

## CONCERN MOUNTS IN ISRAEL OVER LATEST STATE DEPARTMENT PRONOUNCEMENTS ON PROSPECTIVE MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS

Dayan Leaves For U.S. With Peace Plan  
By David Landau

**JERUSALEM, Sept. 15 (JTA)**--Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan left for the U.S. this morning as disquiet mounted in Israel over the latest pronouncements by the State Department on prospective Middle East peace talks. Dayan will confer with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and will meet with President Carter at the White House Monday. He will convey to them the draft of an Israeli peace plan prepared by top level government lawyers and diplomats and approved by the Cabinet last Sunday.

But Dayan's mission has been overshadowed by the State Department's announcement in Washington last Monday that Palestinian participation is a "must" at the Geneva conference. It was an unequivocal statement. It said, in part:

"Along with the issues of the nature of peace, recognition, security and borders, the status of the Palestinians must be settled in a comprehensive Arab-Israeli agreement. This issue cannot be ignored if the others are to be solved. Moreover, to be lasting, a peace agreement must be positively supported by all the parties to the conflict, including the Palestinians. This means that the Palestinians must be involved in the peacemaking process. Their representatives will have to be at Geneva for the Palestinian question to be solved."

### Not Necessarily A Warning

The U.S. subsequently assured Israel that the statement did not necessarily apply to the Palestine Liberation Organization. But Israeli fears were not allayed. Dayan told newsmen last night that the timing of the statement need not be construed as a warning to him to come up with some new, far-reaching procedural proposal to overcome the problem of Palestinian representation. Nevertheless, the Foreign Ministry promptly issued a rejoinder that Israel intends to remain adamant on that question. (See related story P. 3)

Addressing reporters at Ben Gurion Airport prior to his departure today, Dayan said, "On the face of it it may seem procedural but in fact it is the most vital issue of substance. We have not changed and have no intention of changing," he declared.

He said that Israel did not regard the PLO as a possible negotiating partner even if it accepted Resolution 242. With respect to non-PLO Palestinians "with whom we want to negotiate," Dayan reiterated that Israel would refuse to accept them as a separate delegation to the Geneva talks "because this would mean a step toward recognizing the ultimate creation of a Palestinian state or entity."

(According to reports from Washington today, the State Department believes that the best way to overcome the obstacles to the Geneva conference is for Israel to negotiate with a unified pan-Arab delegation that would include Palestinians who accept Israel's right to exist, Israel's position up to now is that it would negotiate separate peace treaties with each of the confrontation states--Egypt, Syria and Jordan--and would deal separately with the non-PLO Palestinian leadership on the

West Bank outside of the Geneva context.)

### Elements Of Peace Plan

The peace plan Dayan is taking to Washington is the first written draft submitted by Israel to a foreign government. It is believed to offer substantial territorial withdrawals in the Sinai and Tesser pull-backs on the Golan Heights within the framework of a general peace settlement. On the West Bank, however, the government is committed not to suffer "foreign rule" which would seem to rule out any territorial concessions. Dayan stressed before his departure that "our plan is based on principles" and does not include any maps.

Dayan himself has advanced proposals for a West Bank solution in terms of a "functional arrangement" that would grant wide autonomy to the Arab population while leaving Israel in military occupation of the West Bank for reasons of security. The Dayan plan was not formally approved by the government and it is not clear whether the Foreign Minister was empowered to air his ideas in Washington. It was learned from reliable sources that Dayan did not ask for such a mandate at last Sunday's Cabinet meeting. But he could hardly refuse to discuss his own publicly stated plan if the Americans bring it up, it was noted.

Dayan's meetings with U.S. officials next week will begin a round of talks between Secretary Vance and Middle East foreign ministers. He will meet with Dayan's Arab counterparts later this month in Washington and at the UN General Assembly in New York. The U.S. has reportedly asked the Arab governments to produce drafts of their own peace proposals to serve as the basis for negotiations but so far none is known to have prepared such a draft.

Reports persisted today that Dayan would meet with one or more Arab foreign ministers at the UN but there was no official confirmation that such contacts are planned. Premier Menachem Begin said earlier this week that there was "some chance" that Dayan would meet with at least one Arab minister. The official Middle East News Agency in Cairo has denied that Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy plans to meet with Dayan.

