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DAYAN TO GO TO WASHINGTON TO PRESENT DISENGAGEMENT PLANS

JERUSALEM, March 17 (JTA)--The Cabinet today selected Defense Minister Moshe Dayan to go to Washington for talks with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on a disengagement with Syria. The announcement said, "The Cabinet approved the trip of the Defense Minister for talks with the Secretary of State on the issue of separation of forces on the Syrian front." No date was set for his departure. Cabinet Secretary Michael Arnon said the timing of his trip remained to be decided between Washington and Jerusalem.

Some officials here indicated that Dayan might not go to Washington until Kissinger returns from his visit to Moscow later this month. Sources here said that Dayan would bring to Kissinger Israel's proposals for troop separation in the Syrian territory Israel captured during the Yom Kippur War.

They said that Israel will insist on full reciprocity of concessions by both sides and would favor a buffer zone manned by the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) similar to the one separating the two sides on the Egyptian front. Israel is reported to have rejected absolutely a Syrian demand that disengagement include Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights town of Kuneitra captured by Israel in the 1967 Six-Day War.

RABIN SAYS DISENGAGEMENT TALKS WITH SYRIA WILL BE TOUGH, PROLONGED

TEL AVIV, March 17 (JTA)--Labor Minister Yitzhak Rabin believes that the disengagement negotiations with the Syrians will be tough, prolonged and accompanied by threats of war and acts of war. In an interview in Maariv, the former Ambassador to the U.S. said that President Hafez Assad of Syria cannot permit himself to achieve less than President Anwar Sadat achieved--an Israeli withdrawal from the lines established in the Six-Day War.

As to Sadat, Rabin suggested that the political aims of the Egyptian President have not changed--the evacuation of every inch Israel occupied in 1967 and the return of the rights to the Palestinians. Now he tries to achieve them through the U.S. by political means but he reserves the full military option through the Soviet Union, Rabin warned. If disengagement is achieved with the Syrians, Sadat would demand the immediate withdrawal of Israel.

Rabin stated that Sadat can not only threaten to start war but he can actually start war both by mobile battles in Sinai and by hitting Israeli populated centers. The UN forces cannot prevent either of these moves, Rabin, a former Chief of Staff, said.

EBAN SAYS KISSINGER MAY HAVE TO MAKE ANOTHER TRIP TO MIDEAST TO BRING ABOUT PEACE SETTLEMENT

NEW YORK, March 17 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban said today that in order to bring about a Middle East peace settlement Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger will have to return to the area in April. "I would like to relieve the Secretary of running another

shuttle service in the Mideast," Eban said on ABC-TV's interview program "Issues and Answers." He said that Kissinger's direct intervention would still be needed even if the Washington talks between Syria and Israel are held. He praised both "American prestige and Kissinger's skills" for progress toward peace so far.

Eban said that it would be the "natural thing" for Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, who was named today as the Israeli negotiator, to talk directly to his Syrian counterpart. But, he noted, that the "natural thing" does not often take place and that Israel would accept any procedure that would lead to an agreement. The Foreign Minister said Syria was the most likely nation to start a war and "the last country to make a cease-fire." But he stressed "Syria would gain at least as much as we would" by an end to the fighting.

On the role of the Soviet Union, Eban said he was disturbed that Moscow was backing the Arabs rather than being a mediator as required by its role as co-chairman of the Geneva peace talks. He said a nation serving in that capacity "should have understanding" of the position of all sides involved. He termed as "disquieting" Moscow's "heavy rearmament of Syria."

Eban also declared that the Arab use of oil as a weapon had "not achieved its desired result." He said, "Like many weapons, once you've shot it, it loses much of its effect." He noted that the entire embargo was "extortion" and had been only a "short-term inconvenience to the industrial world." Acknowledging that Israel's domestic political scene recently appeared rather "bizarre and eccentric" to the outside world, Eban stressed that this did not impair the government's ability to conduct negotiations. (See separate story for Eban talks in Washington.)

SAPIR DUE IN WASHINGTON IN APRIL TO SEEK NEW FINANCIAL AID FROM U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 17 (JTA)--Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Finance Minister, is due here the first week in April to seek new financial help from the United States to meet Israel's Yom Kippur War-created burdens, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned.

