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#### DAYAN REJECTED BID TO MEET WITH A PLO REPRESENTATIVE By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. I (JTA)—Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan flatly rejected a suggestion to meet with a senior representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization during his official visit to West Germany this week. The offer was made through a senior German official, it was learned today.

Dayan, who returned from Bonn yesterday, reportedly told the German intermediary that he would see a PLO representative only if such a meeting would save lives but never if the purpose was political. PLO representatives have met privately during the past year with Israeli doves in Europe and in the U.S. None of the Israelis held public office or represented any substantial political constituency at the time of the meetings

The offer by the PLO to meet with Dayan was the first initiative made public in which a top Israeli government official was involved. It was regarded with interest here in view of the PLO's bitter-opposition to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiatives toward Israel.

# EHRLICH SAYS SADAT'S VISIT IMPROVED CLIMATE FOR INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL By Yitzhak Sharail

TEL AVIV, Dec. I (JTA)—Finance Minister. Simcha Ehrlich said last night that the visit of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt Improved the climate for investments in Israel by lessening tension in the region. He also forecast full employment and less government spending during the year ahead, in a detailed economic survey given at a meeting of the Liberal Party Executive here.

Ehrlich, whose new economic program instituted last month sent prices sogning and raised fears of unemployment, said-there was actually a surplus of 20,000 untilled jobs in Israel. He said the increase in the country's foreign currency reserves gave further assurances that no one would go jobless. Although some factories and workshops may be forced to close as a result of the new economic program their workers will be absorbed easily by other enterprises seeking more man-power, the Finance Minister, said.

He said the government will abide by its decision to freeze hiring for two years and predicted that the number of public employes will decrease by 15 percent even though 800 more policemen will have to be recruited. Ehrlich defended the LL 182 billion 1978-79 budget approved by the Cabinet this week but criticized by many economists who claimed it was Inflationary. He said it was not possible at this time to make major changes in the budget structure inherited from the previous government.

Ehrlich said that one-third of the budget— IL 60 billion--is earmorked for debt servicing and another IL 60 billion for defense, which is irreducible. Only the remainder is subject to maneuvering by the government, he said.

### REPORT THWARTING TERRORIST PLOT AGAINST CAIRO AIRPORT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Egyptian security

services reportedly have arrested seven Palestinians who were planning to blow up the main-terminal building at Cairo airport. The unconfirmed report was cabled to newspapers here by sreeli journalists in Cairo. The journalists hold non-Israeli passports.

The reported sabotage plot strengthened the belief in Israeli circles that the recent pull-back of Egyptian army units from Sinai and the Suez Canal zone was necessitated by the possibility of protests, including violence, against President Anwar Sadat's recent peace initiatives.

The troops, including two battálions previously deployed in the limited forces zone in Sinai, have been stationed at military camps near Cairo and other Egyptian-cities in what is regarded as a precautionary measure. Initially, it was believed that Egyptian units were withdrawn from Sinai entirely as a political move in keeping with Sadat's peace overtures. Israel had been complaining for months that Egypt had more troops in the limited forces zone than are allowed under the 1975 interim agreement.

# SPECIAL ANALYSIS CLASH OVER MIDEAST POLICY By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. I (JTA)—Associated with President Carter's personal and public endorsement of the upcoming Cairo meeting were movements of major significance that clashed head on and ended in victory for the pre-clashed head on the pre-clashed hea

in victory for the pro-Cairo protagonists.

One movement recalled the maneuvering 30 years ago by the anti-Israel forces within the U.S. foreign affairs establishment that sought to subvert President Trumon's goals of a Jewish State in Palestine. The other was the intense bipartisan demand in both houses of Congress for U.S. backing of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin in terms that Carter himself later used.

As in the Truman era, opposition to a process welcomed by Israel centered in the State Department. Support for it came from sources within the White House in close touch with the realities of American public opinion which all major polls continually show favors Israel that is secure psychologically and physically.

### Establishment Forces Alarmed

Perhaps even more than his astounding visit to Jerusalem, Sadar's call for a Cairo meeting of the parties to the Mideast conflict alarmed these establishment forces that sought with considerable success to compress Israel into an unprepared Geneva conference where it could be exposed to public buffeting and pressured into concessions on Arab terms.

As late as yesterday morning at a breakfast meeting sponsored by Foreign Policy magazine, key reporters heard a top British authority suggest peace could be attained only with all the Arab components being satisfied, a sly dig at the Cairo meeting that recalled British pressure in 1947 to have a trusteeship over Palestine rather than partition to give

The raw edge of the Arabists showed itself in the fact that for four days Carter Administration spokesmen denied that the President had already made his decision for U.S., participation in Cairo. The expose came after the President's news conference yesterday when the State Department disclosed through spokesman Hodding Carter that the U.S., had

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### HERZOG CASTIGATES GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR FAILING TO AID PEACE EFFORTS By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. I (JTA)--Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations charged today that while the momentum for peace is being maintained in the Middle East itself, UN General Assembly continues "to re-hash old formulas that do not mention negotiations but advocate an imposed solution in total disregard of the legitimate interests of one of the parties to the conflict.

