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## DAYAN SAYS ISRAEL IS SELLING ARMS TO ETHIOPIA, BUT IS NOT SENDING ANY TROOPS OR AIRCRAFT

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan admitted yesterday that Israel sells arms to Ethiopia to be used in its war against Somalia. In an interview with Israel Radio from Zurich, Dayan said he saw no reason to conceal the fact.

The Foreign Minister pointed out that Israel has a strong interest in maintaining friendly relations with Ethiopia, a country located along the Red Sea, the waterway by which tankers come to Israel. Dayan said Israel did not send any troops or aircraft to Ethiopia.

This was the first time an Israeli official has publicly admitted that Israel has supplied military aid to Ethiopia although it has been an open secret for 20 years. Israeli aid started during the regime of Emperor Haile Selassie. During that time there was a military mission in Ethiopia and Ethiopian officers frequently came to Israel for various types of training. After the Yom Kippur War, Somalia, like most African countries, broke relations with Israel.

Israel's present aid to Ethiopia began about a year ago when it was asked to give such aid by the government which had overthrown the Emperor in 1974. Israel agreed to do so and continues the aid despite the fact that Ethiopia now also receives aid from the Soviet Union and Cuba. It was reliably learned that Israeli aid includes ammunition, uniforms, first aid equipment, tents and other items of this kind.

### Tried To Keep Aid A Secret

However, Defense Ministry sources were somewhat taken aback today by Dayan's acknowledgement of the fact. The Foreign Minister made his statement after the Israeli involvement had received heavy publicity in the world press.

The Israelis have over the years gone to great lengths to keep their aid a secret. When Haile Selassie, pleased by a demonstration of his paratroopers who had been trained in Israel, wanted to make an official statement thanking Israel, his aides had to convince him not to publicize it. The same thing was true when Premier David Ben Gurion's aides worked to prevent publication of a story the Premier told travel agents about Israel's achievements in training Ethiopian paratroopers.

Dayan is thus coming under criticism for his acknowledging the aid, especially at this time. Israelis in general understand that Israel is sending arms to a government that is also receiving supplies from the Soviet Union and Cuba, not for ideological reasons but to bolster a non-Arab state that has an outlet to the Red Sea to prevent it from becoming a completely Arab waterway.

### BEGIN SENDS MEMO TO CARTER

By Gil Sédan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin sent President Carter a memorandum regarding their December meeting, two days before President Anwar Sadat of Egypt left for Washington, Maariv reported today. The paper

said the purpose of the memo was to stress once again the points of understanding reached between the two countries; to avoid any misunderstandings following the Carter-Sadat summit last weekend.

Begin's memo included, according to Maariv, the recent developments in the Mideast, culminating with the breakdown of the Egyptian Israeli political committee talks last month. Begin mentioned in the past that Carter was impressed by Israel's peace plan, seeing it as a "fair basis for negotiations."

Political observers in Jerusalem say there have not yet been reports from the Sadat-Carter talks, but the general impression is that Carter is careful not to deviate from the understanding reached with Begin in December. Israel is now waiting for the publication of a joint Carter-Sadat communique which is believed to be forthcoming in a few days to see whether it will contradict Israel's basic positions in the peace negotiations.

The expectation that a joint communique will be issued is based on a White House statement Sunday after the Camp David meeting between Carter and Sadat that the two Presidents "will further refine their views in the exchanges between their representatives over the next few days" as well as their Wednesday session. Carter also said Sunday night that he would make "a much more definite" statement on their talks following his final meeting with Sadat at the White House Wednesday.

### DAYAN: EGYPT DOES NOT REALLY WISH TO CONCLUDE SEPARATE TREATY WITH ISRAEL

GENEVA, Feb. 7 (JTA)--In an interview yesterday on Swiss television, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said that in his opinion Egypt does not really wish to conclude a separate peace agreement with Israel. He said "Egypt is reluctant to reach a separate agreement with us and would prefer that another Arab state, such as Jordan, would join her so that Egypt could not be accused by the Arab countries as being a traitor."

