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## RABIN OFFERS PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH JORDAN WHICH INCLUDES RETURN OF SOME WEST BANK TERRITORY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Yitzhak Rabin, a candidate for a ministerial post in the next Cabinet, presented his own plan for a peace settlement with Jordan here last night which called for the return of inhabited areas of the West Bank to Jordanian sovereignty but with an Israeli military presence overlooking a Jordanian civil administration in those areas for a 15-20 year interim. According to Rabin's plan, there will be no return to the pre-June, 1967 borders and Israel will retain sovereignty over some parts of the Judea-Samaria regions and all of the Gaza Strip.

Rabin, who unveiled his plan to journalists at Beth Sokolow, the gathering place for newsmen, asserted that an interim period of two or three decades would have to pass before a political settlement between Israel and its neighbors became a real peace. The former Israeli Ambassador to the United States who was elected to the Knesset on the Labor Alignment ticket, said Jerusalem would remain united under Israeli sovereignty but with special arrangements for religious interests.

### Palestinian Refugees' Resettlement Included

Rabin said his plan would allow for the resettlement of Palestinian refugees, including those in the Gaza Strip, mainly in east Jordan but also on the West Bank. He estimated it would take 15-20 years to complete the refugee resettlement, a period coinciding with the continued Israeli military presence in Jordan administered areas.

He offered no plan for a settlement with Egypt. He noted the major problems in effecting a separation of forces, now under discussion between Israeli and Egyptian military negotiators in Geneva, were the depth of an Israeli pull-back from the Suez Canal and the nature of Egyptian forces that will remain on the east bank of the waterway.

Rabin said the nature of the buffer zone separating the two forces was a secondary problem, but said he doubted Egypt's willingness to accept the principle of non-belligerency even after disengagement is achieved. He claimed that Cairo's aim is not to allow the creation of a new status quo and not to give up its bridgehead on the east bank of the canal.

### WAITING FOR WORD FROM EGYPT ON DAYAN'S DISENGAGEMENT PLAN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Well-placed sources here said today that Israel was awaiting word from Washington on Egypt's reaction to the ideas on separation of forces which Defense Minister Moshe Dayan put to U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in their weekend talks in Washington. (See Monday's News Bulletin, P. 1) Thus far no word has been received, but the sources say they are not surprised since the Egyptians, and probably the Russians, too, would want to carefully consider the ideas. The Egyptian reaction is due to come through Kissinger--and if it is favorable the

Cabinet will then make detailed concrete proposals based on Dayan's ideas.

There were reports here yesterday and again today that Kissinger would make another sweep through the Mideast within the next 10 days--regardless of State Department spokesman George Vest's denial yesterday. Officials here note that such a trip had been mooted but nothing definite or even half-definite had been arranged. A source close to Dayan said no mention of such a trip had been made during the talks over the weekend in Washington. This source asserted that no progress was likely at the continuing military talks at Geneva until an Egyptian reaction was forthcoming to the Dayan ideas as transmitted by Kissinger.

### DISCLOSE EGYPT, JORDAN THWARTED PLAN TO AID PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 8 (JTA)--A former Common Market official has revealed that Egypt and Jordan purposely opposed Europe's bid to help solve the Palestinian refugee problem.

Speaking on a Labor broadcasting organization radio program, Sicco Mansholt implied that Egypt and Jordan's refusal of Europe's offer of rehabilitation aid to the Palestinians was a political maneuver to keep the Palestinian problem alive. Mansholt, until recently the Dutch vice-chairman of the Common Market's "European Committee," said this knowledge had long been kept a secret behind Common Market walls.

He said the European committee had proposed giving large scale aid in the form of food and training to help integrate the Palestinians, but Egypt and Jordan turned it down. As for the oil issue, Mansholt called "repulsive" the attempts of many European governments to "obtain a few thousand tons of oil from the Arabs by bowing to their demands."

