



## **ISRAEL, SYRIA EXPECTED TO SIGN ACCORD THIS WEEK IN GENEVA** Disengagement Line, in Effect, Agreed On -- By David Landau and Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA) --** Israel and Syria are expected to sign a disengagement accord in Geneva, possibly this week, and Israeli officials have not discounted the possibility, raised by a senior U.S. official, that final details of the accord might be negotiated in direct Israeli-Syrian talks in Geneva. These developments emerged today following what is described here as a dramatic breakthrough achieved by U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in his latest round of shuttle diplomacy between Jerusalem and Damascus over the weekend.

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson, a member of Kissinger's entourage, indicated today that Israel and Syria have, in effect, agreed on a disengagement line. Asked by reporters this afternoon whether both countries had expressed a favorable attitude to the same demarcation line, Anderson replied, "Yes." Israeli Information Minister Shimon Peres anticipated the agreement when he said "I think the line of separation offered by the U.S. is of such a nature that both sides could accept it."

Kissinger returned here last night from the Syrian capital for more talks with Israeli leaders after President Hafez Assad reportedly gave his tentative acceptance of American "ideas" on disengagement. The "ideas," Israeli sources have indicated unofficially, are closer to the initial Israeli position than the Syrian one. Kissinger postponed his return to Washington which had been scheduled for today. He met with Israeli ministers last night and again this afternoon and was reportedly prepared to make several more trips between the Israeli and Syrian capitals before the final stage of disengagement moves to Geneva, sources here said today.

### **Will Continue Contacts With Kissinger**

The Cabinet met this morning to study the latest U.S. proposals on disengagement. A brief announcement issued after the session said the Cabinet was briefed by Premier Golda Meir after which a short discussion ensued at which it was decided "to continue contacts with the Secretary of State." The Israeli and American negotiating teams met for three hours this afternoon and reportedly got down to details on the nature of disengagement, the methods of continuing the talks and possibly continued negotiations with Syria after Kissinger leaves the region.

The Secretary goes back to Damascus tomorrow. Some sources said he would make at least four more trips between the two capitals, but Peres indicated that there would be "at least two rounds more." It seemed certain that at some stage of the continuing talks Kissinger would interrupt his Jerusalem-Damascus shuttle to report the latest developments to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo.

Even as disengagement prospects soared, heavy fighting continued on the Syrian front yesterday and today and Israel Air Force jets continued to blast terrorist strongholds in southern Lebanon in the aftermath of last week's massacre of school children in Maalot. One Israeli soldier was killed and four were wounded in the fighting on the Syrian front yesterday. Artillery exchanges continued today but no further Israeli

casualties were reported.

Israeli naval craft went into action against terrorists in Lebanon for the first time yesterday. A military spokesman said gunboats shelled a terrorist base south of the Lebanese port of Tyre. Israeli sources put terrorist casualties in Lebanon at more than 300 killed or wounded in the last three days.

(Lebanon protested strongly to the Security Council over Israeli reprisal raids Thursday and Friday but was dissuaded by Western and Arab diplomats from calling for another emergency session of the Council to condemn Israel. U.S., British and French diplomats at the UN urged the Lebanese delegation to refrain from such action because it could disrupt Secretary Kissinger's efforts to obtain a disengagement accord. Egyptian and Jordanian delegates were also reported to be concerned that another heated debate in the Security Council could harm Kissinger's efforts.)

### **Breakthrough Comes After Hopeless Deadlock**

The first indication that an Israeli-Syrian disengagement agreement was in sight after nearly three weeks of arduous personal diplomacy by the American Secretary of State, came when Kissinger put off his departure for Washington. The turnaround occurred at a time when negotiations seemed hopelessly deadlocked. Reporters who accompanied Kissinger to Damascus yesterday morning were told in fact that the Secretary was preparing a statement for release last night explaining why he was returning home without an accord. But by then, Kissinger apparently had an inkling of success.

U.S. officials said that American "ideas" were presented to both Israel and Syria on Thursday and that Israel had responded favorably in talks with Kissinger here Friday. Kissinger elicited a positive response from Assad in Damascus yesterday and an agreement took shape -- barring minor details -- on the vital issue of disengagement lines, Kissinger's talks here today reportedly covered other aspects of disengagement such as the UN role and limited forces zones.

