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## DAYAN URGES ITALY, EEC TO STOP HINDERING MIDDLE EAST PEACE MOVES

By Edwin Eytan

ROME, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan is meeting here today with Premier Giulio Andreotti and President Giovanni Leone. Later he will receive at his hotel the Vatican's "Foreign Minister" Cardinal Agostino Casaroli. The prelate, one of the Pope's closest advisors, is calling on Dayan to prepare his meeting with Pope Paul VI on Thursday and also as a rare act of personal courtesy to the Israeli minister.

Dayan, who yesterday started a four-day official visit to Italy, last night called on Italy and to other members of the European Economic Community (EEC) to stop hindering current peace moves between Israel and Egypt and adopt a more balanced policy in the Middle East.

The Israeli minister launched this appeal yesterday first during a three-hour meeting with Foreign Minister Arnaldo Forlani and later, in the toast he proposed at the official banquet given by Forlani in his honor.

"The European Economic Community has in recent years on a number of occasions taken a position on the Middle East conflict which appeared to us to be unbalanced and not conducive to the peace-making process," Dayan said in his toast. He added: "This is true especially now that we have reached the stage of direct, face-to-face negotiations with the largest of our Arab neighbor states--Egypt."

Continuing, Dayan stated: "I feel certain there is a sincere desire for peace and for serious constructive negotiations towards that end on the part of both Israel and Egypt. Europe's role, in our view, should now be to strengthen the two sides in this resolve and not to try and formulate solutions of its own."

Diplomatic sources here said Dayan was referring to several joint-European statements on the Middle East and especially to that issued last summer in London by the nine EEC foreign ministers. Israel is especially unhappy with past Italian policy statements, generally considered pro-Arab and anti-Israeli.

### Calls For More Balanced Policy

The sources said that in the last few months the Italian position has changed to a certain degree. Leone was one of the first European leaders to welcome Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's decision last November to visit Israel.

In his private meeting with Forlani, Dayan also pressed Italy to adopt a "more balanced" policy on the Middle East. Dayan, reportedly, told the Italian Foreign Minister that Rome could play an important role in the Mediterranean if it were to be more neutral and constructive in its approach to the Israel-Arab conflict.

Dayan also discussed Israel's trade relations with the EEC, which Italy, itself a major citrus exporter, is trying to limit. This evening, Dayan is giving a reception for the Italian government and tomorrow is scheduled to visit the island of Sicily after which he will preside at a conference of Israeli ambassadors in Europe.

## WEIZMAN, SADAT DUE TO CONFER

By David Landau

ASWAN, Egypt, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman will meet with President Anwar Sadat at Aswan tomorrow, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from an informed source here today. The meeting will take place after Weizman arrives in Cairo for the opening of the Israeli-Egyptian joint military committee sessions.

(Meanwhile, Sadat has moved to contain the escalation of inflammatory statements and counter-statements between Israel and Egypt during the last few days. See story P. 3.)

Weizman, heading the Israeli negotiating team, is due in Cairo at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow local time and the military committee will meet for its ceremonial opening at 4 p.m. This allows ample time for Weizman to fly to Aswan where Sadat is presently staying. (Kol Israel radio reported tonight that Weizman was invited to Aswan by Sadat and will be flown there in the Egyptian President's private plane.)

The Sadat-Weizman meeting appears to bear out earlier predictions by Israeli sources that the military committee in Cairo will deal with basic political matters as well as with military and security issues in Sinai. It would also signify that Sadat reserves the option to intercede personally at crucial junctures of the Cairo talks to settle problems with Weizman directly. Sources both in Cairo and Jerusalem agree that Sadat thinks highly of the Israeli defense chief and likes "doing business" with him.

If a regular Sadat-Weizman dialogue is established by tomorrow's meeting, it would have the effect of upgrading the Cairo military committee talks at the expense of the political committee meetings that start in Jerusalem next Monday.

## BEGIN DENIES ISRAEL INTENDS TO OFFER EGYPT AREAS IN SOUTH NEGEV

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin said today that there was no foundation to reports that Israel was considering offering Egypt territories in the southern Negev in exchange for the Rafah salient of northern Sinai where Israeli settlements are located. Reports in the press here and from New York and Washington said that such an exchange would be discussed by the joint Israeli-Egyptian political committee which begins its deliberations here Jan. 16.