### BEGIN ISSUES ORDERS TO REFRAIN FROM INJURING DETAINEES DURING QUESTIONING By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, Sept. 15 (JTA)**--Premier Menachem Begin has issued instructions to the police, the secret service (Shin Bet) and prison administrations to refrain from inflicting physical injuries on detainees during their interrogations. The report, in Maariv, was confirmed by the Prime Minister's Office today.

According to the report, Begin gave the orders to honor a promise he made to President Carter during a private talk at the White House last July. It was reported that the President had raised the matter of allegations that torture was often used by Israeli police and secret service agents in the interrogation process in the course of a discussion of general problems in the Middle East.

Begin was said to have responded that he did not believe that torture was practiced in Israeli prisons but because he was new in office he would look into the allegations and give specific instructions to refrain from any malpractice while questioning security prisoners.

According to the report, Begin urged the President not to publicize that aspect of their conversations lest it appear that Carter took the allegations seriously. The matter was kept secret for two months. But it emerged through a State Department response yesterday to allegations by the Swiss League of Human Rights that Israel was violating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through such practices as torture and arbitrary arrests. A State Department spokesman said that in each case of such a complaint, the U.S. "discusses the matter at the highest political rank" with the country concerned.

The latest charges against Israel were contained in the report of a four-member group that visited the West Bank in July headed by Denis Payot, a Geneva lawyer who is president of the Swiss League of Human Rights. The report was made public at a press conference in Geneva but the charges have not been corroborated by any independent source. Payot is known to be pro-Arab. He serves as legal advisor to the PLO and the Iraqi delegation at Geneva.

#### ALMOGI: ALIYA IS THE BEST WAY TO INFLUENCE ISRAEL'S DEVELOPMENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15 (JTA)--In a Rosh Hashanah message to world Jewry, World Zionist Organization Executive chairman Yosef Almogi called for aliya as "the best and most fruitful way to exercise influence" on the ongoing development of Israeli society.

"Nobody would claim that Israel is free from defect," Almogi wrote. But "Zionists can and should exert an influence on the shape of an Israeli society--press for the elimination of abuses, strive towards the full achievement of social justice and the embodiment of fundamental Jewish values in that society. The best and most fruitful way to exercise that influence is through a large-scale voluntary aliya from the free world. That responsibility must not be evaded by the Zionist movement."

Reviewing prospects for the year ahead, Almogi stated: "In view of the financial power and political influence of the Arab world, Israel more than ever depends upon both the financial and moral support of world Jewry, not only to ensure Israel's security and continued development, but to foster an understanding of the true objectives of Zionism and to prevent the erosion of general public sympathy for the Jewish State throughout the enlightened world."

"Second only to the problem of Israel's security--and ultimately having a significant bearing upon it--is the problem of assimilation in the free world. The Zionist movement will have failed in one of its primary responsibilities if it cannot stimulate Jewish communities everywhere to provide a really adequate Jewish education for their youth."

#### BRITISH JEWS ELATED OVER CALLAGHAN'S INVITATION TO BEGIN FOR A VISIT

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Sept. 15 (JTA)--There has been a warm reaction in Jewish circles to the news that Premier Menachem Begin of Israel has been invited to Britain by British Premier James Callaghan. The invitation was submitted to Begin Aug. 31 in Jerusalem by British Ambassador John Mason.

Lord Fisher of Camden, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said it was "excellent" that the invitation had been extended by Callaghan. "I have not the slightest doubt that the two men will get on extremely well and that their meeting will lead to a long, friendly and productive association,

in the course of which much of the misunderstandings which arise from time to time will surely disappear," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The Israeli Premier could be assured of "the most cordial and friendly welcome from the Jewish community in which the Board of Deputies will play its part," he added.

Similar feelings were expressed by Sidney Shipton, general secretary of the Zionist Federation (ZF), who regretted, however, that Britain had trailed behind the United States, Rumania and France in extending an invitation to Begin.

#### Visit Due At Propitious Time

Although no date has yet been announced for the visit, communal leaders are interested in the unconfirmed report that it may be at the end of October since it would coincide with a flurry of pro-Zionist activity.