President Nixon has not yet determined what part of the \$2.2 billion emergency military aid law for Israel is to be in the form of grants. Congress left it to the President to provide up to \$1.5 billion from the total in grants and up to \$682 million in credits. Talks on recommendations to the President are understood to be still underway within the Administration.

Sapir reportedly also will discuss aid to Israel in the form of implementation of the \$300 million in military aid credits provided in the foreign military aid law, \$150 million under P.L. 480, and \$50 million in economic security assistance, it was reported.

DULZIN: CHALLENGE TO ISRAEL, DIASPORA IS TO MORE THAN DOUBLE ISRAEL'S POPULATION DURING THE NEXT 25 YEARS

NEW YORK, March 17 (JTA)--A more than doubling of the population of Israel during the next 25 years from three million to seven or eight million people was urged by Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the World Zionist Organization, in an address

today at the National Board Meeting of the American Zionist Federation. Speaking at the conclusion of the two-day conference of the 700,000-member coordinating organization of the 13 American national Zionist groups, Dulzin said that this is the outstanding challenge now facing Jewry both in Israel and throughout the world.

Declaring that Israel's population had grown five-fold from 600,000 to three million in its first 25 years of Statehood, he said: "This increase of population, as large as it may seem at first hearing, is attainable. It will require three factors: personal aliya, increasingly large contributions to provide such emigration from the United States and the other countries of the diaspora, and improved absorption methods in Israel."

Noting that some 35,000 or more Soviet Jews have emigrated to Israel during the past few years, the world Zionist leader said that many of Russia's two or three million Jews may be expected to emigrate, if allowed, during the coming quarter century. "In addition to the Russian Jews," he said, "aliya from America and the other countries of the Western world must be increased. There is also a large number of North Africans, recently settled in France, who may wish to go to Israel. Zionism is the Jewish movement of liberation, and it is up to all Zionists, including the American movement that has played so important a role in the creation and development of Israel, to participate in this physical growth of Israel."

Dulzin, noting that the Yom Kippur War was a traumatic shock to both the government and the people of Israel, said that in "the long run the lessons learned from the Yom Kippur War will be helpful to the country. We must make such adjustments as are necessary to the creation of a peaceful accommodation between Israel and its Arab neighbors. This is not a simple problem, and it cannot be done by the waving of a magic wand. Serious thought, and cooperative action, must be worked out that will satisfy the moderates in Israel who subscribe neither to a violent anti-Arab nor overly pro-Arab solution."

UNITY OF JEWISH PEOPLE PARAMOUNT IN SOLVING WHO IS A JEW ISSUE

JERUSALEM, March 17 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir declared here Friday that the unity of the Jewish people was paramount in finding a solution to the Who is a Jew issue. Addressing the 85th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), she noted that the special ministerial committee her coalition government will establish to find a solution would consult with scholars and leaders of all branches of Judaism and would seek "the best advice of the best minds in Jewish life on all sides."

She cautioned, however, that a solution to this long-term problem could not be expected overnight. It can come about to the satisfaction of all, she said, if all sides approached the issue with the unity of the Jewish people as the uppermost consideration in their minds. She recalled that last year she had opposed a bill by the Independent Liberal Party leader Gideon Hausner to establish limited civil marriage in Israel. This year she opposed the National Religious Party's position on the Who is a Jew issue. In both instances, her primary consideration had been not to aggravate the divisions among the Jewish people, she said.

3000 PARTICIPATED IN UJA MISSIONS

NEW YORK, March 17 (JTA)--Since the Yom Kippur War, more than 3000 men and women have

participated in United Jewish Appeal-sponsored "People-to-People" missions to Israel, UJA general chairman Paul Zuckerman announced today. "The outstanding response to this program by American Jews from almost every community in the U.S. demonstrates in the most concrete terms their overwhelming support for their brothers and sisters in Israel," Zuckerman said. As of March 15, 32 missions have visited Israel since the program began following the end of the war, he reported.

"Last week alone there were four groups totalling more than 500 men and women in Israel, demonstrating their solidarity, visiting the programs supported by the United Jewish Appeal, through the Jewish Federations and welfare funds of the United States, and meeting Israelis in every walk of life," Zuckerman observed.