Concerning the Egyptian effort to purchase military hardware in the U.S. Dayan said, "I do not understand why Egypt needs so much arms. The question is, who would attack Egypt? I know who will attack Israel." Dayan left Zurich this morning for the U.S. Yesterday he held a meeting with Israeli Ambassadors in Europe. A participant told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it was an exchange of views but no new policy was brought up.

### 45 SUSPECTED TERRORISTS DETAINED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7 (JTA)--Forty-five Arabs suspected of belonging to seven terrorist cells were detained by Israeli security forces in recent weeks, it was reported today. The cells, in Nablus, Ramallah and the Maale Edumim areas in the West Bank, were of the Fatah, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Saika. Various quantities of arms, a stenciling machine and leaflets were found in the cells.

### MINISTER ORDERS TV DRAMA OFF THE AIR

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7 (JTA)--"Hirbet Hiza," a TV drama telling the War of Independence story of Israeli soldiers banishing Arab settlers from their village was taken off the air last night, following the intervention of Education and Culture Minister

Zevulun Hammer.

The show was cancelled despite a last minute decision by the Broadcasting Authority's board of directors to screen the film. But Hammer followed options given to him in the Broadcasting Authority law which allows the Education Minister to postpone a show and refer it to the 31-member Broadcasting Authority Plenary for second consideration.

Hirbet Hiza is based on a novelette by Israeli veteran author Samech Izhar (Smilansky). It is written with a note of criticism on Israeli wartime brutality, but on the other hand stresses the doubts of the soldiers and depicts them as human beings rather than professional soldiers. The book has for years been required reading in Israeli high schools.

Several members of the board of directors argued that the film should not be screened at this delicate stage of the negotiations with Egypt. But when the issue was brought to vote, it was decided to go ahead and telecast it.

But a few hours before the film was to be shown, the matter was raised once again, and again approved by a 4-3 vote. Two of those who voted against it went to Hammer and asked him to use his prerogative and postpone the screening. Hammer accepted the appeal, and the matter will be discussed by the Broadcasting Authority plenary, probably early next month.

#### TV Workers Call Strike

But in the meantime the matter has already caused a public debate, with several Knesseters demanding a discussion in the Knesset. The argument is that the postponement of the broadcast was against the principle of freedom of speech. One lawyer asked for the intervention of the high court of justice. Haaretz displayed its daily cartoon on its first page, showing a television set squeezed between the jaws of a shark carrying the sign "political censorship."

Israeli television workers decided Tuesday to cancel tonight's broadcasts immediately after the daily news bulletin at 9:30 p.m., in protest against the decision. They said it was an unprecedented case of political censorship. It was the first time the workers called a strike to protest political interference.

Twenty-five writers sent Hammer today a petition protesting the decision to take Hirbet Hiza off the air, and demanded the reversal of his decision. Alternatively, the writers suggested, Hammer should resign. Among those signing the petition was Izhar.

The authors accused Hammer of intervening in the freedom of expression and creation, undermining the democratic foundations of the State. Other authors demanded that the Writers Association be convened to condemn the Minister.

#### HERZOG URGES U.S. JEWS TO REMAIN UNITED BEHIND ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (JTA)—Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog has urged American Jews to remain united with the people of Israel as a means of strengthening Israel's chances for achieving a Middle East peace settlement. "In our negotiations with Egypt," he said, "we will succeed only if we are strong as a united people—only if the Jews of America and the rest of the world stand with Israel without compromise."

Herzog made his remarks at an Israel Bond dinner at the Plaza Hotel which launched a year-long campaign marking Israel's 30th anniversary of statehood. Some 200 Jewish leaders attended the

event and purchased \$400,000 in Israel Bonds for Israel's economic development.

In his remarks last Saturday night, Herzog explained that Jewish solidarity is of crucial importance as a means of offsetting a major public relations race now being waged by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. For the first time in history, Herzog said, an Arab leader is going over the head of Israel to negotiate with the Jewish public. "Sadat is trying to pressure Israel to make concessions without giving anything in return," he stated. "In effect, he is using public ultimatums to achieve a peace treaty." Herzog predicted that the Egyptian leader would not succeed in dividing American Jewry and that, eventually, he would have to return to the business of negotiating directly with Israel.