Callaghan will himself address the Board of Deputies on Oct. 23 to mark the 60th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. The ZF will mark the same event on Nov. 2, the actual anniversary, with a dinner to be addressed by other leaders of the main British political parties. It is also hoped to have a leading Israeli at the dinner, but no decision has yet been made.

The following week, Abba Eban, the former Israeli Foreign Minister, will be the guest speaker at the ZF's biennial conference.

#### MEETING BETWEEN LEFT-WING ZIONISTS, PLO REPS STIRS PROTEST, DEFENSE

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The organized Jewish community in Holland has strongly condemned a meeting last week between three left-wing Zionist youths and two visiting representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The contact was publicly denounced by The Netherlands Zionist Organization, the Jewish Students Organization and the Executives of the Ashkenazic, Sephardic and Liberal congregations.

But their protest was exorcised by a Jewish member of the Dutch Parliament, Harry van den Bergh, the Dutch Labor Party's foreign affairs expert and its international secretary. Van den Bergh, a former member of The Netherlands Zionist Organization, supported the three young men in an article published in the Jewish "New Israelite Weekly."

He disclosed that he himself had participated in a "frank and sharp discussion meeting" with the two PLO emissaries when they met last week with a delegation of Dutch members of Parliament and journalists. His article was quoted yesterday in the Protestant daily Trouw.

Last Friday, Dov Kalman, 18, a member of Habonim, a Labor Zionist youth group, and Maarten Jan Hijmans and Martin Syes, members of the recently formed Socialist Zionists, met for 90 minutes at The Hague with Ezzedine Kalag and Naim Khadoer, representatives of the PLO's Paris and Brussels offices, respectively. The meeting was arranged by two Dutch members of the Euro-Arab Parliamentary Union, Klass de Vries, of the Labor Party, and Johan van Elsen, a former Christian Democrat MP. They were reportedly the initiators.

The three youths said first that they had participated as representatives of their organizations. Later they claimed that they met with the Palestinians as individuals, representing no group. The meeting was widely reported in the Dutch press.

## U.S. OPTS FOR SINGLE ARAB DELEGATION AT GENEVA PEACE TALKS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The United States government appeared today to have settled on a formula that would have a single Arab delegation participate in a Geneva conference with Israel as a way of getting around Israel's refusal to deal with the terrorist Palestine Liberation Organization.

A news report, attributed to an unidentified authority who spoke allegedly for the U.S. government, said that the Carter Administration now believes the best way to overcome obstacles to a Geneva peace conference would be for Israel to agree to negotiate at Geneva with a unified pan-Arab delegation that could include Palestinians who accept Israel's right to exist.

Faced with this report and a State Department assertion on Monday that Palestinians must be included in the Geneva conference, a State Department spokesman said today that the "idea of a single Arab delegation deserves serious consideration as a way of resolving issues that have arisen concerning participation in Geneva."

### Other Options, Variations Noted

The spokesman, Kenneth Brown, added that "of course there are other options and variations of them and we will discuss them" with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Arab foreign ministers, beginning with Dayan's visit here Monday and Tuesday. However, Brown refused to mention the other options available, leaving the impression that the single delegation idea is the prevailing view for the present.

Brown said the Monday statement "left the question open" on how the Palestinians would be represented, adding "that is up to the parties to decide" and "we are not imposing any views." He said "the parties involved must agree on participants" in Geneva.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency asked Brown whether the United States has discarded the original formula agreed at the United Nations for the Geneva conference--the United States and the Soviet Union as co-chairmen, with Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Israel as the participants. Brown refused to give a "yes or no" answer to the question and referred to his statement on the Palestinians.

Under the Sinai agreement between Israel and Egypt, the United States is committed not to deal with the PLO until it accepts Security Council Resolution 242 as the basis for a settlement. President Carter has since eased this stipulation by offering to talk with the PLO if it would accept Resolution 242 with a qualification favorable to the Palestinians.

Earlier this week, the State Department said, in response to a question, that "it is implicit in everything we have been saying and is simply a fact of the situation that the Palestinians are a party to the conflict." However, until this concession was made, the assumption had been that "the parties" to the conflict were the governments of the nations in the Middle East.