"We have an additional 28 missions scheduled to leave before June 30, with approximately 2600 participants," he stated. "We are constantly organizing new missions, and the number of groups will probably increase substantially." Zuckerman pointed out that the "People-to-People" mission program is an ongoing project, and that additional missions already are being planned for the summer and fall months, under the direction of Louis S. Goldman of Dayton, Ohio, UJA national chairman responsible for the missions program.

ASSAF DAYAN DISAGREES WITH SISTER SAYS DEFENSE MINISTER SHOULD RESIGN

TEL AVIV, March 17 (JTA)--Assaf Dayan, Moshe Dayan's film actor son, thinks his father should resign from the government irrespective of whether or not he is found to have been responsible for Israel's poor state of preparedness on the eve of the Yom Kippur War. Assaf took sharp issue with his sister, novelist Yael Dayan-Sion, who said Thursday in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in New York that she thought her father should not resign and that her brothers, Audi and Assaf share her feelings.

Assaf said that "Yael was not asked to represent the family...we do not come as a package deal: The family said this or the family said that. This is a serious question and everyone has his own ideas," he said in an interview published today in Maariv. The young actor, who will appear in the movie "Three Plus One," now filming in the Eilat region, said he was "a Moked supporter," referring to the left-wing Knesset faction headed by Meir Pail which includes the former Maki Communist faction.

"I think that Dayan should resign, irrespective of whether he is found guilty or not guilty by the Agranat Committee (investigating the Yom Kippur War). In public life you are guilty unless otherwise proven. Moreover, in his own interests he should resign from this shameful government," the Defense Minister's son declared.

SEPHARDI GROUP CONDEMNS SYRIAN GOV'T. FOR MURDER OF FOUR JEWISH WOMEN

NEW YORK, March 17 (JTA)--The American Sephardi Federation has condemned the Syrian government for the murder of four Jewish women in Damascus. Their bodies were found March 8 on a street in the Jewish quarter. Urging the free world and men of goodwill everywhere not to remain silent about this murder, Haim Eliachar, chairman of the board of ASF, declared:

We condemn the Syrian government for their inexcusable barbarism against helpless Jewish 'citizens' of Syria who are neither permitted to live and work as Syrians; nor to leave. The unconscionable imprisonment and murder of women

AZF LEADER SAYS JACKSON-VANIK BILLS MUST NOT BE SACRIFICED BY THE U.S.

NEW YORK, March 17 (JTA)—Declaring that the Jackson-Vanik proposed legislation that "would deny American credits and treatment as most favored nation to countries such as Russia, that impose restrictions on free emigration of its citizens was a moral issue to which the great majority of Americans subscribed," Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, said that as important as detente is, this principle should not be sacrificed in the bartering process.

Addressing the opening session yesterday of the National Board Meeting of the AZF, Rabbi Miller declared: "We are firmly convinced that a weakness by the Americans on the Jackson-Vanik proposals would in the long run destroy the very aims of detente, and the mutual respect it must engender to be successful, that is basic to the policy of the U.S. Secretary of State and the American government."

Nixon, Kissinger Praised For Efforts

While praising Secretary Henry A. Kissinger's efforts to improve relations between the United States and the Soviet Union as an important step towards world peace, Rabbi Miller stated "that the basic human right of free emigration as defined by the United Nations and the majority of nations of the world cannot be ignored by the American government, the Congress, nor the American people." The Zionist leader expressed thanks and gratification to Kissinger "for what he has so far accomplished towards the establishment of peace in the Middle East. We are firmly convinced that the disengagement of Israel and Egypt is a most significant step towards peace. We are hopeful that you will be similarly successful in your efforts to arrange for a similar Israeli-Syrian disengagement."

Calling attention to the reports of the recent killing of Jews in Syria, Rabbi Miller said that the United Nations and the United States must take steps to protect the 4500 Jews still living in that country. He also urged the "immediate exchange of the 65 Israeli POWs for the 250 Syrian POWs held in Israel, without the injection of the extraneous factor of the negotiations on disengagement."

Rabbi Miller praised President Nixon's statement in Chicago on Friday that the proposed lifting of the Arab oil embargo must not be conditioned on pressuring Israel to pull back its troops on the Syrian border. The AZF leader agreed with Nixon that such efforts would slow down the Israel-Syrian troop disengagement effort and be a barrier to affecting a settlement in the Middle East. A telegram was sent to Nixon urging that "with Syria threatening Israel's northern flank that essential United States aid be continued, and that all conventional weapons in the American arsenal be made available to Israel so that it can maintain its defense capabilities."