Turning to the question of Israeli settlements in the Rafah salient in the northern Sinai, Herzog emphasized that these Jewish communities are important to Israel's security. He noted that recent public discussions in the U.S. about the Panama Canal treaty indicated that Congressmen are concerned about the security of their own country in Panama after the year 2,000.

"If these leaders can worry about America's security in the Panama Canal Zone some 1,500 miles from its border, why can't Israel worry about the Rafah salient, only a few kilometers from its border, which has been a staging area for the Arabs to attack Israel in three wars?" Herzog asked.

#### REPORT ON WZO SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT BUT SHARPLY CRITICAL OF MANY AREAS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7 (JTA)—The report by Meir Ben-Zion Meiri, Comptroller of the World Zionist Organization, to be submitted to the 29th World Zionist Congress when it convenes here Feb. 20, found that the administration of the WZO "has improved somewhat."

But the report is sharply critical of many areas of activity, particularly the selection and supervision of schlichim (emissaries) sent abroad and the implementation of budgetary economies. It also leveled charges of maladministration against the Jewish National Fund which were promptly challenged by the land reclamation agency.

The WZO Executive decided to release the report now—although they have always been kept secret in the past—because of leaks to the press and in order to set up a follow-through body to ensure that recommended improvements are made. The report covers the fiscal year that ended in March, 1976 when the WZO budget amounted to \$40 million.

The report said that "considerations of savings and technique did not always guide" the WZO staff. Its strongest criticism was reserved for the network of 396 schlichim abroad. The Comptroller found that "a considerable proportion" of the emissaries operated without efficient supervision by their departments.

He praised the immigration and absorption departments for recently instituting public tenders for emissaries but recommended that the selection process be completely revised with more departmental control over those sent abroad.

The report charged the JNF with overpayment and keeping poor records of land purchases. The JNF employs 1,070 persons and has an annual budget of IL 374.5. The JNF responded that the Comptroller had erroneously attributed to it poor records kept by the Israel Lands Administration, a

government agency that assumed control of certain lands formerly held by the JNF. "The Comptroller failed to understand this," a JNF spokesman said.

**CARTER TO MEET WITH JEWISH LEADERS AT WHITE HOUSE FOR 'SMALL PRIVATE DINNER' TO DISCUSS MIDEAST AFFAIRS**  
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (JTA)--President Carter has asked a number of prominent American Jewish community leaders to meet with him at the White House tomorrow night at what was unofficially described as "a small private dinner" to discuss Middle East affairs.

The dinner meeting will take place shortly after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat ends his six-day Washington visit and leaves for Europe where he will continue his campaign to muster opinion for Israel to withdraw totally from the occupied areas and allow the Palestinian Arabs "self-determination" that is expected to bring about a Palestinian state.

Among those invited are: Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Philip Klutznick, president of the World Jewish Congress who saw Sadat privately and with a Jewish group yesterday at Blair House; Richard Maass, president of the American Jewish Committee; Edward Sanders, Los Angeles lawyer who is a former chairman of the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee; Frank Laütenberg, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; and Max Greenberg, the Los Angeles lawyer who is chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League Executive Committee. Greenberg is substituting for ADL president Burton Joseph who is unable to attend.

**Meetings And Discussions**

Following his return to Washington Sunday night from Camp David where he had conferred for two days with Sadat, Carter met with Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. N.Y.), Richard Stone (D. Fla.), Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.) and Rep. Sidney Yates (D. Ill.), the dean of the Jewish members of Congress. Vice President Walter Mondale was also present.

Mondale, Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton, who is returning soon to the Middle East for shuttle diplomacy between Jerusalem and Cairo, and David Aaron, deputy chief of the National Security Council, held meetings yesterday with Senate and House leaders regarding the Sadat visit.

Sadat met with selected media writers and editors at Blair House last night. Neither the Israeli press corps nor representatives of the American Jewish press were invited although they were allowed to participate in Sadat's news conference here last spring.