Israeli officials are carefully steering clear of any description or classification of the American "ideas." Some sources said these were essentially Israeli ideas which Kissinger represented to Assad as American for face-saving purposes. According to unofficial reports, the tentative agreement shapes up as follows:

### **What Israel Will Return**

Israel will return to Syria all of the Syrian territory it captured in the Yom Kippur War last October, will evacuate some Syrian territory captured in the 1967 Six-Day War including land in the Rafid area on the southern Golan Heights, and the Syrian side of Mt. Hermon which will be turned over to a United Nations force. The deserted town of Kuneitra, capital of the Golan Heights, will be included in the UN buffer zone but Kuneitra will be restored to Syrian civilian administration.

Three strategic hills overlooking Kuneitra and protecting nearby Israeli settlements will be retained by Israel, sources here stressed. Israel has agreed to return some small villages

in the locality and some fields and orchards cultivated by the settlers of Derom Hagolan as a "gesture" to Kissinger.

The major security problem is the return of Syrian civilians to Kuneitra -- Damascus has put their number at 100,000 -- though the final figure is subject to negotiations. The problem is to be solved by an American proposal to build a security fence in the western environs of Kuneitra separating the town from adjacent fields that will remain in Israeli hands. The purpose of the fence and the UN force would be to prevent the infiltration of terrorists into the Israeli-held zone.

Details of a limited force zone have yet to be worked out. Israel is reportedly demanding a deep zone on both sides clear of heavy artillery. But Israel reportedly would like to retain a fairly large number of tanks in its zone to protect the Golan settlements should the need arise.

#### Pace Of Golan Settlements To Continue

Israel and Syria obviously regard the emerging disengagement accord in different contexts. Damascus sees it as a very temporary arrangement and is expected to stress that view when it signs the accord. The Syrians have abandoned, for the time being, their demand for an Israeli commitment to further withdrawals.

Israel on the other hand expects the arrangement to last a considerable time if only because it cannot envision a final peace settlement at this time with its most hostile and stubborn neighbor. Some sources indicated today that Israel expects the UN presence in the buffer zone and Kuneitra to continue for years -- as it did in the Gaza Strip between 1956-67. As Israel sees the accord with Syria, its main advantage lies in opening the way to a final peace treaty with Egypt and more immediately, the cessation of fighting on the northern front.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet denied today press reports that Israel was slowing down the pace of settlement on the Golan Heights. Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili who heads the ministerial settlement committee, denied any such intentions. "No directives were given to stop the establishment of settlements. Settlement activities continue according to previous resolutions and according to the procedures adopted by the government," Galili's statement said.

#### ISRAELI AND ARAB SAY MIDEAST PEACE WILL BE DIFFICULT TASK

But Urge Jew, Arabs To Make The Effort  
By David Friedman.

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA) -- An Israeli and Egyptian agreed today that achieving peace in the Middle East will be a long and difficult task but both urged Jews and Arabs to continue making the effort. Arie Eliav, a member of the Knesset and author of "Land of the Hart," and Sana Hassan, a Ph.D. candidate in government at Harvard University, and daughter of Egypt's Ambassador to the United States from 1939-48, Mahmoud Hassan, spoke at a panel discussion on Arab-Israeli relations during the 68th annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee at the Hilton Hotel.

Ms. Hassan said no one should expect a quick reconciliation between Israeli and Arab states. "The most we can look forward to is a slow, difficult and gradual process of peaceful co-existence," she stressed. Ms. Hassan said that despite whatever Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had said to quiet political opposition, Egypt is committed to finding a peaceful settlement to

the Mideast problem.

She called the Kiryat Shemona and Maalot massacres "horrible" and said that governments that have kept quiet about them are morally responsible. But she said the only way to prevent further such "outrages" is the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank. She warned that to return the West Bank to the rule of King Hussein of Jordan would result in a continued cycle of terrorism and war.

#### Eliav: Don't Generalize About Arabs

Eliav, former Secretary General of the Israel Labor Party and considered a leading dove, said he did not agree that the solution was as simple as Ms. Hassan made it. He noted that not only did one million Palestinians live on the West Bank but another one million lived in Jordan and they had to be included in any solution to the problem. He said Israel should declare on a high policy level what territories it is willing to give up in return for peace and decide how to use the territories as a lever for peace.

