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## UN CONFIRMS ISRAEL'S CHARGE THAT EGYPT VIOLATED DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD Crisis Appears To Have Been Averted

JERUSALEM, March 28 (JTA)--The United Nations has confirmed Israel's charge that Egypt violated the disengagement agreement by introducing additional artillery into the limited forces zone east of the Suez Canal. But a crisis over the matter appears to have been averted. Reports from Cairo today said the Egyptians were prepared to remove the offending guns. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, said on his departure for Washington today that the episode should be kept in perspective and not overblown. Premier Golda Meir indicated in a speech yesterday that she expected the matter to be solved "within days."

UN confirmation of the violation which was spotted by Israeli reconnaissance planes a week ago, was apparently presented to Dayan by UNEF Commander Gen. Ensio Sillanvuo when the two met in Tel Aviv yesterday. UNEF reportedly found 90 Egyptian guns in the zone where, according to the disengagement accord, it was allowed no more than 36.

Although Israeli officials now expect the violation to be ended promptly, the question remained today why Cairo acted clearly contrary to the letter and spirit of the disengagement pact and in an easily detected manner. Some sources said the Egyptian move was part of a "war of nerves" that is an inevitable part of the negotiating process. But observers here agreed that it did considerable damage to mutual trust between the parties, an essential element in any future agreements.

## DAYAN ON WAY TO WASHINGTON Says Israel-Syrian Disengagement Most Important Political, Security Factor

TEL AVIV, March 28 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan left for Washington today with Israel's plan for disengagement with Syria that he will present to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger tomorrow. He told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport before his departure that disengagement was at the moment the most important political and security factor for Israel. He hinted however, that the future of Israeli peace negotiations with the Arabs may hinge on what Kissinger and Soviet leaders decided in their talks in Moscow this week on the Middle East.

"Maybe there will be something to hear from him (Kissinger), if he discussed or reached an agreed stand with his hosts as to the continuation of the Geneva peace conference," Dayan said. "Maybe during his Moscow visit things were decided, at least between Russia and America, as to future developments." Dayan added, "If the dynamics of U.S.-Soviet activity on questions relating to our region continues, then we should pay utmost attention to them and face these developments in a way that is best for us."

Dayan said he was carrying a disengagement plan approved by the Israeli government to Washington but would not say what it contains. "I carry with me a signed map, but I will not open it here. I shall do it before Kissinger," he said. But the Defense Minister made it clear that the release of Israeli POWs in Syria was an integral

part of Israel's disengagement plan and that there would be no separation of forces until all the POWs are returned.

## Crucial Year For Israel-Arab Relations

He confirmed reports that following his presentation in Washington, a Syrian representative would come to the U.S. capital presumably with Damascus' plan. But "talks will start only when both sides are ready to approach one another," Dayan said. He emphasized that this year will be a crucial one with respect to shifting from a state of war to the stage of negotiations with Israel's neighbors. He said negotiations would be the most important subject affecting Israel and dealing with it will be more intense than at any time since the 1967 Six-Day War.

Referring to Egypt's violation of the disengagement agreement in the limited forces zone east of the Suez Canal, Dayan said that while such acts cannot be overlooked, they were no cause for a crisis. He said he hoped the matter would be settled promptly. He said Egypt felt uneasy at being the only Arab state so far to have reached a disengagement agreement with Israel. Dayan flew to Washington in a specially fitted El Al cargo plane. While in the U.S., Dayan will meet with Jewish leaders over the weekend. On Monday, he will meet with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, according to an announcement by John Stennis (D, Miss.), committee chairman.

## NRP THREATENS TO LEAVE COALITION

JERUSALEM, March 28 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir's shaky coalition government, arduously put together only a few weeks ago, is facing a new crisis--the possible defection of the internally divided National Religious Party. NRP ministers who joined the government in defiance of a prohibition by the Chief Rabbinate Council, are reported to be wavering in face of severe pressure from the party's "young guard," the religious settlers and the Orthodox rabbinical establishment.

One of them, Welfare Minister Michael Hazani, has been telling friends that he is seriously considering leaving the government because the pressure is becoming too much for him to bear. He promised a final decision next Monday when the NRP Central Committee is scheduled to meet. A major lobbying effort is underway to get the 501 members to reverse the party leadership's decision to join the Meir government.