With no departures having been noted in Sadat's basic terms with Israel that run counter to Israel's requirements for security and political future, Capitol Hill sources indicated that the White House agrees with Sadat that the Jewish community leaders should be moved to influence the Israeli government into backing down on its position. One source said the matter involves primarily "the settlements issue, but it probably goes beyond that."

**IRC RAPS NEO-NAZI ELEMENTS**

GENEVA, Feb. 7 (JTA)--The president of the

International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC), Alexander Hay, charged here that neo-Nazi elements are misusing and misquoting the ICRC in an attempt to show that the figure of six million Jews killed in concentration camps during World War II was a gross exaggeration by the victorious Allied powers.

He said neo-Nazi elements active in West Germany and Britain are trying to discredit the charges of genocide against the Nazi regime. Their object "is to whitewash the National Socialist system in wartime Germany," he said, and their "machination initiated years ago has gone so far that the ICRC is now entangled in its mesh."

According to Hay, these propagandists utilize "statistics wrongly attributed to the 'International Red Cross' and quotations, distorted or truncated, from the report of the ICRC activities during the Second World War."

**Cites Specious Pamphlets**

Hay cited several "specious pamphlets" in circulation today with such titles as "The Myth of the Six Million" and "Did Six Million Really Die?" He said "this propaganda is having some effect. More and more readers of these pamphlets write the ICRC, most of them in the hope that they will receive confirmation of their opinion that after the war Germany was the victim of a smear campaign."

Hay said the ICRC wanted to make it clear that it has never published or compiled statistics of the kind falsely attributed to it. He explained that ICRC delegates were given access to only a few concentration camps and then only in the final days of the war and therefore could not have obtained data for such statistics. "The work of the ICRC is to help war victims, not to count them," he said.

Hay urged the news media to give extensive coverage to his denial of the neo-Nazis' claims. "There is a real danger that the false figure of 350,000 victims of the Holocaust will be spread all over Germany and taught in schools as the historical truth," he said.

Hay said the neo-Nazis were also misusing deaths recorded by the International Trading Service (ITS) on the basis of documents found when the concentration camps were closed. He noted that those records bear no relation to the total deaths in concentration camps because a great quantity of documentary material was destroyed before the Nazis left and because many deaths that occurred in the extermination camps were not recorded. (By Tamar Levy)

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Israel has received no word from Hungary that she wants to reestablish diplomatic relations with the Jewish State, Foreign Ministry sources said Tuesday. A report to that effect was broadcast Monday night on Israel television by its correspondent in Zurich who is covering Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's visit there. The report attributed the story to an abstruse source associated indirectly with Dayan's party. Hungary broke off relations with Israel at the outbreak of the Six-Day War, the same time the Soviet Union did.

GENEVA (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin is due to arrive here Wednesday morning for a three-day visit to open the Magbit fund-raising campaign. In the afternoon he is to hold a press conference at which some 200 journalists and photographers are expected.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES THE WRATH OF A TRUE BELIEVER

By Uzi Benziman

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin's difficulties with his hardcore Herut constituency in the Knesset and government are part of the burden he must bear in pursuit of a peace settlement with Egypt and, hopefully, with Israel's other neighbors. And, as the Premier learned recently, there is no wrath more bitter than that of a disillusioned true believer.

The most vocal and stubborn opposition to Begin's peace plan has come from a comrade of his old Irgun days, an unwavering Herut loyalist, Likud MK Geula Cohen. She was one of Begin's inner circle of staunch supporters who never questioned their leader's moves. But strains between them began to show after the Premier's swift, positive response to President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative and his subsequent offers of "self rule" to the Arabs on the West Bank and Gaza Strip and willingness to return Sinai to Egyptian sovereignty.

An angry clash occurred between them during a meeting of the Likud Knesset faction last month. Afterwards, Cohen, in tears and trembling with rage stood in a Knesset corridor threatening to join with other hardliners in a new opposition bloc aimed at reversing Begin's peace proposals. She was clearly shocked by Begin's counter-attack after she had denounced his peace program and apparently reached the unhappy conclusion that she must lead a political struggle against her erstwhile hero and mentor.

