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DAYAN'S DISENGAGEMENT VIEWS TO BE SUBMITTED TO CAIRO, MOSCOW FOR REACTIONS
General Scheme Of Igraell Withdrawal, Egyptian Response Outlined

By David Landau, JTA Jerusalem Bureau Chief

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6 (JTA).—The Cabinet heard today from Defense Minister Moshe Dayan a report of his talks with U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger: Sources said no decisions were taken and they expected another meeting of the Cabinet later this week. (See separate story on Dayan-Kissinger talks.) The sources said Dayan's report was mostly informative and was the subject of some questions and discussion. Premier Golda Meir was ill with a virus cold and her place as chairman was taken by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon. Observers said no decisions would be taken till Mrs. Meir returned to her post. Some sources said the idea now is for Kissinger and perhaps U.S. diplomats in Cairo to seek from the Egyptians their reaction to the general ideas on disengagement which Dayan outlined to the Secretary. The U.S. will also transmit Dayan's views to the Kremlin. Only when the Egyptian reaction is known will the Israel Cabinet draft concrete and detailed formulations of these general ideas, the sources said.

Without going into precise detail, many sources here are pointing to a general scheme involving an Israeli pullback to the Mitle and Gidi Passes. UNEF would take up a wide strip between the Israelis and the remaining Egyptian forces on the canal's east bank, while Egyptian forces would, of course, replace the withdrawing Israelis on the west bank. The size and power of the Egyptian forces on the east bank remains a crucial issue for negotiation. Israel sees a substantial thinning out as a vital quid pro quo in return for its own withdrawal. There has to date been no Egyptian agreement to this. The period of implementation of the actual disengagement is another issue for discussion. While theoretically it could be done within a few days, Israel envisages it as an orderly process taking some weeks and ending with a redeployment in well-prepared positions at the passes flust west of the passes in fact).

Another issue is the reopening of the canal and revival of commercial and civilian life in the bankside towns. If these two moves were carried out by Egypt--over a period of time of course--Israel would see in them an earnest sign of Egypt's good will in relinquishing the war option and heading for a peaceful settlement. For this reason Israel envisages a period of months or even a year or more during which the disengagement agreement would be in force, and the canal towns and waterway resuscitated. This period, too, will be a subject of negotiation. Officials here realize that a thinning out agreement could easily be broken if Catro so desired, just as in 1970 the stand-still was flagrantly violated by Nasser.

But they say that from a defense viewpoint it is a reasonable risk. With a wide demilitarized belt patrolled by UNEF there is no fear of sudden attack, and Egyptian violations would be met by Israeli mobilization and adoption of a firm defensive posture at the passes. The violations would, however, heighten Israel's fears and suspicions of Egypt's intentions and make Israel much less pliable when the overall settlement came to be discussed, the officials pointed out. Thus, according to the scenario, the disengagement agreement would be a sort of probation period of testing the parties' sincerity and intent—just as the very similar partial settlement idea of 1971 was supposed to be. If it works, progress could then be made towards the overall peace treaty. If it fails, both sides would be wiser but not too much worse off on the ground. For Israel, after all, disengagement and redeployment inside Sinat would alleviate the problems which extended front lines and extended supply lines are inevitably causing the aimy and the economy.

PARTY SEATS FOR THE 8TH KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- According to the final election results, seats for the Eighth Knesset shape up as follows: Labor Alignment Likud 39 National Religious Party 10 Independent Liberal Party Rakah Communists Aguda-Poalei Aguda Labor-Affiliated Arab List Civil Rights List (Shulamit Aloni) Moked 120 Total

A NUMBER OF SURPRISE DEVELOPMENTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6 (JTA) -- With the counting of the army ballots virtually completed, Israel's final election results disclosed today gave Premier Golda Meir's Labor Alignment 51 seats in the next Knesset against 39 for the opposition Likud, The soldier voters gave a 42 percent majority to Likud, ensuring its 39th seat which had been in doubt. The soldiers also reduced the National Religious Party's mandate from II to 10 seats, a loss of two of its 12 seats in the previous Knesset. But the big surprise was the extra seat the army vote gave Mrs. Shulamit Aloni's Civil Rights list on the ballot for the first time.