STEIN URGES 'REFORMULATION' OF JACKSON AMENDMENT TO AID BOTH DETENTE AND USSR EMIGRATION POLICY

NEW YORK, March 17 (JTA)—A national Jewish leader called today on Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.), to resolve their differences over the Administration's foreign trade bill "in a way that would induce the USSR to relax its

emigration procedures without jeopardizing U.S.-Soviet detente or endangering recent gains in the movement of Soviet Jews to Israel." Jacob Stein, past chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, urged "reformulation" of the Jackson Amendment, which as now drafted would deny tariff relief and trade credits to the Soviet Union unless it permits free emigration for all Soviet citizens.

"Let us open the channels of trade between our two countries as a means of strengthening detente," Stein said. "But let us make the continuation of such trade benefits conditional on further progress in the USSR toward the principle of unrestricted emigration, free of harassment." Stein, who is also the honorary president of the United Synagogue of America, spoke at a breakfast in the Brooklyn Jewish Center honoring Benjamin Markowe, president of the Center.

"The gains we have made in the effort to increase emigration from the USSR have been significant," Stein said, adding: "Our goal must be to provide a climate that will permit still greater numbers of Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union." In 1971, he said, approximately 15,000 Soviet Jews were granted exit visas. That number increased to 32,000 in 1972 and 35,000 last year. Rather than imperil these gains by an all-or-nothing demand on the Soviet Union," Stein said, "there should be a reformulation of the Jackson Amendment that would offer the Kremlin an incentive to increase the number of exit visas granted."

He continued: "The incentive would be American trade benefits, which would be revised periodically on the basis of a continuous monitoring of Soviet policies. If the emigration statistics continue to rise and the harassment of would-be emigrants eases, the trade benefits we extend to the Russians would continue without interruption." But if the Soviets cut back on emigration and step up their campaign of intimidation against those who seek to leave, "American trade benefits would be halted," Stein said. "Only through this kind of carrot-and-stick approach can American efforts to liberalize Soviet emigration policies be effective."

MOSHE KASHTI, ZIM LINES MANAGING DIRECTOR, DIES AT AGE 57

LONDON, March 17 (JTA)—Moshe Kashti, the managing director of the Zim Lines, Israel's national shipping company, died here of a heart attack yesterday at the age of 57. Mr. Kashti's body will be transferred to Israel tomorrow for burial. He was stricken while attending a Bar Mitzvah party for the son of the Israeli military attache. Mr. Kashti was born in Poland. Before joining the Zim Lines several years ago he served as director general of the Defense Ministry.

WJC CANCELS MEETING AT THE HAGUE

NEW YORK, March 17 (JTA)—A World Jewish Congress assembly scheduled for next month at The Hague has been cancelled because of possible security problems for the Dutch government, it was reported here yesterday. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the WJC, declined comment on reports that the Dutch government had requested the cancellation. He did say that the expected 500 delegates from 65 countries scheduled to attend the sessions from April 28 to May 6 would have filled the hotels in The Hague and would have required additional housing in hotels in Rotterdam which, he said, would have created security problems. Dr. Goldmann said the meeting will be held in Miami but that no date had been set. The parleys are held every five years.

makes their action more than a crime against a people; it is a crime against the world." There are more than 150,000 Sephardic Jews in the United States. Many of them are refugees from Arab lands. There are 4000 Jews trapped in Syria and not allowed to leave, said Eliachar.

Eliachar also declared that any disengagement talks between Israel and Syria under U.S. auspices must include provision for the freedom of the Jews of Syria. He added that pressure must be placed upon the Syrian government to "cease the abuse of Jews and allow them the right to emigrate" under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and urged passage in Congress of the House Resolution 7272 "For the Relief of Certain Distressed Aliens," which calls for the U.S. to grant 60,000 special visas for Jews from all Arab lands.

The four Jewish women who were murdered were identified last Thursday by the Israeli Consulate (not the Israeli UN Mission as reported in Friday's Daily News Bulletin) were the three Zeybak sisters--Toni, 22, Laura, 23, and Farah, 24, and Eva Saad. (According to a report today from Jerusalem, the four had been raped and tortured to death.)