Addressing the General Assembly in the course of a debate on "The Question of Palestine," the Israeli envoy declared: "While serious efforts are being made in Cairo, Jerusalem and elsewhere to remove the obstacles to a Geneva peace conference, this Assembly will vote, for the second time in two weeks, on a resolution which deliberately avoids reference to Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 on the basis of which the Geneva conference was convened.

### Two Draft Resolutions Pending

The Assembly is scheduled to conclude its debate on the Palestine question this evening and vote tomorrow on two draft resolutions sponsored by a number of Arab and Third World countries. The first resolution, sponsored by Syria, Jordan and nine other states, reaffirms a plan for the individual return of Palestinians to their homes and for the establishment of a Palestinian state in Palestine. The draft resolution also endorses the report of a 23-nation special committee on Palestine.

The report includes a call to adhere to the now passed deadline of June, 1977 for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Arab territories occupied in 1967. The committee proposed that the deadline should serve as a symbolic reminder of the urgency of a peaceful solution under UN auspices.

The second draft resolution also sponsored by Syria, Jordan and Third World countries, calls on UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to establish a special secretariate unit on Palestinian rights that would prepare studies and promote publicity about the Palestine issue. It also calls for the observance of an annual day of solidarity with the Palestinian people. Both resolutions are expected to be adopted tomorrow by substantial majorities.

Referring to the second resolution, Herzog said that the sole purpose of a special secretariate unit "will be to churn out hatred and villification of Israel." He said, "Ironically, the financ ing of this hostile unit, at a time when the world organization is already experiencing financial difficulties, will be borne primarily by tax-payers of those nations (the Western nations) that have officially welcomed the current move toward peace and which contribute well over 60 percent of the budget of the UN."

#### NEW HEIGHTS OF COOPERATION

BRUSSELS, Dec. I (JTA)--liraeli-Egyptian cooperation reached new heights this week when an Israeli doctor delivered an Egyptian baby aboard a Belgian Sabena Boeing over the North Atlantic. The woman, Mrs. Falem Makkar, gave birth on the floor of the plane before landing at Brussels Air-

port. The mother, a Cairo resident, named the boy, Jimmy, in honor of President Carter's efforts for peace.

### TUNISIA CRITICIZES SADAT'S MOVES By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Dec. I (JTA)--Tunisia criticized today Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's "unilateral decisions" which "endanger the interests of the Arab people and the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people." The Tunisian comment, the first voiced by the moderate North African country, was voiced by its Foreign Minister, Habib Chatty, at a meeting in Tunis.

Chatty, who said he was speaking on behalf of Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, said the Arab world "must respect the decisions taken at the Algiers and Rabat summit conferences" if it wants to adopt a solidarity position

Chatty stressed that the Rabat meeting recognized the PLO as the only legitimate representa-tive of the Palestinians. "Any action on the Palestinian issue must be conducted after consultation with the PLO and its agreement," the Tunisian minister said. He added: "Israel's expansionism has never been as obvious as it is today.

Observers here say the Tunisian statement comes as a blow to Sadat who has generally in the past been backed by the pro-Western North African republic

In another Mideast-related development, France is due to start negotiations for new arms deals with the United Arab Emirates, French officials said here yesterday. The negotiations will begin tomorrow when French Defense Minister Yvon Bourges arrives in Abu Dhabi for a three-day official visit. The United Arab Emirates, which includes seven oil-rich independent states, are interested in buying French planes, electronic equipment and trucks. The Emirates have already bought in France Mirage fighter planes and tanks.

#### GUSH SETTLERS MOVE INTO WEST BANK

TEL AVIV, Dec. I (JTA) -- About 100 Gush Emunim settlers moved into two army camps on the West Bank today, completing plans approved by the government for the establishment of six new settlement groups before the end of the year. The latest settlements are at Beth Horon and Givon north of Jerusalem and close to the large Arab township of Ramallah.

Both sites will be populated initially by about 20 families each. The Gush claim that the current peace initiatives by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt will have no effect on their plans for further settlements in the occupied territories. However, they are not planning more new settlements at this time but will concentrate on strengthening those already established, it was learned here.

#### RECREATION AREA FOR JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. I (JTA) -- Hundreds of school children gathered in the Jerusalem Forest this week to participate in the dedication of, the Jewish National Fund's active recreation area. The new park was set up in cooperation with the Education Ministry's Sport Authority. It is one of eight such parks throughout the country. The recreation area bears the name of "Ontario Place," since it is financed by the JNF of Ontario, Canada. The funds for the project were raised at a recent "Negev Dinner" in Canada in honor of Ontario Premier William Davis. The pine trees in the recreation area were planted over 20 years ago by the JNF.

PREPARING FOR THE ZIONIST CONGRESS 900,000 U.S. Zionists Registered To Vote By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Dec. I (JTA)—The more than 900,000 registered Zionists in the United States will be voting by mail this month for the 152 American delegates to the 29th World Zionist Congress which starts in Jerusalem Feb. 20.