Mrs. Aloni, who broke away from the Labor Party last year to stand for election on her own will have three seats in the next Knesset, an impressive showing considering that most other spilnter factions running for election for the first time failed to accumulate sufficient votes for the one percent required for a single Knesset seat. Labor's showing in the army, while less than Likud's, was good enough to retain its 5lst seat which had been in doubt according to the earlier returns the seat of the seat of

The NRP, its numbers slightly whittled down/ was no longer in quite the advantageous bargaining position with Labor that had been indicated by the earlier returns. A further weakening of its position was indicated as Labor made overtures to the Aguda-Poalei Aguda bloc to join a coalition government. But in view of Labor's loss of six seats from the previous Knesset, it was considered highly unlikely that Mrs. Meir's party would try to form a coalition without the NRP-aithough it might threaten to do so in the. course of bargaining.

Urge Speedy Formation Of New Government

Meanwhile, a prominent Labor Party-figure, Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili, urged the speedy formation of a new government. Speaking on a television interview yesterday, Galili said speed was important because of the military-political situation and because the country needed a democratically elected government rather than a transitional care-taker government in the crucial Geneva talks. But Galili said he thought the old government still had authority to reach an agreement with Egypt on disengarement.

Galili, identified with the hawkish wing of the Labor Party, said he was opposed to a mational unity government including Likud because Likud opposed the principle of territorial concessions. He said efforts to achieve a peace settlement should include a readiness for territorial compromise, though he warned, "We must be prepared for an Arab refugal to sign a peace agreement based on defensible borders, in which case we shall have to be ready for more political and military struggles."

Likud Gets Religious Settlers' Vote

As a footnote to the national elections, it was learned today that the religious settlers of Hebran and Ramat Magshimim on the Golan Heights voted heavily for Likud last Monday instead of the NRP which had considered them "in its pocket." The Hebron settlers gave Likud an soverwhelming 70 percent of their ballots; on the Golan Heights the Likud vote was somewhat less but still substantial and unexpected. The setters in both places called on the NRP leadership last night not to back down on their preelection pledge to demand an emergency national coalition government including Likud.

In the municipal elections, Likud control of Tel Aviv became official Friday when the party signed an agreement forming a coalition with the Independent Liberals. The new combination will have 16 seats in the 31-member city council against 11 for Labor. The local Likud-leader, Res. Gen. Shlomo Lahat, will be Mayor of Israel's largest city, replacing Laborite incumbent Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

In Jerusalem, Mayor Teddy Kollek threatened to resign today unless his Labor Party colleagues approve his attempts to form a wall-to-wall coalition of all parties. A showdown is expected when the party leadership meets tomorrow. Labor lost two seats in last Monday's voting, down to 14 from 16. Köllek has been meeting with Likud leaders and an agreement seems likely. He has already signed an accord with the small Aguda factions and the NRP is expected to join an all-embracing coalition afthough Labor has strongly rejected its demand for the education portfolio in the city administration.

ABOUT HALF OF THE RESERVISTS CALLED UP DURING WAR HAVE BEEN RELEASED New Call-Ups For Those Who Did Not Serve

TEL AVIV; Jan. 6 (JTA).—The Israeli Army's manpower chief disclosed today that about half of the reservists called to active duty when the Yom Kippur War broke out have been released but new call-ups will be made for those who did not serve, including possibly Israelis living abroad.

Gen. Herzl. Shefir, head of the manpower division at General Headquarters, said on a radio interview that the discharge of reservists was intended to ease personal burdens and economic dislocations, resulting from wartime manpower shortages. He stressed, however, that the situation still called for a high state of mobilization, He said the service of new conscripts would be prolonged and that the call-up dates of youths of draft age would be advanced though care would be taken not to interfere with the examinations and

graduations of those attending school.

alt was reported today that about 1400 reserve
soldiers have been released from active duty to
fill key posts in industry. Some 15,000 requests
for discharge have been filed with the manpower
committee, it was reported.

Shafir praised Israelis living abroad who returned voluntarily to serve in the armed forces when the war broke out. He said a special survey would be made to determine whether to call back others who did not return home. He said efforts were being made to locate Israelis abroad with whom contact had been lost. Gen. Shafir also announced that a full list of Yom-Kippur War dead would be published within six weeks.