### ZOA RAPS STATE DEPARTMENT VIEW

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The Zionist Organization of America sent a "Mailgram" to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance saying it was "deeply disturbed at the timing and content" of a State Department statement issued Monday "advocating representation of Palestinians at Geneva which Israel has already accepted in principle as a part of any Arab

national delegation."

According to the message, signed by ZOA president Joseph P. Sternstein, the State Department's announcement "is clearly an implied endorsement of the PLO terrorists which Israel has rightly refused to deal with" and "is a radical change in U.S. policy."

The ZOA complained that the statement was issued on the eve of Rosh Hashanah "when the Jewish community is immobilized" and likened that "with the Arab attack on Israel on Yom Kippur four years ago." The ZOA claimed that "This statement undermines Israel's position and escalates Arab intransigence just prior to the visit to the United States and the United Nations of Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan as arranged during your (Vance's) recent visit to the Middle East."

### PROJECTED ARMS SALES TO EGYPT SAID TO BE IN NATIONAL INTEREST OF U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (JTA)--A Carter Administration official told a Congressional panel today that "We firmly believe" that the projected sales of 14 C-130 transport planes and 12 pilotless, radio-controlled reconnaissance aircraft to Egypt "are in the national interests of the United States."

Alfred L. Atherton, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, said at a hearing before a subcommittee of the House International Relations Committee that "If we did not believe that we would not be proposing them" (the sales). He said that a "dramatic shift" in Egyptian policy has resulted in the Soviet Union having "ceased its role as a supplier of major equipment and to a large degree has also ceased its maintenance support for equipment which was previously provided" to Egypt.

Atherton denied that the sale of the aircraft, totaling about \$240 million, "materially will affect the regional balance of power." He added, "Rather, by improving Egypt's capability for the collection of information and for movement of troops and supplies, the items should enhance regional stability." The U.S. sold six C-130 transports to Egypt early in 1976.

### U.S. APPLYING PRESSURE ON ISRAEL ON TREATMENT OF ARAB PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The State Department applied pressure on Israel today to allow an investigation of its treatment of Arab security prisoners in the wake of new allegations that they were subjected to torture. "We believe it will help lay the charges to rest if there were an investigation by an impartial international body," State Department spokesman Kenneth Brown said.

Previously the State Department had suggested that a group such as the International Red Cross look into the matter. Brown said that the issue has been discussed with the Israelis. It was indicated that the matter will be raised with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan when he visits Washington next week.

Referring apparently to Premier Menachem Begin's assurances to President Carter that Arab prisoners were not tortured in Israeli jails, Brown said "We take seriously" Israel's statements that the charges are "indeed without foundation." The State Department said Tuesday that the U.S. had expressed concern "at the highest level" over the charges which an aide to Begin, Yehiel Kadishoi, characterized as "vicious slander."

There will be no News Bulletins dated Sept. 22 and 23 due to Yom Kippur.

# KANSAS CITY JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIVELY UNHARMED BY FLOODS

By Ben Gallo

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (JTA)—The 22,000-member Jewish community of Kansas City, Mo. and its agencies generally escaped any severe damage from the devastating downpour and flash floods that hit the city on Tuesday, but major damage was suffered by Jewish-owned enterprises in the city's leading shopping center, an official of the Kansas City Jewish Federation and Council reported today.

In a telephone interview today, Sol Koenigsberg, Federation executive director, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that none of the Federation's affiliated agencies suffered anything that could be described as extensive damage.

He reported that Marshall Kleinstein, his wife, Margaret, and their two children aged 7 and 2 were killed. They were swept away in the torrential waters created by more than 12 inches of rain in one day. Their bodies were recovered and they were buried yesterday, he said. He added that, as of today, those four were the only known Jewish fatalities in the disaster.

## Shopping Area Hardest Hit

The hardest hit section was the fashionable Country Club Plaza shopping area, containing many of the city's most fashionable stores and most exclusive apartment buildings. Adding to the water damage was a huge explosion and fire which destroyed a block of stores, believed caused by eruption of a natural gas line.

Koenigsberg said "major damage" had been suffered by a number of Jewish-owned stores in the Plaza, including jewelry, fabric and department stores. He said that while the damage to the stores was "devastating," the merchants were busy cleaning out their stores and that they had expressed hopes of being able to reopen for the Thanksgiving-Yule shopping season.