Speaking to reporters, Begin also denied reports that Israel has received an Egyptian demand for \$2 billion in compensation for oil Israel has extracted from Sinai wells since it occupied the peninsula in the 1967 war. President Anwar Sadat of Egypt said in Aswan last week that such a demand would be presented when negotiations reached that stage. Begin's denial of both reports did not necessarily exclude the possibility that Israel and Egypt would reach a compromise on territorial issues and compensation, observers noted. Both subjects are expected to be discussed by the joint political committee.

## KNESSET COMMITTEE APPROVES PLAN FOR FOUR NEW WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10 (JTA)--The Knesset's

Foreign Affairs and Security Committee voted 14-9 today to approve a government plan to establish four new settlements in the Samaria region of the West Bank, proposed by Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon. The committee acted on the matter after the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) exercised its right under the coalition agreement to refer disputes over settlement policy to that Knesset body.

The DMC is opposed to the establishment of the settlements--Karnei Shomron, Tappuah, Tel Haris and Sillat E-Daher. Karnei Shomron has been settled already and the decision merely confirmed it. Sharon said that about 800 settlers are ready to populate the other sites during January, February and March.

Sharon told the committee, in the course of a heated debate yesterday, that the four settlements were located on barren, uncultivated land far from Arab population centers and did not require the expropriation of privately owned Arab land. He admitted, however, that some Arab-owned land had been seized by the army for military purposes -- a legal form of expropriation -- with the intention to turn it over to civilian settlers later.

Likud MK Yosef Tamir accused the government of surrendering to the Gush Emonim and abstained in the voting. Tamir suggested that more Jewish settlements be established in Galilee where the Arab population is growing instead of on the West Bank.

#### Differences Within DMC

Amnon Rubinstein, of the DMC, warned the government against taking any action that could possibly impede negotiations with Egypt. But another DMC member, Meir Zorea who supports the government's settlement policy, denied that the new settlements would harm negotiations. He claimed that position indicated a "diaspora-minded mentality." Zorea voted against his party's bid to cancel the government's decision.

The committee voting was conducted under party discipline, meaning that members had to support party lines. Rubinstein objected, saying that by invoking party discipline, the DMC's agreed right to bring settlement policy disputes to the Knesset committee was for all practical purposes nullified.

"We understood that the vote would be taken on a personal level allowing each MK to make up his own mind," Rubinstein told reporters after the balloting. "Once the parties forced their discipline on the members of the committee, it was obvious that we had no chance," he said.

Over the weekend, attention was focussed on a Cabinet decision to strengthen existing settlements in the Rafah salient of northern Sinai. The decision did not mention the creation of new settlements there. But the West Bank settlements also came up. Prof. Moshe Arens, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, told reporters yesterday that the Cabinet had shunted the dispute over the West Bank settlements to his panel.

#### HADASSAH LEADER URGES EMPHASIS ON ZIONISM AS WELL AS FUND-RAISING

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Bernice S. Tannenbaum, president of Hadassah, urged the leaders of the women's Zionist organization yesterday to emphasize Zionism as well as fund-raising in their efforts.

"Both ideology and fund-raising are vitally needed," Mrs. Tannenbaum told the 250 national

leaders attending the Mid-Winter Conference of Hadassah's national board. "However, fund-raising has tipped the balance too far in its favor insofar as communal policy-making is concerned."

Mrs. Tannenbaum stressed that "while every Zionist must also be a fund-raiser, no one can be a fund-raiser without being a Zionist. I believe that only a Jew can be a Zionist. We must distinguish between involvement in a movement and support for that movement." Mrs. Tannenbaum opened the four-day meeting at Hadassah House with a tribute to its renowned past president, Rose L. Halprin who died Sunday at the age of 82. She also delivered a eulogy today at the funeral services for Mrs. Halprin. (Her tribute to Mrs. Halprin yesterday and eulogy today were carried, in part, in Tuesday's Bulletin).