The NRP was ordered by the Chief Rabbinate to boycott the coalition as long as the government refuses to amend the Law of Return in a manner that would invalidate conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis. The three NRP ministers--Hazani, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, and Minister of Religious Affairs Yitzhak Rafael--have come under savage criticism from Orthodox elements for their "disobedience."

Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, the NRP's spiritual mentor, delivered a blistering attack on "those three persons who call themselves ministers" at a press conference today. He called them "liars," "desecrators of God" and "criminals" and demanded the "destruction of the present government." Rabbi Kook said it wasn't the Who is a Jew issue that angered him to such as the willingness of the NRP ministers to join a minority government that has to rely on votes of Arab Knesseters.

### USSR SEEN TAKING TOUGHER STAND TOWARD SOLUTION OF MIDEAST CONFLICT

WASHINGTON, March 28 (JTA)--A communique released by the White House today on Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's just concluded talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow indicated a toughened attitude by the Russians toward a settlement of the Middle East conflict; greater Soviet involvement in Middle East activities aimed at a peace settlement; and U.S.-Soviet determination to pursue mutually beneficial trade relations regardless of the sentiment in Congress to link trade with the easing of Soviet emigration policies.

That was the interpretation put on the communique by political analysts here today. Government officials, however, maintained strict silence on its meaning, taking their cue from Kissinger who said in London today that he would not discuss his three days of talks in Moscow until after he reported to President Nixon.

A more active Soviet hand in current Mideast activities was seen in the paragraph which said that the U.S. and the USSR had "agreed that taking into account their special role at the Geneva peace conference on the Middle East, the sides would make efforts to promote the solution of the key questions of the Middle East settlement." This was taken to mean that the Soviet Union insisted that the U.S. no longer maintain its solo performance in the disengagement talks and that Moscow also participate as a partner in any agreement.

### Kremlin Adamant About MFN Treatment

The communique also indicated that the Kremlin is adamant that the Nixon Administration carry out its commitment to supply huge credits and most-favored-nation treatment despite overwhelming opposition in both houses of Congress against these concessions until the Soviets relax their emigration policies. The communique said, "The sides are determined to pursue, on the basis of strict observance of the obligations they have assumed, the established policy aimed at making the process of improving Soviet-American policies irreversible."

It was noted here that the word "irreversible" was used by Kissinger in his remarks shortly after his arrival in Moscow Sunday. The communique also noted that the two sides "intend to develop further mutually beneficial ties and businesslike cooperation in different areas, including trade, economic and scientific and technological areas on a long term basis."

Regarding Kissinger's meeting with Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan here tomorrow on an Israel-Syrian disengagement process, State Department spokesman John King would say only that if Kissinger's schedule holds, he will meet Dayan tomorrow. He could not say if there would be any talks with Dayan on Saturday. Asked when the Syrians would arrive for the talks, King said he still expected them April 10, 11 or 12.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed that "scheduling problems" were responsible for the two-week gap between Kissinger's meeting with Dayan and with the Syrian representatives. The source would not elaborate except to say that the gap might be due to the shooting on the Syrian front or to Kissinger's desire for a needed vacation. (By Joseph Polakoff)

### 2 SOLDIERS WOUNDED, 1 DIES OF WOUNDS IN SYRIAN FRONT BATTLES

TEL AVIV, March 28 (JTA)--Two Israeli sol-

diers were wounded in renewed artillery and tank battles on the Syrian front today. Another Israeli soldier died today of wounds he sustained during heavy shelling by the Syrians last night. He was identified as Hanan Balanero, 24, of Rishon Le Zion. Today was the 17th consecutive day of warfare on the Syrian front. A military spokesman said the Syrians opened fire at 9:30 a.m. local time and the shooting continued throughout most of the day despite efforts by United Nations truce observers to effect a cease-fire. At 3 p.m. the front was reported quiet.

According to the military spokesman, today's battles developed in the same manner as those of previous days. The Syrians concentrated their initial attack on Israeli positions in the southern section of the Syrian enclave captured by Israel in the Yom Kippur War. Later they escalated their shooting to cover the northern sector of the enclave and the southern Golan Heights. Israeli forces returned the fire. The Golan Heights were closed to civilian traffic today.

Israeli army Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar warned today that as long as shooting continued on the Syrian front there was danger of war breaking out anew. Elazar spoke at the conclusion of divisional exercises in the north.