### THROUGH A VEIL, DARKLY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Some Arab women may have used their veils to hide more than their faces during last week's election. They may have used their veils to engage in a little voting chicanery, according to Justice Haim Cohn, chairman of the Elections Committee. Cohn disclosed that he has ordered a police investigation into complaints that some Arab women hiding behind their veils voted more than once. There was some suspicion, he noted, that some Moslem women whose identity cards do not have their photographs because of religious objections, may have gone to desert polling booths several times using the voting cards of their friends. The identity of the veiled women could not be checked at the polling booths.

### SNAG IN EFFORTS TO CREATE A LABOR-LED GOVERNMENT COALITION ILP Balks At Demands Of Religious Bloc

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Attempts to create a new Labor-led coalition government ran into a snag today when the Independent Liberal Party balked at joining any government that would surrender to demands by the Religious bloc. ILP leader Moshe Kol said at a press conference here that his party was unalterably opposed to any

change in the status quo which defines the extent of the Orthodox religious establishment's control of national life. He said the ILP would join a coalition only if it was guaranteed freedom of vote in questions of conscience including religious matters and women's rights according to religious law.

The ILP stand coincides with that of Mrs. Shulamit Aloni's Civil Rights list which won three Knesset seats in the election. The ILP retained its four seats and is negotiating with Mrs. Aloni to form a bloc of their two factions. Premier Golda Meir's Labor Alignment, which came out of the election with 51 seats as against 56 in the last Knesset, is seeking to form a coalition of the ILP, the National Religious Party and possibly the Aguda bloc. That would give Labor a very comfortable working majority of up to 70 Knesset seats.

The religious parties are expected to demand increased religious control and some key Cabinet portfolios as their price for joining a Labor-led coalition. The NRP is also being pressured by internal elements to demand the establishment of a national coalition government embracing the opposition Likud, something Labor refuses to consider.

#### Likud Warns Against Geneva Agreements

Likud, bolstered by its gain of seven seats in the election for a total of 39, warned today that the present government, as a care-taker regime, has no right to make any decisions affecting the future of Israel and the national security. That statement, issued by the Likud Executive at its first post-election meeting, served notice on Premier Meir that she cannot enter into any basic agreements at the Geneva conference before a new government is established.

When that will be is hard to say considering the obstacles Labor must overcome before putting together a new coalition. But the government is presently involved in disengagement talks with Egypt and certain proposals are currently before Mrs. Meir's care-taker Cabinet which may have to make decisions before a new government is established. The eighth Knesset will be sworn in Jan. 21 and it is difficult to say whether the new Knesset will ratify decisions taken by an outgoing government. (By Yitzhak Shargil.)

#### 4 ISRAELI SOLDIERS WOUNDED DURING

#### FLARE-UP ON THE SYRIAN FRONT

#### Blockade of Egyptian-Algerian Force Continues

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Four Israeli soldiers were wounded today in a three-hour exchange of artillery and tank fire on the Syrian front. The incident occurred south of Mazraat Beth Jan where Syrian forces opened an artillery barrage and later brought up tank guns. Israeli forces returned the fire. The shooting began at 3 p.m. local time and continued intermittently until about 6 p.m., well after sundown.

Egyptian forces fired mortar shells at Israeli positions east of El Balah today and the fire was returned. Other shooting incidents on the Egyptian front were reported west of Fayid, in the Adabiyeh area and in the Ismailia region. All involved small arms fire and no casualties were reported. Israeli forces countered a heavy Egyptian artillery barrage yesterday with a barrage of their own east of El Ballah island. According to an Israeli military spokesman, direct hits were scored and the Egyptians suffered numerous casualties.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces are continuing

their blockade of an Egyptian-Algerian pocket east of the Bitter Lake. The pocket was created when Israeli forces broke through to the west bank of the Suez Canal during the second week of the Yom Kippur War. The Egyptians have attempted to resupply the encircled units by water. An Israeli military spokesman said that two attempts were successful but two others failed after Israeli gunners fired on boats ferrying supplies across the Bitter Lake.