Moshe Kagan, assistant chairman of the American Zionist Federation Executive who heads the AZF election committee which is conducting the election in the U.S., said the ballots will be mailed out Dec. 12 by the American Arbitration Association which is supervising the balloting and must be returned to that organization by Jan. 3.

However, Kagan said an informational booklet that is also to be mailed to voters will not carry the platforms of each of the eight slates competing in the election as originally planned because of a dispute between the United Zionist-Revisionists of America and the Zionist-Organization of America. The booklet had been planned as a means by which all the slates could have reached all the eligible voters with their messages.

The decision not to include the platforms was made by the election committee last week with nolly the Americans for Progressive Israel in opposition. That group has appealed to the World Zionist Congress Court in Jerusalem to reverse the decision. A Revisionists spokesman said his group is also opposed to the move.

### **Court Suits Pending**

The Revisionists, meanwhile, are going ahead with their suit filed earlier in a New York State civil court seeking to have the ZOA remove from its proposed platform insert the pictures of Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and Defeñse Minister Ezer Weizman. A Revisionists spokesman said his organization is linked with Herut in Israel of which Begin is the head and Weizman is another top member. He said that the ZOA is linked to Israel's Liberal Party. Israel's ruling Likud is made up of Herut and the Liberal Party.

The ZOA statement on the suit said that the ZOA used the pictures of Begin and Weizman, along with Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, the leading Liberal Party member in the government, and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan "to express affinity with the new government in Israel. Any Zionist movement with a similar position is entitled to make the same statement. The Revisionists are confusing the Likud coalition with the Herut Party.

The Revisionists spokesman said the reason his group did not take its complaint to the AZF Tribunal here or the Zionist Congress Court in Jerusalem was that when it took another complaint for the Congress Court before the last World Zionist Congress five years ago, the Court took so long in acting that nothing could be done before the Congress was held.

The same reason was given by David Weingarten, an Orthodox Brocklyn businessman and columnist for the Jewish Press, who occupies the eighth slate on the ballot. He has gone into the New York courts to get the election committee to allow him to name seven more candidates on his ticket-which is called The New Coalition.

Weingarten got enough signatures on a petition to require the election committee to put him on the ballot. But it has refused to allow him to list the other seven names on the grounds that they should have been listed on the petition, an argument which he rejects. But he now says he may have made a mistake in going to the New York

court and should have taken his case to a Beth Din instead. He said he will not appeal if the court rules against him.

Kagan said the election is going ahead although it is possible either suit could force a delay.

### 100 Percent Election Approved

The Zionist Congress was originally to have been held in January or February 1976. But when several groups challenged a decision not to hold elections for delegates, the Congress Court ruled that elections must be held. The Congress was delayed to allow time to prepare for them.

The U.S. election committee originally wanted only 55 percent of the delegates elected with the other 45 percent, 69 delegates, selected by the various Zionist organizations based proportionally on the number of members in each group. But this was challenged in the Congress Court and the Court ruled that all 152 delegates must be elected.

However, the vote will be for slates only, with the number of delegates given each group based on the proportion of votes they get. The slates are in order of their ballot listing: Hadassah-Bnai-Zion-American Jewish League; Labor Zionish Alliance, Pioneer Women, Friends of Labor Israel; Zionist Organization of America; Progressive Zionist Organization of America; Progressive Zionist (Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzgir); Religious Zionist Movement; Herut-United Zionists Revisionists of America; ARZA-Association of Reform Zionists of America and The New Coalition.

Kagan meanwhile expressed surprise at the little interest shown toward the election in the American Jewish community. He noted that the World Zionist Congress will have 530 delegates and will be the "parliament of the Jewish people."

This will be the most democratic election in American Jewish life, Kagan noted, with nearly a million people selecting representatives. However, Kagan said he suspects that each of the slates might increase their own publicity within their limited budgets in the final weeks. He said this might create more election excitement.

### DOCTORS OUT, BIOLOGISTS IN

JERUSALEM, Dec. I (JTA)-For the Jewish parent who always wanted the son to be a
doctor, that profession is out in Israel. Being
a biologist is very definitely in. According to
a survey published by the Hebrew University's
sociology department, biologists are held in the
highest esteem among 220 professions in Israel.
Doctors rated a poor tenth. In the descending
order of prestige, after biologists, came dentists, lawyers, judges, mayors and physicists.
Journalists were down toward the bottom of the
barrel behind army colonels, rabbis and writers.
Fishermen, road pavers and shoeshiners were
considered the pits.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich called on the United Jewish Appeal to double its income this year to help implement a plan for a slum clearance project involving 45,000 housing units throughout the country. Ehrlich, who made this appeal during a meeting this week with a UJA delegation from Omaha, Nebraska, expressed his appreciation for the intensified activities of the UJA throughout the United States. The slum clearance project, initiated by Premier Menachem Begin, is to be presented soon in the U.S.