### JEWISH AGENCY TARGETS SUMMED UP

LONDON, March 28 (JTA)--Three days of meetings of the Jewish Agency Executive and the Executive's fund-raising committee attended by leaders from Israel and overseas Jewry ended here Tuesday. The results were summed up by Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Executive and Max M. Fisher of Detroit, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

Dulzin said decisions were taken in three major areas: the 1974-75 budget; housing for new immigrants and the Jewish Agency's third General Assembly to be held in Jerusalem June 16-19. Dulzin disclosed that 1000 fewer immigrants arrived in Israel from the Soviet Union during Feb. 1974 than during Feb. 1973. He said there will be 500 fewer this March than in the corresponding month last year. This is a cause for some concern, he said. Nevertheless, the Jewish Agency is planning for an annual aliya of 70,000 this year, half of which would come from the Soviet Union, Dulzin said.

Dulzin reported that top level negotiations between the Jewish Agency and the Israeli government will start next Monday for the Agency to take over the immigrant housing program. He said this meant that the Jewish Agency would exercise control over the building of housing instead of buying existing housing from the government as hitherto. "We have established a housing committee some time ago and we have some of the world's greatest experts in housing construction on this committee," Dulzin said.

Fisher reported that the fund-raising committee dealt with the problem of cash flow and decided on a special cash campaign to run between now and the end of June with a target of \$350 million. "We are now entering upon a new era: campaigning on a world-wide basis rather than on a national one," Fisher said. He announced that the Louis Pincus Memorial Fund for Jewish Education has been formally established. The participants are the American Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency, the World Zionist Organization and the Israeli government. Dulzin and Fisher will represent the Agency on the board.

GRASS-ROOTS PROTEST MOVEMENTS DISTURBING ALIGNMENT, LIKUD--By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, March 28 (JTA)--The leadership of Israel's two largest political parties are viewing with increasing concern the burgeoning of grass-roots protest movements, a new phenomenon in Israeli society which poses a serious threat to the established leadership. The opposition Likud sees in these rising movements confirmation of its charges that the Labor Alignment regime is bankrupt and has lost the confidence of the people. Leaders of the Labor Alignment have acknowledged an "element of danger" that could topple the political hierarchy which has governed Israel throughout its 26 years of existence. Both Labor and Likud view the movements as essentially negative--they say what they are against but not what they are for, as one political veteran put it this week. What counter-action, if any, will be taken is not known at this stage. The Labor Alignment's course may be to try to defuse the dissidents by catering to the special interests of their various groups, such as war veterans. Likud apparently will try to woo them on grounds that it is the only practical vehicle for change.

The protestors fall into two main categories--demobilized soldiers and dissatisfied civilians, the latter mainly academicians and professionals but also including youth groups and such alienated elements in society as the Black Panthers. This week, steps were being taken for the various groups to combine in a single movement, non-partisan in nature, but not divorced from politics. Members of all parties acknowledge that the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath was responsible for the rise of serious protest movements in Israel; in the past, such movements were "mere pin-pricks" on the body politic and not taken seriously. But now dissatisfaction is widespread over the handling of the war by the regime and the military; over soaring inflation which has resulted in the highest cost of living in Israel's history; over the prolonged and bitter political maneuvering that produced only a shaky minority coalition government; and over the apparent division in the nation over what course to follow as Israel enters a phase of negotiations with its Arab neighbors.

The political establishment seems to be most alarmed over the number of demobilized war veterans rallying under the banner of protest. A one-man campaign by a Yom Kippur War hero, Capt. Mordechai (Motti) Ashkenazi, produced thousands of signatures on a petition demanding the resignation of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. A demonstration led by Ashkenazi and other ex-soldiers outside the Prime Minister's Office last week also demanded the resignation of Premier Golda Meir. Mrs. Meir herself acknowledged, in a speech yesterday to the Hebrew University Board of Governors in Jerusalem that the demobilized soldiers posed "big questions." She also inadvertently indicated that she had thought the unthinkable when she remarked that "military revolution is impossible in Israel." "I can understand," Mrs. Meir continued, "that they don't want a 76-year-old woman as Prime Minister. But I was elected." She added that she "would very much be tempted" to join "anybody who goes out to demonstrate against this old woman." But Mrs. Meir observed, "So far we have heard only what they are against. I hope they will come forward saying what they are for."