EBAN PROPOSES ONE STEP AT A TIME DISENGAGEMENT WITH ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS

WASHINGTON, March 17 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban outlined the broad basis for a one step at a time disengagement procedure with Israel's neighbors and praised American efforts to bring about the end to the recent fighting during his meetings here and in New York with the press and Jewish leaders. The Foreign Minister arrived here last Thursday to begin a tour for the Israel Bond Organization and to meet Administration officials.

Discussing the disengagement procedures, Eban told a news conference here Friday that Israel wants to take preliminary steps toward a Mideast peace settlement in an orderly sequence. The first step, he noted, was to achieve disengagement in the Suez front, the present step is to achieve disengagement with Syria and subsequently with Jordan. He emphasized that the relations between Israel and Jordan differ from those with Egypt and Syria in that no armies "are in perilous confrontation" on the Jordan line.

Asked about King Hussein's statement here Friday that peace could come only through "evacuation," and that Israel could have Arab peace or land but not both, Eban commented that the key word was compromise and that no party could get all it wanted. He added that Israel's withdrawal must be to safe and secure borders.

Appearing on NBC-TV, Eban said that Syria's demand that Israel withdraw from all of the Golan Heights as a condition for peace was "incompatible with peace" because such a withdrawal would allow Arab forces to control high ground from which to pour artillery fire on Israelis in the valley below. He said it was an "inherently peace-less situation to have someone else on the hills and ourselves in the valley. Therefore, every dictate of security and stability does demand a territorial agreement with Israelis on the heights and not only in the valley."

Diplomatic sources said that the various efforts toward disengagement were viewed by Israel as preliminaries and not elements of a peace settlement but that they were critical because they could defuse the military situation and set the stage for peace negotiations.

The same sources said that the indirect Israeli-Syrian talks on disengagement were expected

to be underway by the end of this month but they added that sending envoys to Washington did not mean Israeli-Syrian disengagement was a certainty. Prospects for such disengagement should become clear during the talks, which are expected to continue through April, but, the sources said, if the talks did not produce the expected results, an attempt at separation of forces might be made another way.

It was learned that Eban and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger discussed the Soviet position and possible intentions in the Middle East in the wake of United States diplomatic successes on disengagement moves. There was speculation that one reason for Eban's current visit was to present Israel's views on Soviet current intentions in the Middle East before Kissinger left for Moscow March 25.

In New York today, Eban met with a group of Jewish leaders representing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and praised American efforts for helping to bring about the end of the recent fighting and for aiding in the prisoner of war exchange with Egypt. Eban also praised U.S. efforts in helping to get disengagement talks started with Syria. Rabbi Israel Miller, Conference chairman, presided at the meeting. Eban will meet with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday, at the invitation of acting committee chairman Sen. John J. Sparkman (D, Ala.).

SOCIALIST DELEGATION SAYS IT WILL SUPPORT ISRAEL'S SECURE EXISTENCE

TEL AVIV, March 17 (JTA)--Members of the Socialist International delegation gave assurances last night that they support the existence of Israel within secure borders and "will never land a hand to any attempt to undermine the existence of Israel in any way or form." The 13-member delegation headed by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky made that statement on winding up a four-day visit to Israel that began last Wednesday. The group had visited Egypt and Syria earlier on what was officially described as a fact-finding tour to examine the prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Kreisky said on his arrival that the mission was undertaken because Europe is well aware that its own peace and security depends in large measure on peace in the Middle East. During their stay, the delegates representing labor and socialist parties in European countries, met with Premier Golda Meir and other government leaders, with leaders of the opposition Likud and with representatives of the Arab population in the administered territories.

Addressing a dinner party given in honor of the delegation Thursday night, Mrs. Meir said she was encouraged by the message her guests brought from Egypt--namely that the Egyptians admit they need peace. "It is good to hear that the Egyptians are now comparing how much it costs to kill an Israeli with how much it costs to bring up an Egyptian baby. When they make this comparison, there is hope," she said. Kreisky disclosed that he had been told by Egyptian leaders that Egypt would never sign a separate peace with Israel. He said the Egyptians had intimated that an overall settlement would have to include all Arab states though Egypt would agree to sign some limited accords with Israel.

During meetings with Premier Meir and other government leaders Kreisky reported that he had made it clear to his Arab hosts in Egypt and Syria that Austria will continue to facilitate the transit of migrants, including Jews, leaving the Soviet Union for Israel.