#### DETAILS EMERGE IN BOUSHICKI MURDER TRIAL

OSLO, Jan. 8 (JTA)--State attorneys presented today a detailed account of a massive manhunt with walkie-talkies and a fleet of rented cars carried out by six alleged Israeli agents on trial here in connection with the so-called Boushicki murder case. Flanked by police on all sides, the defendants listened intently as the prosecution outlined events leading up to the July 21 slaying of Ahmed Boushicki.

The prosecution based its account primarily on statements given police interrogators by two of the defendants, Dan Aerbel and Marianne Gladnikoff. Boushicki was murdered by a 15-man liquidation squad "acting on orders from the Israeli intelligence organization, Mossad," Aerbel told police according to State Prosecutor Haakon Wiker. The group converged on the quiet resort town of Lillehammer several days before the slaying, having tailed an Arab acquaintance of the murder victim from Oslo. According to Aerbel's statement, the defendants believed both Boushicki and Karim Benemane, were Black September members.

Certain portions of today's session were held behind closed doors. In calling for the temporary expulsion of newsmen and observers, Wiker cited "consideration for Norway's relations with foreign states." Aerbel has worked for Mossad several times, on occasion together with another of the defendants, Sylvia Rafael, Wiker said. Informed sources here said details of these intelligence operations were presented during closed-door proceedings.

In the weeks preceding the Boushicki murder, Michael Dorff, a defendant, was given part-time employment at the Israeli Embassy in Oslo, Wiker claimed. Members of the liquidation group maintained close contact with the Israeli security attache in Norway, Yigal Eyal. Several meetings were held in Eyal's apartment, Wiker said. Dorff and Zvi Steinberg, another defendant, were apprehended in the apartment two days after the slaying.

Toward the end of the day, Miss Gladnikoff, daughter of a Swedish physician, was called to the stand. Her testimony confirmed many of the prosecution's claims. She admitted having "gathered information" about Benemane and Boushicki, but claimed to be a minor member of the group. "I didn't know what the real aim of the operation was," she said. The Boushicki case is being tried by a special tribunal consisting of three judges and four laymen. The six defendants all face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment if found guilty.

#### FRANCO-SAUDI OIL ACCORD CONFIRMED

PARIS, Jan. 8 (JTA)--The government confirmed today reports of a Franco-Saudi Arabian oil agreement, but made no mention of Mirage fighter-bombers. The agreement concluded by the two nations and announced by Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani in Geneva last night provides for the delivery of 30 million tons of Saudi Arabian crude oil to France over a 3-year

period. Although press reports, that France in return would provide Saudi Arabia with Mirages were neither denied or confirmed, well informed sources indicate that negotiations for the provision of some kind of military equipment to Saudi Arabia are still in progress. Several press reports have recently speculated about a Franco-Saudi Arabian arms-for-oil agreement in which France would furnish the Arab nation with Mirage jets. A spokesman for the aircraft company, Dassault, builder of Mirages, called these rumors "absolutely false and erroneous."

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Michel Jobert has set Jan. 23 or 24 as the date of departure for his first visit to Saudi Arabia. He is also due to stop off in Kuwait and has hinted he may also go to Jerusalem.

#### FORD HINTS OIL EMBARGO MAY LEAD TO HALTING FOOD SUPPLIES TO ARABS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Vice-President Gerald Ford hinted today that continuation of the Arab oil embargo could lead to a curtailment of food shipments to Arab countries where food commodities are perennially in short supply. "North Africa and the Middle East have some of the greatest food deficits in the world," Ford said addressing a luncheon meeting of the Manufacturing Chemists Association here.

"Close an oil valve in the Middle East and you threaten to shut down a farm tractor in our Middle West. Half that tractor and some people in the world will hunger for bread," the Vice-President said. Although he expressed "optimism" that the oil embargo would soon end, Ford observed that a "circular flow" was required to keep the industrialized nations running and to provide the Middle East with its basic needs, meaning a flow of oil to the west and a flow of food to the Mideast.