DAYAN: MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ISRAEL, U.S. ON TROOP DISENGAGEMENT

TEL AVIV; Jan. 6 (JTA)--Defense Minister Möshe Dayan returned from Washington today where he said a mutual understanding had been achieved between the United States and Israel concerning the approach to the issue of separation of forces between Israel and Egypt along the Suez Capal. Dayan told reporters at Ben Gurion (Lod) Airport, however, that there was no way of knowing to what extent the mutual understanding with the U.S. would further the necessary mutual understanding with Egypt.

Dayan met for a total of seven hours with Secretary of State Henry A, Kissinger in Washington Friday and Saturday. He also met with Defense Secretary James R, Schlesinger. He said he would report to Premier Golda Meir and the Cabinet on his mission and expected the Cabinet to make decisions on the basis of his report. It is believed that a disengagement proposal will be presented by Israel this week at Geneva.

The Israeli-Egyptian negotiating team met, for more than an hour yesterday in Geneva and will resume the disengagement talks tomorrow. Sources close to the Israeli delegation described the discussions as "down to earth" and said the talks were proceeding nicely. No substantive decisions were taken, however. Informed sources here said that Maj, Gen. Mordechal Gur, head of the Israeli negotiating team in Geneva, was returning to Jerusalem today for consultations.

Dayan and Kissinger met with reporters yesterday after emerging from a four-hour meeting at the State Department in Washington, apparently satisfied with the outcome of their discussions. They disclosed that concrete Israeli proposals for disengagement would the forthcoming in the very near future. Both referred to the Israeli Cabinet meeting scheduled for today to hear Dayan's report.

Dayan told the Washington newsmen that he was 'personally very happy' over his meleting with Kissinger. He cautioned, however, that 'everybody should realize that after such a long time of hostilities between the Egyptians and us that it is 'very difficult to make even the first step for an agreement. I hope we are now in a position to make

such a step at Geneva."

When Kissinger was asked whether the U.S. and Israeli positions were in agreement, he replied, "The two positions have approached each other very substantially," He told newsmen later that his talks with Dayan centered on "tactics and nuances." He observed that there are no. "significant differences" between the U.S.:

The tenor of the remarks by Kissinger and Dayan indicated that they had discussed primar lity the issue of disengagement during their meetings. However, since they had closeted themselves for 90 minutes Saturday morning without any aides present, it was speculated that something more than disengagement had been discussed.

GHORBAL: ARAB MOVES DEPEND ON DISENGAGEMENT OF MILITARY FORCES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (JTA)—The Egyptian government insists that Syria's participation in the Geneva conference and Egypt's resumption of formal diplomatic relations with the United States depend on fulfillment of the hopes for disengagement of the military forces along the Suez Canal as asserted yesterday by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger following his two days of talks with Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. This was plaffally indicated today by the Egyptian Ambassador-designate to the United States, Dr. Ashraf Ghorbal, on the CBS program. "Face the Nation." with reporters Marvin Kalb, George Herman and Joseph Kraft.

Dr. Ghorbal and Hermann Eilts were designated as the Egyptian and American ambassadors with much fanfare in Washington two months ago but neither has yet been formally accredited. The U.S. is eager to resume full diplomatic relations but President Anwar Sadat indicated when the ambassadorial announcement was made that U.S. pressure on Israel to withdraw at least to some extent from Sinai was the price for such recognition.

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Syria will enter the Geneva talks when Israel fulfills the six-part cease-fire agreement of last October, Dr. Ghorbal said. This, he implied, includes the separation of the forces on the canal. He insisted several times that the Palestinians must participate in the Geneva conference or else the clock will be furned back 25 years. He did not specify which elements among the Palestinians should participate.

In semi-private discussions here, Dr. Ghorbal is known to have said that the Arab governments will meet in Cairo at the end of this month to decide which Palestinians will partic-

ipate in Geneva.

Dr. Ghorbal refused to discuss "specifics" of what Israel must do towards a full peace situation in the Middle East. However, he said that disengagement along the Suez cannot mean establishment of another cease-fire line and the "freezing" of the political situation. By implication he indicated Israel must withdraw completely from all territories that it diduojoccupy prior to June 5, 1967. He said that Egypt was waiting for the Kissinger "hopes to be translated into reality."

The lifting of the Arab oil embargo, Dr. Ghorbal indicated, would not necessarily wait for Israel's full withdrawal to the pre-Six-Day War boundaries, saying that this "implication could be stretching it a little." But he indicated that more than disengagement on the Suez would bring the embargo's end.

