sixth Committee and the General Assembly "to have lent themselves to the burial of this agenda item after a session which looks very much like a fillbuster."

Yaakov Morris, Israeli delegation spokesman called the postponement "an additional blatant example of the parliamentary bias and composition of the United Nations as a whole," which, he said, was "manifest in all matters related to the Middle East conflict—no single issue affecting Israel can be discussed today in the world organization in an equitable, fair or objective manner. Items such as terrorism—an obvious weapon of terror warfare by the Arabs—in violation of all civilized conventions, is not discussable for the same reasons."

Only four delegates—from Bolivia, Portugal, Uruguay and West Germany—expressed regret that action on terrorism was shelved. Japan approved of the postponement, the Soviet Union proposed the terrorism item be erased from the UN agenda, and the British and others contended that there was no point to a debate on the issue since no progress could be made.

Historic Meeting Held CEAUSESCU TELLS JEWISH LEADERS RUMANIAN JEWS FREE TO EMIGRATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (JTA)--President Nicolae Ceausescu of Rumania told a Jewish delegation here Friday that although Jews who wish to emigrafie would continue to have their applications for exit visas granted, he hoped the 50,000 to 60,000 Jews still in Rumania would elect to stay and participate in the building of a strong social and economic system. The 40-minute interview, believed to be the first of its kind between American Jewish leaders and the head of a Communist European country on a visit to the United States, was marked by cordiality and frankness, according to the delegation.

The visit to the President was arranged by the New York office of the World Jewish Congress. The Jewish community of Rumania is an affiliate of the WJC. The delegation consisted of Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Rabbi Joseph Karasick, Max Melamed and Jacob Stein.

Ceausescu emphasized that Rumania's treatment of its Jewish community, which the delegation praised, was in accordance with its constitution and its policy toward all religious minorities. Expressing regret that some Senators had linked his country's reque for most favored mation status to its immigratio policies, he commented that the presence in Israel of some 400,000 Rumanian Jews testified to the freedom of emigration extended to "Rumanian citizens of Jewish origin."

Ceausescu presented a lengthy analysis of the Middle East situation and referred to his discussions with Premier. Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Stressing that Rumania's friendship toward Israel entitled it to speak candidly, he expressed the view that Israel could not continue to exist in virtually total isolation and with the hostility of the 100 million Arab people. He said Israel had missed some valuable opportunities in the past and must not now fail to take advantage of what he considered a unique opportunity to achieve peace.

Members of the delegation questioned some of the assumptions underlying the President's analysis of Israel's past diplomacy but both sides agreed that the focus should be on the present and the future, especially the upcoming peace conference in Geneva. Ceausescu several times asked that American Jewish leaders assist Rumania's efforts to expand its trade with the United States.

SAUDI ARABIA WILL NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (JTA)--Saudi Arabia will not recognize Israel even if it concludes a peace settlement with its neighbors and withdraws to the pre-June, 1967 borders, Sheikh Ahmed Yamani, the Saudian Minister of Petroleum said on the CBS "Face the Nation" television program today.

Yamani, replying to reporters' questions, drew a distinction between Israel's immediate neighbors and other Ayab countries. He said that if Israel withdraws from all of the Arab territories, including East Jerusalem, under the terms of Resolution 242, "what matters is that the countries that surround Israel" recognize it and its borders. For those far away, it is not important, he said, adding, it is "not important or significant for all Arab countries to recognize and live in peace with them" (the Israelis),

The Saudian minister named Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria as. Israel's immediate nelghbors which would be required to recognize it under a peace settlement. In reply to a question he acknowledged that only a few miles separate Saudian from Israeli soil but observed that the two countries had no common border.) He insisted that Israel return East Jerusalem to Arab rule but was vague as to which Arabs should rule it. If there is a Palestinian state it should have Jerusalem, if not it should belong to Jordan, Yamani said when pressed by reporters.

He said that the Arab oil ministers meeting yesterday in Kuwait had decided to lift the oil embargo if Israel accepts withdrawal from all of the Arab territories and the United States guarantees Israel's acceptance. He said that represented a concession from the earlier position of the oil ministers that Israel must actually withdraw before the embargo is eased. Yamani said that once there was a guaranteed acceptance by Israel of total withdrawal, his country would eventually produce oil at the rate of 20 million bagrels a day which is higher than the levels of last Sept. But he said that in the future the oil producing countries—Arab and others—would determine the price of oil.

BERN (JTA)--This city has deoided to contribute 600,000 Francs to Israeli children who were victims of the recent war. The donation, offered by the Bern Parliament, is the maximum sum it is authorized to give in its own capacity.