She may not have long to wait. An umbrella committee representing several protest groups was formed at a meeting here last night with the aim of exploring means to cooperate and work out a common program. The organizers included Ashkenazi; Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, Dean of the Tel Aviv University Law School; former Navy Commander Yochai Ben-Nun who holds the rank of general in the reserves; Hanaya Globman and Ran Livneh, described as demobilized paratroopers; Eli Ben Gal, of Mapam; Yigal Cohen of the Free Center, a constituent of Likud; Saadya Marciano, of the Black Panthers; and Tzvi Kesse of the Labor Party's social problems study group. Earlier this week, Rubinstein and Mordechai Wirshovsky, a lawyer for the Tel Aviv municipality, founded a movement called "Le'shinooy" (Movement for Change). Its founders also include Profs. Jonathan Shapiro, Michael Brunner and Shaul Friedlander, the latter from Hebrew University. Another group founded by Tel Aviv University student Motti Berkman calls itself "Students Who Care." Its first meeting drew only 150 of the 15,000-member student body at Tel Aviv University. But it reflected widespread student sentiment in its calls for a change in national leadership and "clearing the polluted political atmosphere."

A development paralleling the growing citizens' protest movements is the rising disaffection within Labor Party ranks which embraces not only such perennial dissidents as Arye Eliav and Yitzhak Ben Aharon but staunch party loyalists as well. This was manifested at a meeting in Tel Aviv last week in which dissatisfaction with the government was expressed by such Labor stalwarts as Yitzhak Rabin, the new Minister of Labor; Haim Barlev, the Minister of Commerce and Industry; Police Minister Shlomo Hillel; and Gen. Aharon Yariv who recently retired from the army to become a Labor MK. The meeting was held behind closed doors at the offices of Res. Gen. Meir Ammit, director general of Koor, the Histadrut-owned industrial conglomerate. In addition to the Cabinet ministers it was attended by key Labor Party and Histadrut officials. While details of what transpired were not disclosed, it was learned reliably that the participants discussed what could be done to reverse the present crisis of confidence in the party and restore its image.

Among the items of serious concern reportedly discussed were the demonstrations by ex-service-men and the need to prepare for new elections. Premier Meir only yesterday characterized new elections as "the worst thing that could happen." The Labor Party leadership learned of the meeting in Ammit's office only after it was held. Mrs. Meir and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir reportedly demanded that the participants explain themselves. The party leadership is also disturbed by the large number of youths who attended a recent rally here in support of Ben Aharon and Eliav, the two Labor MKs who abstained when Premier Meir presented her coalition government to the Knesset for a vote of confidence. At that meeting, Ben Aharon predicted: "This is the end of an era, of a group of people who know nothing, who have been deaf to other voices, who have been senile and unconscious of the dynamics that evolve from the people."

**U.S. BLACK LEADERS IN ISRAEL TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF APPLYING MOSHAV SYSTEM TO U.S. RURAL SOUTH**

JERUSALEM, March 28 (JTA)—Six Black educators, clergymen and administrators, specialists in the development of low-income rural cooperatives in America's southern states, arrived in Israel yesterday for a week of intensive study of Israel's "moshav" system. The tour is being coordinated by the American Jewish Committee's Christian Visitors to Israel Program, and was arranged in cooperation with the Foreign Ministry of the Israel government.

The group plans to determine ways by which the highly successful "moshav" operations can be duplicated in the Black cooperatives of the Southern U.S. It also hopes to enlist the direct assistance of Israelis with technical experience in "moshav" methods, who would come to the United States to help set up similar systems here.

Leader of the visiting group is Dr. Bryant George of Teaneck, N.J., a distinguished Presbyterian minister, who is also Program Officer in the Department of Social Development of the Ford Foundation, with primary responsibility for social development in the south. While in Israel, the tour members will meet with leaders of the moshav movement and will visit a series of moshav settlements.

Following their week in Israel, the group, which includes the Rev. A.J. McKnight, of Lafayette, La., a Roman Catholic priest who founded the Southern Consumers Cooperative which is the oldest low-income cooperative in the south, will go on to Africa where they will observe various operations of the Ford Foundation. Both Dr. George and Father McKnight have visited Israel previously.