He stressed that the Arab "killers" at Maalot, Kiryat Shemona and elsewhere were trying to sabotage the good relations between Arabs and Jews in Israel and on the West Bank and the Mideast peace talks. But he urged that despite the atmosphere created by such incidents, "don't generalize about Arabs." He noted that Jews for the past 1,000 years have suffered more from Christians than from Moslems.

Eliav noted that all Israeli "doves" will fight to maintain Israel's security but they want to find a compromise with the Arabs. But he warned that it will not come in the 20th century although he hoped his children will see it. Both Eliav and Ms. Hassan received a standing ovation from the audience. Another panel member, Peter Grose, editorial writer for the New York Times and a former Times correspondent in Jerusalem, noted the extraordinary occurrence of having an Israeli and Arab appearing on the same platform.

#### Substance Of U.S. Mideast Policy Unaltered

Earlier Sidney Sober, senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs said that while the style and intensity of United States policy in the Middle East has changed, "the substance of the policy is unaltered." He said the U.S. wants to help produce a movement toward peace and reduce Soviet influence in the Middle East.

Sober, who was substituting for Undersecretary of State Joseph Sisco, said that the U.S. has no master plan for the Mideast but is moving pragmatically step by step on each issue to encourage talks between both sides. He said there were signs of hope for a settlement. Pressed by the audience on the U.S. support of the Security Council condemning Israel, Sober said the U.S. wanted to include a condemnation of the Kiryat Shemona massacre but could not achieve this. He said the resolution did contain a condemnation of the use of violence.

Elmer L. Winter, who was re-elected to his second term as AJCommittee president in Thursday's opening session, called for a "fuller and more constructive partnership between Israel and America" which included the need to interpret America's mood to Israel and Israel's needs to America. He said that on his recent visit to Israel, "I found an Israel that was questioning, as we are in America, its electoral processes and its governmental decision-making apparatus.... I believe that this re-examination... will develop a strong Israel."

**WORLD LEADERS CONDEMN MAALOT CARNAGE -- From Combined JTA Wire Service**

May 19 (JTA) -- Political leaders, Jewish and Christian spokesmen and organizations in Europe, Latin America and the United States continued their condemnation this weekend of the Arab terrorist carnage that left 25 dead and 70 wounded in Maalot last Wednesday. In London, Prime Minister Harold Wilson and opposition leader Edward Heath sent messages to Israel expressing their grief and sorrow and condolences to government, the people and the families of the victims.

Wilson, writing on behalf of the British government and himself, stated: "The death of school children in Israel as a result of this brutal act of terrorism is a tragedy which will be deeply felt and mourned throughout your country and throughout the civilized world." Heath stated: "Over the years, the world has perhaps become hardened to the horror and suffering which man seems to inflict upon himself, but this cannot hide an overwhelming feeling of grief at the loss of so many young lives."

In Bonn, the new West German government said it viewed the terrorist atrocity "with disgust," and said such acts of violence could only jeopardize a solution of the Middle East conflict and seriously impair current peace efforts. In Paris, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing condemned the attack saying "the taking of children as hostages can never be justified. In a personal telegram to Jean Rosenthal, president of the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions of France (CRIF), expressed his "horror" at "the most odious aggressions in which Israeli children were victims." François Mitterrand sent a telegram to Israeli President Ephraim Katzir conveying his "indignation and anguish at the atrocious" act. The French and West German governments also issued statements deploring Israel's retaliation raids Thursday and Friday against Lebanon.

In Paris, more than 1,000 people attended a special memorial service in the city's main synagogue Friday evening. French Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, who officiated at the service, deplored the world's silence after the Kiryat Shemona massacre and said this silence gave encouragement to the Arab terrorists to launch their attack in Maalot. Among those present at the service were the mother and wife of Giscard d'Estaing. Interim President Alain Poher expressed his horror at the Maalot massacre in a declaration to Katzir.

In Vienna the Socialist International expressed sorrow. Bruno Pitterman, president of the organization, said that what happened to the children in Maalot can happen tomorrow to other children and their parents. He appealed to all humanists to fight against the slaughter of children.