#### Deplôres Downgrading Of Jewish Education

In her keynote address, the Hadassah leader observed that because of the domination of federations and other "umbrella" organizations in the Jewish community, social work has often had priority over Jewish imperatives, resulting in decades of support for fine hospitals and nursing homes--while Jewish education received scant attention. "I cite these examples only to give you a flavor of what can sometimes happen when the charitable aspects of fund-raising blunt the inherently Jewish dimensions of enriching Jewish life and supporting Israeli society," she said.

Turning to Hadassah's role as a women's organization, Mrs. Tannenbaum said, "we must begin to examine our role as the single most active, significant movement of women in America. We are concerned about serious issues and questions posed by the general women's movement in this country--serious in the sense that such issues as equal pay for equal work are as fully relevant to Hadassah women as to our non-Jewish sisters with whom we share American society. Creative and full opportunities for all people regardless of sex, race or religion are concerns of everyone who wants to better this nation."

However, she continued, "our participation in the women's movement is guided by the fact that Hadassah cuts across the spectrum of American Jewish women's thinking and religious conviction. We remember, also, that it is Zionism that brings us together under the roof of Hadassah, and that no non-Zionist issue can be allowed to disrupt the marvelous unity of purpose that we have achieved."

#### Changing Status Of Jewish Family

In a related vein, Mrs. Tannenbaum said, Hadassah is concerned about the changing status of the Jewish family and families in general. "Census figures tell the story," she said. "Women are marrying later, if at all. They are having fewer children, placing them under outside care more frequently, divorcing more often. And they are living decades beyond the life-spans of their grandmothers and great-grandmothers. Hence their work-life profiles begin to resemble those of men more than ever before."

Mrs. Tannenbaum further pointed out: "At present 8 percent of all household heads of Jewish families are single parents. About 53 percent of Jewish women are employed. In terms of education, a growing proportion of Jewish women, more than the general average, are getting advanced degrees. Close to 40 percent of all Jews are marrying non-Jews--compared to a figure of six percent 20 years ago."

Religious school enrollment has plummeted to

400,000 in the last 15 years, down one-third from a highwater mark of 600,000, she observed. "This is largely a consequence of a declining Jewish birth rate which has nosedived far below the national average." Mrs. Tannenbaum warned that "the forces of assimilation, lowered birth rate and increased intermarriage will reduce today's six million American Jews to 4.5 million within 25 years."

#### SADAT TRYING TO COOL ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN SITUATION; PRESS HAS FIELD DAY DENOUNCING ISRAEL

By David Landau

ASWAN, Jan. 10 (JTA)--President Anwar Sadat moved deliberately today to contain the escalation of inflammatory statements and counter-statements between Egypt and Israel, saying that the substantive positions at the forthcoming talks--not the advance rhetoric--were what really mattered. He said he hoped Israel would prove not to have toughened its substantive position. He made his remarks to reporters here, a day before the opening of the military committee's deliberations in Cairo.

But at the same time, Sadat firmly reiterated that Israel's choice was "between land and peace," and warned that Israel could not hope for peace so long as it was occupying another's territory.

In the Egyptian press, meanwhile, the angry reactions to Israel's latest settlement actions reached a new crescendo of bitterness, casting a shadow over the start of the talks in Cairo. Much quoted is a lengthy front page editorial today by Al Akhbar editor Mouss Sabry urging "the Israeli people to press their government" against "a return to the stone age--with all its blood and wars and threats."

#### An Unrestrained Attack

The most vituperatively unrestrained of the Cairo papers was the "Egyptian Gazette," the English-language daily put out by the publishers of the independent and influential "Al Goum-hourriya." Rebutting Premier Menachem Begin's argument that land accretion in the wake of a defensive war is not "impermissible," the paper continued in its editorial today:

"It is absurd for a 7000-year-old nation to discuss 'territorial changes' with a collection of Khazar Jews who just about have enough claim (sic) to Arab lands as Eskimos to Tasmania. Let it be known to Mr. Begin and his rough crew of land-grabbers that there can never be any peace agreement between Egypt and Israel... so long as one Israeli soldier remains on Egyptian soil. The real Jews of this world, not to be confused with Mr. Begin's converted-from-phallus-worship lot, began their exodus from Pharaonic Egypt circa 1222 B.C. with Egyptian chariots in hot pursuit."

Without mentioning what happened to the chariots, the editorial concluded: "We should like to tell today's Israelis: let's begin the exodus once again, gentlemen, but this time we hope there will be no need for chariots."