Koenigsberg also reported that a major apartment complex, located in the Plaza shopping area, was evacuated and that the evacuees included "several hundred" Jewish families who are living temporarily with relatives and friends. The apartment buildings were evacuated because gasoline in the tanks of some 300 parked cars in underground parking facilities, submerged in six feet of flood water, began to seep into the water, creating a hazardous situation.

Koenigsberg said it was expected it would take several days to drain the parking facilities and make the apartment buildings habitable again. He said the Federation was checking out other housing with major Jewish residency to find out whether similar problems had affected other Jewish families.

He also said a check of Kansas City synagogues indicated that only one—the 1200-family Orthodox Kehillath Israel—had been damaged and that the damage had been restricted to the synagogue's heating and air conditioning systems.

## Coordinating Aid Program

Koenigsberg said the Federation convened an emergency meeting this morning to work out a coordinated program of readiness to aid Jewish merchants and individuals. The meeting was attended by nine Federation affiliate executives, he said. The Jewish Family and Children's Service was designated to provide services to Jewish families. The Jewish Community Center has been set up as a central point for inquiries and assistance to affected Kansas City Jews. The flood disrupted Rosh Hashanah services.

# AJCONGRESS SLAMS CUOMO ON JEWISH VOTERS' STATEMENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (JTA)—The American Jewish Congress has strongly criticized Mario Cuomo, one of two candidates in next Monday's primary election run-off for the Democratic Party's mayoral candidate in the November elections for saying that if the Jewish voters elect a Jewish mayor Jews will be blamed if things go wrong for the city. Cuomo's opponent in the run-off is Rep. Edward Koch, who is Jewish. Koch won 20 percent of the votes in last week's primary race while Cuomo won 19 percent.

In an interview with the New York Daily News last Monday, Cuomo, who is Roman Catholic, was quoted as saying that if Jewish voters choose a candidate on the basis of religion rather than on merit "I think it will be bad for the Jews, because everything that goes wrong with the city they'll say, yeah, there's that Jewish mayor."

In a letter to Cuomo, Naomi Levine, AJCongress executive director, said that to raise this threat "is a dangerous pandering to ethnic and religious prejudice." She said the AJCongress finds it "offensive" that Jewish voters have been singled out on the issue of ethnic bloc voting and noted that over the years Jews have voted for candidates of "many different ethnic and religious backgrounds."

Continuing, Mrs. Levine, who noted that the AJCongress supports no political candidates, declared: "Would it be 'bad' for Blacks if Percy Sutton had been elected or 'bad' for Puerto Rican citizens if Herman Badillo had won? Indeed, would it be harmful for Italian Americans if you become mayor and 'everything...goes wrong'?" Sutton and Badillo were among the other Democratic Party primary candidates who lost in their bids for the mayoral post. Others on the Democratic ticket were the present Mayor Abraham Beame, Bella Abzug and Joel Harnett. The last three are Jewish.

Responding to the AJCongress criticism, Cuomo said it was an "overreaction." He stated: "I worked with the (AJ)Congress in Forest Hills—they know me. And if they had called me, there would have been no letter. I have a feeling of sadness and I won't go beyond that." The reference to Forest Hills was apparently to the fight there several years ago over a low-income project for minority groups in that predominately Jewish area. Cuomo, at that time, worked with many of the area groups to mediate in the issue.

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AMSTERDAM (JTA)—An English edition has appeared here of the monumental illustrated "History of the Jews In The Netherlands" by Moses H. Gans. The Dutch edition was first published in 1971 and reprinted several times. The English edition, titled "History of Dutch Jewry from the Renaissance to 1940," contains 1100 illustrations. The translation is by Arnold Pomerantz, a South African living in London.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)—The Jewish National Fund is currently preparing the first phase of the infrastructure for the new settlement of Iddan to be completed this year in the Arava near Ein Hatzeva. The JNF will also prepare the land for the establishment of three other settlements in the Arava region to be completed between 1978-1980. They are: Tsfar, Samar II, and Neot Ha-Kikkar II.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)—Hundreds came Wednesday night to Premier Menachem Begin's home here to wish him a happy New Year. His house was filled with flowers and cables from diplomats, overseas Jewish communities and Israeli citizens.