Pressed on whether Egypt would exchange,

ambassadors with Israel, Dr. Ghorbal said "that was a psychological matter." He did say that "We are dealing with the sovereign state of Israel," but he observed that Israel is under "obligation" to deal with the "Palestinians" right to return or compensation." He evaded a direct question on establishment of a Palestinian state, saying the Palestinians are "masters of their destiny." (By Joseph Polakoff)

UNPRECEDENTED ALERT AT HEATHROW

LONDON, Jan. 6 (JTA)—Tanks, armored cars and more than 200 troops surrounded Heathrow Airport yesterday and continued today in an unprecedented alert prompted by reports that Arab terrorists planned to shoot down an airliner with portable Soviet-made ground-to-air missiles. The cordon was partially lifted at nightfall when air traffic is thin but was restored at dawn today. A senior police officer told reporters that the decision to surround the airport with troops was authorized by Home Secretary Robert Carr acting at the request of police.

Particular attention was being paid to the approaches and take-off points where terrorists would have the best chance of hitting low-flying alteraft. Roadblocks were set up near the airport and all passing cars were searched. A Scotland Yard statement described the alert "a joint police-military exercise" which was "part of the contingencies which have been planned to deal with emergencies." It was anticipated that the alert

would last several days.

The alert, unprecedented in peace-time Britain, been linked to reports that Soviet-made SAM-7 missiles were smuggled into Belgium in the luggage of Libyan diplomats. The missiles were said to be somewhere "on the loose" in Europe. But there was no indication of the nature or source of the warning received by Scotland Yard.

The Heathrow emergency coincided with the arraignment at a magistrate's court here yesterday of three persons suspected of an arms smuggling attempt on behalf of Arab terrorists. They are Allison Thompson, 18, of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Abdelkebir el-Hakkaoui, 25, a Moroccan; and Ather Naseem, 21, a Pakistani. Their hearing was continued until Jan, 14. All are being held without bail, No connection is known to have been established so far between their alleged activities and the shooting Dec. 30 of J. Edward Sieff.

BOUSHICKI MURDER TRIAL OPENS

OSLO, Jan. 6 (JTA)—Six Jews go on trial for murder here tomorrow in a case likely to reveal details on the Arab-Israeli underground war. The six have all been charged in connection with the slaying last year of a Moroccan citizen Ahmed Boushicki in the resort town of Lillehammer, 100 miles north of here. According to formal charges, the six detainees, all arrested within days of the slaying, "were members of a group numbering about 15 persons, responsible for the July 21 shooting of Ahmed Boushicki."

The six detainees all face charges of conspiracy to commit murder, and espionage. All face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. The trial is expected to last several weeks. Two of the six are Michael Dorf, 26 and Zwi Steinberg, 29, both Israeli citizens. Their arrest in the Oslo apartment of Israeli sacurity attache, Yigal Eyal, led to a diplomatic episode culminating fix Eyal's expulsion. The other four suspects are Dan Aerbel, 35, Sylvia Rafael, 36, Abraham Gehmer, 36, and Marianne Gladnikoff, 30. Aerbel is Danish, while the actual nationality of the other three has not yet been determined. All are of Jewish extraction.

SOVIET JEWS LOOK TO U.S. AS HOPE FOR END TO EMIGRATION BIAS

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (JTA).—City Council President, Paul O'Dwyer, and Manhattan Borough President, Percy Sutton, said Friday that Jews in the Soviet Union, faced with a marked upsurge in anti-Semitism, look to the United States as their principal hope for an end to emigration barriers. At the same time, O'Dwyer and Sutton declared that the Russians are 'down right paranoic' on the subject of Israel, and are conducting a relentless propaganda campaign that blames Israel for the October war in the Middle East.

The two, who visited the USSR last month, made their observations at a news conference in the former's office at City Hall, where they were joined by Stanley H. Lowell, chairman, and other officials of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Lowell commended the two public officials for their deep and abiding interest in the well being of Soviet Jews and others denyived of their human rights.

In a report on their trip, which has been submitted to the Conference, O'Dwyer and Sutton made the following observations: The Soviet Union is a major source of propaganda in the United States which condemns Zionism and blames the October war on Israel; the list of publications in the USSR that are devoted mainly to an anti-Semitic theme has increased by 25 percent in the last few years; and the Soviet press is trying to "camouflage" the recent "Jackson Amendment" action taken by the House of Representatives to bar favored nation treatment to the USSR until all barriers are lifted and free emigration is permitted of Jews to Israel.