#### Sadat Eschews Polemics

Sadat, who spoke to reporters after escorting the visiting Shah of Iran to the airstrip here and again when receiving a group of British MPs, said he did not want to get into public polemics with Begin. "But Israel cannot have peace so long as she holds another's land. Israel's choice is land or peace."

British Conservative MP Sir Dennis Walters

observed that this had "always been Israel's choice--and they have always chosen land. What makes you think," he asked Sadat as reporters listened, "that they'll choose differently this time?" But Sadat--significantly--refused to join the Englishman in his a priori condemnation of Israel. He agreed on the historical reading, but added: "It was clear to me from my trip to Jerusalem that the people of Israel want peace." (In Washington, the State Department said today that the clashes of viewpoints by Sadat and Begin are "secondary" to their "commitment" to peace.)

#### LAWYER TO APPEAL 5-YEAR JAIL SENTENCE OF U.S. WOMAN IN ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Attorney Felicia Langer said today that she would appeal a five-year prison sentence imposed last week on Terry Fleener, 23, of San Antonio, Texas, who was convicted of conveying information about Israel to an Arab terrorist organization. Ms. Fleener was tried in camera, the usual procedure in such cases and the sentence was pronounced by a panel of three judges sitting in a Tel Aviv district court.

Langer said the sentence was excessive. No details were disclosed as to the nature of Fleener's offense or when it occurred. The court had refused to reveal even the nationality of the defendant but information was obtained by the press and published abroad.

Fleener was arrested at Ben Gurion Airport last Oct. 25. She told the security agents who apprehended her that she wanted Langer as her counsel, indicating that she had been briefed in advance to request the Israeli attorney who has frequently defended persons accused of security offenses.

Two representatives of the U.S. Embassy were permitted to attend the trial. But Fleener's mother, Mary Boettcher of Enon, Ohio, who flew to Israel, was barred as was Catherine Edwards, a former San Antonio University professor, who came to be a character witness.

According to Mrs. Boettcher, her daughter spent three years in Lebanon with her Lebanese fiance and also visited Israel. It was not clear whether the charges against her concerned activities on her earlier visit to Israel or intended actions when she landed here in October.

#### BEN ELISSAR REPORTED IN BUCHAREST

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, director general of the Prime Minister's Office, is currently in Bucharest, Maariv and Israel Radio reported today. They said Ben-Elissar, who recently headed the Israeli delegation to the Cairo talks, left for Rumania secretly yesterday to brief Rumanian leaders on recent political developments.

It was assumed that Ben-Elissar would meet with Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu. Ceausescu reportedly played a major role in mediating between Israel and Egypt, and was reportedly instrumental in arranging President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem last November.

Another potential mediator, Prime Minister James Callaghan of Britain, reportedly has recently received a cable from Premier Menachem Begin on recent developments. Begin made a point of meeting with Callaghan on his way to Washington last month and on the way back.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Postal services and schools are at a virtual standstill as some 30 percent of the population are home suffering from the flu.

## 8-HOUR NBC-TV DRAMA ON THE HOLOCAUST DUE FOR VIEWING IN APRIL

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)—An eight-hour drama on the Holocaust will be televised nationwide by NBC-TV in April. While the exact dates for the four-part series have not yet been announced, it is tentatively scheduled for the latter part of April, around the Passover holiday.

According to an announcement by NBC-TV, the drama, titled "Holocaust," is an original dramatization "of one of the most monstrous crimes the world has ever witnessed—the murder of six million Jews by the Nazis." The series will cover the decade between 1935 and 1945 when the genocidal atrocities occurred.

NBC-TV described "Holocaust" as "the saga of a gentle and compassionate physician and his family, all of whom are in different ways buffeted by the fury of Nazi bestiality that was unleashed upon the Jews. Paralleling the tragedy of this family is the story of an ambitious young German lawyer who, prodded by his even more ambitious wife, joins the SS and becomes an aide and the chief planner of the annihilation of the Jews."

There is, the NBC-TV description continues, "a curious, tenuous relationship between the two families. Years earlier, the lawyer and his parents were patients of the doctor who treated them with the same kindness he bestowed on all his patients. Now, the Nazi technician of death finds himself involved in the systematic annihilation of these innocent people—and six million others."