**5,000 Demonstrate in Buenos Aires**

In Brussels, the Coordinating Committee of the Jewish Organizations of Belgium expressed "repulsion and indignation" and declared: "Taking children hostages stains any cause, no matter what it may be, and can only seriously compromise the current peace efforts in the Middle East." In Bonn, the Christian-Jewish Association in West Germany condemned the attack as inhuman. The group's international committee meeting in Basel appealed to the Pope, the World Council of Churches and UN Secretary Kurt Waldheim to issue severe condemnations of the "barbarous attack" and sent

its sympathies to Katzir and the Israeli people.

In Buenos Aires, the DAIA, the Argentine Organization and the Argentine Jewish Youth Confederation, in an advertisement published Thursday in several newspapers, charged that the terrorist action in Maalot expressed madness approaching the deeds of Hitler. The statement observed that the international community shared in the blame for allowing such outrages to happen. It added that the Jewish community, "while expressing its horror and indignation, exhorts free men and world organizations and governments of all states to once and for all stop this unending and planned crime."

On Friday some 5,000 persons gathered in front of the Israel Embassy and overflowed into the side streets around the Embassy building. Youths shouted anti-terrorist slogans as Jewish leaders addressed the throng. Earlier Jewish shops and offices closed for the day in expression of solidarity with the Maalot victims and several columns of Jewish youths marched through the city to the Israel Embassy building.

It was also reported in Buenos Aires that a high powered bomb was found Thursday morning by police minutes before it was scheduled to explode in front of the Jewish community and school building in Santa Fe. Police said that extensive damage would have occurred had the bomb exploded.

While the majority of influential daily papers in Western Europe were condemning the Maalot carnage the Coordinating Committee of Jewish Organizations of Belgium protested Thursday against Belgian Radio's sparse coverage of the Israeli view of the massacre and accused the national radio station of overexposing the Palestinian views of the incident. The Committee called for an investigation into the objectivity of the radio station.

**Priest Condemns Terrorist Act**

In Amsterdam, Dr. Marga Klompe, the chairman of the Dutch branch of the international Roman Catholic organization, "Justitia et Pax," cabled PLO leader Yasser Arafat protesting the terrorist act. "The justified demands of the Palestinians can never be an excuse for the dastardly violation of humanitarian rules of warfare and international law," Dr. Klompe said. The Netherlands Zionist Organization called on all Dutch churches, political parties and action groups to protest terrorist acts. Some 350 Jewish elementary and high school students and teachers demonstrated in Amsterdam and carried placards stating, "The children of Israel are our sisters and brothers."

Jewish organizations throughout France expressed their horror and outrage. CRIF said the attack "proved the absolute will of the Palestinian organizations to destroy Israel." The France-Israel Alliance said the Maalot terrorists revealed "the true face of the Palestinian resistance, that of most cowardly crime and most ignoble blackmail." Israeli Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, currently visiting Paris, appealed to humanity "to see that these acts are punished."

The France-Israel Association compared the Arab terrorist tactics to "Nazi genocide." The "Christian Committee of Israel Supporters" expressed its "great sorrow and disgust" and blamed European nations "which systematically granted freedom to Palestinian terrorists." On Friday night a group of ten young unidentified men carrying lead pipes attacked the Lebanese House at Cite Universitaire where an exhibition on Palestine was being held. The group ransacked the premises and set fire to the exhibition material. Firemen extinguished

the flames before they spread. In the melee, several persons were injured, one seriously.

### Shiva To Be Marked Wednesday

In New York, Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Major American Jewish Organizations, announced today that a public demonstration and rally marking the shiva of the Maalot tragedy will be held at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun at 125 East 85th Street. Following the meeting, he said, the demonstrators will march in solemn procession to the Lebanese Consulate-General. Representatives of the Presidents Conference will seek to present a letter to Lebanese representatives protesting the "free rein of terrorism" provided by the Lebanese government.

In Chicago, more than 3,000 people gathered at the Civic Center Plaza to protest the massacre. Many were high school children, the same age as those slain in Maalot. Ceremonies were sponsored by the Jewish United Fund and speakers included Jewish area leaders, rabbis, a priest and U.S. officials. Speakers called for world governments and the UN to decry the "barbarous act," and denounced the Security Council resolution which condemned Israel's retaliatory action against Lebanon after terrorists massacred 18 people in Kiryat Shemona. The mass protest was capped by a march to the Arab information office a half mile away.