State Department sources, asked to comment on Ford's remarks and on remarks by Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger Sunday which some Arab circles took as a threat of U.S. military intervention to restore the flow of oil, said today that these remarks were not threats "so much as a straightforward description of facts which have to be regarded in their largest context."

Schlesinger, appearing on a television interview, had warned that if the oil embargo continues, the American people would call for some form of action to keep oil flowing to the industrialized nations. The sources said that Ford's and Schlesinger's remarks were wholly consistent with what Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has been saying.

Meanwhile, reports that Kissinger plans to visit Cairo and Jerusalem within the next 10 days to try to promote an agreement between Israel and Egypt on a formula for a separation of forces were again denied by the State Department. George Vest, Department spokesman, repeated today what he said yesterday, that there were "no plans" for Kissinger to visit the Mideast.

#### SOLIDARITY PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Council of America, an association of Orthodox rabbis, has converted its annual midwinter conference into a loyalty-solidarity pilgrimage to Israel, according to Rabbi Zev Segal of South Orange, N.J., chairman of the pilgrimage. He said that the assembly of Rabbinical Council

members, wives and officials of some congregations served by Rabbinical Council rabbis will be held in Jerusalem, starting Jan. 14.

Rabbi Segal said the event will be held for 10 days and that some 300 participants were currently planning to participate and that it was hoped a total of 500 would take part. He said that, in addition to the regular proceedings connected with the organization's midwinter conference, the delegates will meet with the Israeli chief rabbis and Israeli political leaders for briefings.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, said "The purpose of the convocation is not only to underscore the unity between the people in Israel and the American Jews but also to combat insidious assimilation, intermarriage and other trends which serve to inhibit the spiritual growth of Jewish communities." He noted that another purpose for the meeting in Jerusalem at this time is to proclaim to the world during the Geneva Conference, that the city of Jerusalem is indivisible, that it is the spiritual center of world Jewry.

Rabbi Walter Wurzbarger of Far Rockaway, N.Y., asserted that "American Jews have helped Israel financially during this period. We must now demonstrate that we identify with them wholly in their time of trial." Rabbi Bernard Twersky, the Council's public relations director, stated that "according to recent reports, over 5000 American young men and women volunteered during the Yom Kippur War to serve as replacements in kibbutzim, in factories and in settlements throughout the country."

#### RAFAEL, ALMOGI ON MISSIONS ABROAD

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador-designate to Britain and the newly elected Mayor of Haifa left Ben Gurion (Lod) Airport this morning on missions that will take the former to London and the latter to the U.S. and Canada.

Ambassador-designate Gideon Rafael said on his departure that he had specific instructions from the Foreign Ministry as to what questions to raise first when he takes up his new post at the Court of St. James. Rafael said the improvement of relations between Britain and Israel depend not on Israel but on the British. He said Israel did not object to improved Anglo-Arab relations but insists that they not be at Israel's expense.

Yosef Almogi, the former Labor Minister who was elected to the Haifa mayoralty by a sweeping 58 percent majority, took off for the U.S. and Canada on a mission for the United Jewish Appeal, untroubled by the need to form a coalition to govern his city. He interpreted the national election results as a mandate for Israel to seek peace through territorial compromise but stressed that as long as there is no peace, Israel must remain on its present lines.

#### 4 PALESTINIANS FACE CHARGES IN W. BERLIN

BONN, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Four Palestinians arrested in West Berlin on Oct. 24 are to be charged with possessing explosives and conspiring to make explosive attacks, it has been announced by the legal authorities in the city. Police discovered five kilograms of high explosives in a suitcase in their rooms after a tip-off. The four men, between the ages of 18 and 33, were said to have flown from Beirut to East Berlin on Lebanese passports, and then to have crossed the sector boundaries to West Berlin. One of the Palestinians said he had been given the suitcase in Beirut. He had been told it contained narcotics, and would be collected in West Berlin.