According to NBC-TV, an impressive cast, including award-winning performers from the stage, television and motion pictures, will play the major roles. It will be based on actual records, featuring an original story and screenplay by novelist Gerald Green ("The Last Angry Man"); Emmy Award winner Herbert Brodwin and Robert Berger ("The Defenders") are the producers. Marvin Chomsky, who directed six hours of "Roots," will direct "Holocaust." NBC-TV projects that it will be viewed by 35-50 million people in its prime time slot.

### Described As Extraordinarily Moving

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national inter-religious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, who was invited to see the rushes of the first three hours of "Holocaust" and will be viewing the final rushes later this week, said his preliminary impression was that "it is thus far an extraordinarily moving and magnificently acted production. This dramatization translates the trauma, the unspeakable horrors, as well as the heroism of Jews that cannot but help reach the conscience of millions of Americans, non-Jews as well as Jews."

Tanenbaum, who served as the American Jewish consultant to NBC-TV's special on "Jesus of Nazareth," and was invited to serve in a similar capacity for "Holocaust," and at the network's request prepared a detailed critique of Green's script which became the basis of script revisions, added: "Recent efforts to whitewash the Nazi massacre of Jews make this program all the more necessary and compelling."

The rabbi reported that a group of major Jewish education, synagogal and community centers specialists have been brought together by the National Jewish Welfare Board to prepare cooperatively study and discussion guides for use by Jewish youth and adult groups who will be viewing "Holocaust." The AJCommittee, he added, is cooperating with them and will join in disseminat-

ing those materials when they are available.

In addition, Tanenbaum said, the AJCommittee has been in active communication with the National Council of Churches (NCC) and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) to help prepare "Christian Study Guides" for use by their churches on all age levels and to alert them to the significance of "Holocaust." The NCC, NCCB and AJCommittee are also preparing an "Inter-religious Study and Discussion Guide" for use by interreligious dialogue and study groups in every major city in the country, Tanenbaum said.

### 1000 PEOPLE ATTEND HALPRIN FUNERAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)—More than 1000 people filled the Central Synagogue today to attend the funeral services of Rose Halprin who died Sunday at the age of 82. People of all walks of Jewish and Zionist life came to pay their last respects to one of the outstanding and leading American Zionists. Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, senior rabbi of Central Synagogue, and Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, officiated at the services.

Among those offering eulogies was Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive-American Section, who will be going to Israel to participate in the state funeral for Mrs. Halprin.

"Rose Halprin was petite in size but a giant in her moral convictions," Mrs. Jacobson said. "She was a Zionist leader who not only was emotionally tied to the movement but was intellectually committed to its philosophy. She became a Zionist leader early in life in an era when it took conviction and understanding to be a Zionist."

Continuing, Mrs. Jacobson said: "She did not believe in compromise but fought for her convictions with the courage of a lion. . . . Once she became intellectually convinced of the rightness of a program or a goal, she fought for it heart and soul."

After tracing Mrs. Halprin's activities and contributions to the American and world Zionist movement and to the State of Israel, Mrs. Jacobson said Mrs. Halprin will be remembered for "the dignity and courage with which she faced her last illness—her gallantry and determination to keep a normal routine to the last. We will remember her strength of character—her life-time service to Hadassah, to the Zionist movement, to the Jewish people. We will remember her moral integrity, her passionate anger at injustice."

### Memorial Project Announced

Tributes were also issued by scores of leaders of Jewish and Zionist organizations. "In addition, Kalman Sultanik, executive vice-president of the World Confederation of United Zionists, announced that the establishment of a large memorial project to perpetuate the memory of Mrs. Halprin will be proposed at the forthcoming meeting of the Confederation's leadership. The Confederation is a non-party Zionist umbrella organization in this country whose major constituents are Hadassah, Bnai Zion and the American League for Israel.

Mrs. Halprin was its honorary life-president and was one of the original founders of the World Confederation of General Zionists in 1946 and a driving force behind the reorganization of the Confederation in 1958 as the world Zionist body espousing the platform of non-affiliation with political parties in Israel, Sultanik recalled. Mrs. Halprin was elected as co-chairman together with Dr. Israel Goldstein of the reorganized Confederation.