Despite this camouflaging action by the Soviet press, the Soviet Jewish population is aware of the firm stand of the United States on this issue and expressed to O'Dwyer and Sutton the hope that the U.S. Senate would soon follow the lead of the House of Representatives in enacting the so-called Jackson Amendment, the city officials said.

O'Dwyer and Sutton commented that "Soviet Jews awaiting visas to depart the Soviet Union for Israel have placed their hopes on what the people of the United States can do for them in this and other ways. The Soviet Jews have little faith in their own ability to effectively help them selves from inside Russia. While they are very courageous and a source of pride to us they are also realistic."

CONSULATE TO EXPAND INFORMATION SERVICE IN RESPONSE TO MIDEAST GENEVA CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS

NEW YORK Jan. 6 (JTA)—The Israeli Consultate is launching a major expansion of its public relations and information efforts in the United States in response to recent developments in the Middle East and the Geneva peace conference, Israel Consul General David Rivlin said here. Speaking at a press conference Friday, Rivlin said the expanded program includes arranging a series of lectures and meetings for Israeli professors who will visit the United States to present to the American public the "israeli side" of the conflict. He said about 10 such scholars will arrive here each, month for that program.

Rivlin also reported that the Ablic relations department of the Consulate in New York had been strengthened recently by the a rival of two

former Israeli ambassadors.—Hanan Inor who was Israel's envoy to Ethlopia, and Amos Ginor, former eñvoy to Liberia. Rivilin said six more high-ranking diplomats whose services became available after African states ended diplomatic ties with Israel will join the new campaign at the Consulate here soon. He said Ginor and Inor will be seeking to strengthen ties with Jewish communities in the New York area.

He reported that the Consulate's speakers bureau has been very active since the Yom Kippur War. He said that, on an average, the bureau provides speakers for more than 120 talks throughout the United States and for 400 lectures on college campuses each month. Rivlin also disclosed formation of an umbrella organization of Jewish organizations in New York Liv and the vicinity, the Metropolitan New York Jewish Ad Hoc Action Committee for Israel.

Asserting that 19 out of every 20 letters to American newspapers are pro-Israel, Rivlin said that there was still much that needed to be done to improve Israel's image in this country. He contended that more than half of the estimated 500,000 Jewish college students in this country "do not care about Israel at all." He said there was a lack of resources and manpower to reach those students.

He also said he had recently presented to Foreign Minister Abba Eban a plan for a special conference in New York, with the participation of the Foreign Ministry and the Jewish Agency, devoted to Israel and American Jewry to "view and examine new approaches, procedures and ways" to bring American Jews from all walks of life closer to Israel.

Rivlin said another goal was to involve the large Israeli community in New York City, which he estimated at between 70,000 and 90,000. He said if those Israelis could be organized, they could contribute very positively to Israel's cause. So far, he said, a group named Americans For Israel and a newly-formed group of resident Israelis here, Neta Israel (Tree of Israel), had started to work with the Consulate

HARRY MYER, JOURNALIST, DEAD AT 72

LONDON, Jan. 6 (JTA)—Harry Myer, London journalist and public figure, died in Majorca on Dec. 28 at the age of 72. He was born in Yassi, Rumania, and brought to London by his parents as an infant. He was educated at the London School of Economics, after which he joined his father, Morris Myer, founder and editor of the London Yiddish daifly, "The Jewish Times," as production manager. On his father's death in 1944 he took over the editorship and edited the last London Yiddish daifly until it closed down for lack of readers in 1951. Mr. Myer was a former vice-president of the Zioniat Federation, yice-chairman of the British section of the World Jewish Congress and vice-chairman of the Poale Zion. He will be buried in Israel.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 6 (JTA).—Foreign Minister Emilio Rabasa told the press here Friday that this Mexican government supports the Security Council Resolution 242 on Israeli evacuation of occupied territories but also supports Israel's right to secure recognized boundaries and to live in peace with full sovereignty. Rabasa made his statement after a talk here with UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. Waldheim told the press conference that the Middle East situation was very difficult and that a possible solution would, take much time.