**UJA WOMEN RAISE \$2.5 MILLION**

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 28 (JTA)—The National Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal raised \$2.5 million at two recent internationally-attended luncheons here. From Canada, Great Britain, South America and the United States 114 women gathered to listen, learn and collect funds to redress the enormous and unprecedented human needs resulting from the Yom Kippur War.

Yaakov Avnon, executive director of the Israel Education Fund and formerly the Israeli Ambassador to Sierra Leone, reviewed the political and humanitarian questions arising from the war. "Israelis are now looking to the future with hope," he said, emphasizing the encouragement and strength derived by the people of Israel from the response of world Jewry. Avnon praised the structure and organization of the meeting which he felt would be an inspiration to other women around the country. Where \$5000 was the minimum gift, there were three donations of \$250,000, one of \$300,000 and several gifts of \$100,000 and \$25,000.

The luncheon was hosted by Mrs. Merrill Hassenfeld (Providence, R.I.) and Mrs. Carl Leff (New York) at the Palm Beach home of Mrs. Samuel G. Rautbord (Chicago, Ill.). Elaine Siris, chairwoman of the National Women's Division, related "the loss all of us have suffered," as she described her visit to the Holy Land immediately following the cease-fire. Summarizing the success, Mrs. Hassenfeld beamed: "It's quite an event for women to raise this kind of money independent of their husbands' generous contributions."

A second luncheon for 81 women was hosted at the home of Mrs. Robert M. Cummings of Montreal, Canada. Some \$335,000 was contributed,

and many women increased their gifts when they were resolicited. The guests from 15 international communities talked with Mrs. Louis Pincus, social worker, researcher, prominent author, and wife of the late chairman of the Jewish Agency.

Poignantly, Mrs. Pincus communicated to the audience how grief must not overwhelm the progress that is to be shared: "Society cannot give back to any woman whose husband or son has been lost; it cannot give back a father to a child. But one thing we must be able to do--create whatever we can so that the young widow can withstand this, that she can at least know that her children will not suffer more than necessary because they are going to grow up fatherless. In concrete terms this means a widening of our social services, of the educational and the psychological...services for the treatment and assistance of these families."

The \$2500-minimum luncheon was organized by Mrs. Joseph Perlman of New York City and Mrs. Eugene Ribakoff of Worcester, Mass.

**JEWISH PATIENTS IN NY STATE INSTITUTIONS WILL GET KOSHER FOR PASSOVER MEALS FOR 8 DAYS**

ALBANY, March 28 (JTA)—All of the 1100 Jewish patients in the 45 New York State schools for the mentally retarded and the hospitals for the mentally ill will have kosher-for-Passover meals for the entire eight-day holiday period for the first time, according to the State Department of Mental Hygiene. Dr. Alan Miller, commissioner, said the program had been tested in some institutions in 1972 and in more in 1973 but that this is the first year in which all Jewish patients in all facilities will have access to Passover meals for the entire period.

The Passover meals are packed in sealed containers with the entire food program supervised by Jewish chaplains. A department spokesman said that 7000 dinners had been ordered for the seder meals so that non-Jewish patients and facility personnel who wish to participate in the seders will be able to do so. The Jewish chaplain will conduct the seder night ceremony, the spokesman said. The patients range from five-year-old children to the elderly. The programs are arranged in consultation with the New York Board of Rabbis, the department spokesman said.

**ISRAEL REJECTS OFFER BY ISRAELI STUDENTS IN U.S., CANADA TO SERVE AS RESERVE SOLDIERS ON REQUEST**

NEW YORK, March 28 (JTA)—A spokesman for the Israeli Students Organization in the United States and Canada said here that Israeli army authorities had rejected an offer from the ISO that its members would return to Israel to serve as reserve soldiers on request. Under present Israeli law, they are not obligated to do so, it was explained. There are about 6000 Israelis in the ISO but many more, though not directly affiliated, are connected with the organization which has its headquarters here.

The spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that hundreds of Israeli students attending colleges and universities in this country had agreed to return to Israel to serve in its armed forces "whenever they are called upon." But, he said, the manpower department of the Israel Defense Forces had rejected the offer, in a letter to the ISO, asserting that the Israel Defense Forces were seeking to make such services by Israelis abroad "mandatory service," not being interested in "volunteers." Yariv Ben-Eliezer, ISO secretary general, said Israeli students resent being called "draft evaders" by Israelis.