Cohen herself had used harsh words in the intra-party debate. Angrily, she asked Begin if he had "forgotten his Jabotinsky," a reference to the founder of the Zionist-Revisionist movement, Zeev Jabotinsky, whose teachings inspired Begin as a young man. She demanded to know how the Premier dared propose a peace plan that would hold in abeyance Israel's claim to the West Bank. She declared that Begin's peace plan was not only a betrayal of basic Herut philosophy but endangered the very existence of Israel. She contended that Israel had moved too hastily to embrace Sadat's peace initiative.

### Begin Defends His Position

But Cohen did not burn all of her bridges. She emphasized that she had the right to differ with the Premier and said she was not questioning his credibility. Begin, who has always ruled Herut with an iron hand and, by nature, does not remain stolid in face of criticism, ignored Cohen's conciliatory words: "He addressed her stonily as "Mrs. Cohen" rather than the friendly "Geula" of the past.

Begin asked if her love for this land was greater than his own. He insisted that his peace plan accorded fully with the Herut and Likud platforms and accused Cohen of criticizing him publicly while he was in Washington presenting his plan to President Carter.

The Premier, his voice rising with emotion, declared: "I always fought for this country and I don't need any confirmation of my devotion to Israel, neither from the Gush Emunim nor from the Greater Israel Movement, nor from any members of the Herut Party."

Begin demanded a vote of confidence from his party's Knesset faction and got it handily, reminding all that only Cohen and a few other die-hards like Moshe Shamir opposed his policies.

The question is whether Cohen will make good her threat to challenge Begin's leadership. Until

the Likud election victory last May she was an obscure member of the Knesset opposition which she joined four years earlier after a stint as a columnist for Maariv.

Her reputation was that of a consistent, often strident critic of the Labor-led government. She concentrated on educational matters and insisted that the school system insufficiently inculcated Israeli youth with the spirit of nationalism. She was also a vocal supporter of the Gush Emunim illegal settlement movement when it was squelched during the regime of Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

When Begin came to power, Cohen apparently felt she should be elevated at least to sub-Cabinet rank. Her Irgun credentials were impressive. During the pre-State years she had been a commentator on Irgun's underground radio. She was arrested and jailed by the British but escaped.

Cohen sought to be nominated Deputy Minister of Education. But she had to forego that ambition when Education Minister-designate Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party objected. With the Likud government installed, she found that Begin, too, put restraints on the Gush Emunim attempts. But Cohen muted her criticism out of loyalty to the party and its leader. Now she seems determined to challenge Begin; whether on her own or within Herut ranks remains to be seen.

### NEW BAR TO SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (JTA)--The Kremlin has begun to impose new regulations which might well have a severe effect on future emigration, according to reports from the Soviet Union reaching the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. Emigration authorities are now beginning to bar Jews from exiting with work documents, official papers which serve to prove their job qualifications in the free world.

The goal of this action seems to be to deter an ever greater number of Jews from applying than the current anti-Jewish press campaign has accomplished, the two Soviet Jewry groups said. This new regulation "is even more insidious than the notorious ransom education tax of some years back, which at least some Jews could afford to pay," they stated.

Meanwhile, the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry said that 50 Kiev Jews were given exit visas last week--but no refusniks.

In Leningrad, it was reported, young Jewish activists have formed unofficial soccer teams named Hapoel and Maccabi, after the Israeli teams. The team colors are blue and white for Hapoel, and blue Stars of David on white for Maccabi. Hebrew teacher Lev Furman acts as the referee.

### POISON ORANGE FOUND IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 7 (JTA)--The first poisoned Israeli orange has turned up in Britain. Health officials said today that a Jaffa bought in London last week was found to contain small quantities of metallic mercury. They again advised the public to examine fruit before eating it.

Earlier, the Israel Citrus Board had told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that sales in Britain now appeared to be normal following last week's discovery of poisoned oranges on the continent. In the past four days 250,000 boxes had been sold, the Board said.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Some 200 Orthodox Jews demonstrated Saturday near the Ashdod oil rig against work done on the Sabbath.