In Vancouver, the Canadian Labor Congress adopted a resolution Friday condemning "in the strongest manner the murderous attack" and stated that the "senseless slaughter of innocent children is repugnant to the entire civilized world." According to Uzi Bloch, Histadrut representative at the convention, the session was interrupted by separatist and Communist oriented delegates who cast fifteen votes against the resolution. There were 2,000 delegates present.

In Philadelphia, more than 2,000 members of the city's Jewish community held a demonstration outside the Federal Office Building and called on the U.S. government to push for the UN Security Council to take steps to end Arab terrorism in the Mideast and criticized the Council's previous failures to condemn this terrorism which, it was stated, encouraged the terrorists. The demonstration was sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council's Youth Council which is composed of Jewish high school student organizations in Greater Philadelphia.

### MINI-FOSTER PLAN FOR CHILDREN WHO SURVIVED MAALOT MASSACRE LAUNCHED BY NEW YORK MOTHER

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA) -- A "concerned New York mother" has launched a mini-foster parents plan to give the surviving victims of last week's Maalot carnage a one-month vacation in New York. Mrs. Jessica Klingman, of New York, began this plan by placing an ad in the classified section of this morning's New York Times. The ad called on "Jewish mothers" to "forego (your) vacation. Enjoy August by inviting one of these darlings to your home."

She explained to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the scheme was not under the auspices of any social care organization, but was merely a personal undertaking. She said that by noon today, she had already received twenty phone calls, both from families will-

ing to take children and individuals wishing to contribute fare money. She hopes to find accommodation for all the surviving children, though raising the necessary fares might be more difficult.

A family with a lakeside house in New York has already proposed a summer barbecue for the Israeli children, and museum trips and country visits are also being planned, Mrs. Klingman said. "We are going to get much more joy out of this than the children," she stated. "Psychologically, we would like them to look forward to something, rather than look back to that bloody incident."

### COMMISSION TO PROBE MAALOT INCIDENT

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA).-- The Cabinet adopted a resolution today to establish a commission to investigate the Maalot incident. Unlike the Agranat Commission, the new inquiry unit will not be a judicial one but will be made up of "public figures." A similar commission headed by former police Inspector Pinhas Kopel, was established following the Munich tragedy two years ago. Premier Golda Meir, who suggested creating the new commission, will decide who will serve on it. It will not deal with the military aspects of the tragedy since this will be covered by military authorities. Meanwhile, Mrs. Meir is scheduled to deliver a statement tomorrow to the Knesset on Maalot.

### CHRISTIAN LEADERS ASSAIL MASSACRE

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA) -- The president of the United Church of Christ and the interreligious affairs director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews spoke out forcefully this week against the massacre of Israeli students at Maalot and castigated fellow Christians and member states of the United Nations for keeping silent or failing to punish terrorists in face of continuing outrages.

The Rev. Dr. Robert V. Moss, who heads the two million member United Church of Christ declared that churches must speak out against terrorism even if doing so endangers church activities in some places because "the church has no relevance if it refrains from condemning evil, especially when the blood of innocents is shed in wanton murder."

He made that statement in a letter to the Rev. Dr. Phillip Potter, president of the World Council of Churches, in which he urged the Council to "organize the world Christian community to get in touch with all governments" that now harbor terrorists to demand that they arrest or expel them. "I am especially concerned that non-Arab governments, such as that of Greece, are unwilling to deal forthrightly and sternly with the scourge of terrorism," Rev. Moss said.

Dr. Bernhard E. Olson, of the NCCJ, said that he personally felt "bitter outrage and deep sorrow over the utterly senseless and cruelly calculated massacre of innocent and peaceful citizens, primarily children." Asserting that he spoke in his "private capacity as a Christian," Dr. Olson, a United Methodist clergyman, declared: "Members of the United Nations who have consistently refused unequivocally to condemn Arab terrorism and to take effective measures against it, share a grave moral responsibility for the tragedy at Maalot. But so do those Christians throughout the world who, through their silence and inaction, have given implied if not open support for those abominable acts."

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LATE NEWS BULLETIN: TEL AVIV, May 19 (JTA) -- The Labor Party's Central Committee voted overwhelmingly tonight in favor of a 61 seat government embracing the Independent Liberal Party and the Civil Rights Party. Over 300 committee members supported the motion with only some 60 opposed. Other motions calling for a unity government or for the present government to stay in office till election were voted down.