## ISRAELI POLITICS IN A NUTSHELL

Premier Golda Meir's Labor Alignment is working hard at trying to put together a government coalition, most partners. likely with its present meanwhile MEL AIRE BRIDAL SHOP

Party and the Indepen- ergency dent Liberal Party.

The labor party had JERUSALEM (WNS)- named an Il-member leader Yosef Burg that committee headed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to negotiate with potential coalition The NRP meanwhile is trying to coalition partners the convince Labor to form Religious an all-embracing "em-

coalition"

which includes Likud. But Sapir told NRP a broad-based coalition that would include Likud is out of the question. Sapir maintained that it would paralyze efforts to reach an agreement at the Geneva conference because of Likud's hardline stance

Meanwhile, the Independent Liberals and Shulamit Aloni's Civil Rights List have agreed to form a parliamen-tary bloc. Their seven seats combined with the Labor -- aligned three Arab sears would give Labor a precarious 61 seat majority in the 120-member Knesset.

But the margin would be too narrow and the consensus is that the new government will closely resemble the old Labor -- N R P - I L P coalition.

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ON MIDEAST TALKS

UNITED NATIONS (W

NS) -- Secretary General

Kurt Waldheim, holding

dicted a successful con

clusion soon to the Israeli-Egyptian disen-

But he said the second phase of the talks

will last much longer

because it will deal with

the final "global" settle

ment in the Middle East.

that the Palestinian

question is "very im-portant" to any future

UN favored "quiet diplomacy" and said he didn't believe that every

thing had to be done in public and that public

discussion of problems sometimes cannot con-

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### EGYPT BLOCKED REFUGEE AID PLAN

AMSTERDAM (WNS)chairman of the Com-mon Market's "Europe-an Committee," has re vealed that Egypt and Jordan purposely opposed Europe's bid to help solve the Palestinian refugee problem.

Speaking on radio, -Mansholt said the two countries rejected a proposal by the European Committee to give large scale aid in the form of food and training to help integrate the Palestinians.

Implying that the refusal was a political maneuver to keep the Palestinian Palestinian problem alive, Mansholt called repulsive" the artempis of many European countries to "obtain a few thousand rons of oil from the Arabs by bowing to their de-

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# WASHINGTON DATELINE

BY TRUDE B. FELDMAN Sicco Mansholt, until ISRAELITE'S WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT recently the Dutch vice BE SURE TO SEE TRUDE'S COVER STORY IN FEB. MCCALL'S MAGAZINE J.T.)

> Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan last week flew here to confer with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger.

> Their discussions were the first high-level talks between American and Israeli officials since Israel's elections on December 31.

> Besides their initial office meetings, Dr. Kissinger hosted a working luncheon for Gen. Dayan at the State Department. Dining with them were Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz; Israeli Embassy Minister Mordecai Shalev; and Israeli Embassy Counselor Moshe Reviv. Also, Ellsworth Bunker, AmbassadorAt-Large; Joseph J. Sisco. Assistant Secretary For Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Saunders, National Security Council; Alfred L. Atherton. Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs and Peter Rodman, staff assistant to Dr. Kissinger at the White House.

> Dayan--who was greeted by applause as he walked in and out of the State Department-said he came her "with instructions from our Cabinet to present to the Secretary of State thoughts and principles" about the Israeli position on the disengagement of forces along the Suez Canal.

> "I explained our position and I heard the views and principles expressed by the secretary," he said. As for what Israel would expect in exchange for withdrawing from Egyptian territory, Dayan explained that such terms would be based on the nature of any agreement, the types of weapons to be left in position, the distances involved and other mutual commitments which ought to be involved in the separation of both governments' forces along the Suez Canal.

> When asked why General Dayan needed to come to Washington when the matter is in conference in Geneva, Kissinger replied:--"Because Israel and the U. S. have been friends for a long time and it is natural for us to exchange ideas ...

> Both Kissinger and Dayan voiced optimism that an agreement on disengagement may yet be reached by the end of the month.

> Dayan refused to say whether he brought his own disengagement plan-which links with drawal to the overall peace settlement ("a piece of peace for a piece of territory").
>
> He said he "brought ideas and principles

> about how to approach a plan" but that an "actual plan will have to come" from the Geneva talks."

"Here, we only discussed the general concept.

Did Dayan ask for any guarantees once an agreement was reached? "We didn't ask for guarantees," he replied. "We ask for understanding.'

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