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NO DETAILS FROM ISRAEL TO U.S. IN SECOND STAGE NEGOTIATIONS

LATE NEWS

RUSSIA NIXES TRADE-VISA DEAL

ISRAEL PREPARED FOR ANY EVENTUALITY

NEW YORK (WUP) -- between 1967 and 1973, "If war breaks out again in the Middle East, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) consider themselves better prepared, better equipped, and better led to fight than in the October war of 1973."

This is the finding of Geoffrey Godsell, the overseas news editor of The Christian Science Monitor writing from Jerusalem.

Quoting IDF spokesmen, Godsell notes that "the initial setbacks suffered by Israel in the 1973 war have led the defense planners to give up the idea of a fixed forward line to be held in case of attacks. This," he says, "had been the basis of Israeli planning on the border with Egypt

with the Bar-Lev line along the east bank of the Suez Canal intended to prevent or at least delay any Egyptian crossing of the canal. But when the war started in October, 1973, the Egyptians crossed the waterway -- also believed up till then to be an effective natural anti-tank ditch -- and penetrated the Bar-Lev line in six hours.

"So today," Godsell continues, "Israel has reverted to pre-1967 concepts. On both the Egyptian and Syrian fronts, there is now a mobile front line, with the emphasis of observation posts.

"The close call that Israel got in the early days of the 1973 war has led to some other changes," he discloses. "There is now greater emphasis on getting a better intelligence warning of attack than 15 months ago when the Israelis were caught napping..."

YAHRTZEIT'S TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

(Friday, Jan. 17, 1975)

- Morris Adler
- Benjamin Engler
- Joseph Brown
- Jack Lieberman
- Sidney Colen
- Sam Borax
- Max Nessel
- Juda Veerman
- Max Brown
- Henry Hyman
- Benjamin Weisbrot
- Sam Feldman
- Morris Spector
- Morris Levy
- David Halper
- Israel Joel Trattler

- Grace Don
- Betty Petrowsky
- Julia Novak
- Cecilia Saiger
- Fay Meyer
- Fanny Goldstein
- Doris Ellenport
- Anna Kasenetz
- Sophie Trattler
- Rosaline Schwartz
- Liba Goldfarb
- Anna Maniloff

ISRAEL'S POPULATION AT 3.4 MILLION

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The population of Israel at the end of 1974 totaled 3.4 million of which 2.9 million were Jews and about 514,000 were non-Jews, mostly Arabs.

The Central Bureau of Statistics in reporting the figures noted that the Jewish population included 20,000 potential immigrants, most of them holding temporary resident status.

The non-Jewish population rose about 3.5 percent in 1974 while the Jewish population increased by 2 percent.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel is not presenting to the United States any maps or lines in the discussion on second stage negotiations, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Knesset.

He said the talks so far have involved conceptions and principles rather than details. "Only when the time comes for substantial negotiations will these be translated into conditions and lines," he said.

Later, as he departed for the United States, Allon told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport, "I take with me to Washington no new proposals." Allon said there were signs that the situation might develop whereby the Egyptians would be willing to negotiate a second-stage agreement with Israel.

He said the postponement of a trip to Cairo by Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev created a new situation about which Israel and the U.S. will have to exchange views. "Peace is not like instant coffee," Allon said. "It cannot be achieved on the spur of the moment. It takes time and must be reached gradually."

Meanwhile, Premier Yitzhak Rabin in an interview with the French newspaper, "Le Figaro" said Israel "without the slightest difficulty" would relinquish the Abu Rodeis oil fields and the strategic-Mitla and Gidi passes in return for a genuine peace treaty. Rabin declared that Israel is prepared to give "most of the Sinai" in exchange for a formal peace treaty but "in the case of a simple non-aggression agreement, the Egyptians will receive much less than what they would obtain in the framework of a peace treaty."

In his other remarks, Rabin accused the Arab countries of "economic blackmail" against the West and charged that the Soviet Union was behind their oil policy. "The Soviets are presently putting pressure on the sheikks and emirates, the Arab kings, to strangle Europe and destroy its social and economic structure," Allon said.



HADASSAH, THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, ANNOUNCED THAT ON OCTOBER 21, 1975 IT WILL REOPEN ITS MAGNIFICENT HOSPITAL ON MOUNT SCOPUS.

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WASHINGTON DATELINE

BY TRUDE B. FELDMAN
ISRAELITE'S WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

Richard Tucker

Be sure to hear the one-hour special on Richard Tucker on the Sig Sakowicz KLAV Radio show, Monday, January 20, from 11:05 to 12 noon. Sig was a long time, personal friend of the late opera singer and the show will include interviews and recordings of that sterling voice.

Brooklyn-born Richard Tucker, who grew up to be an internationally famous Metropolitan Opera singer, died last Wednesday at age 60.

Tucker was not only widely known as the world's best tenor, but also for his support and concern for humanitarian and charitable causes all over the world.

Born Reuben Ticker to poor Bessarabian immigrant parents, Richard Tucker did his first singing at the age of six as a boy alto in the Allen Street Synagogue on New York's lower East Side. He began his career as a Cantor (Chazzan) at the Brooklyn Jewish Center.

While singing at a party in a lower East Side catering establishment some 40 years ago, he met the former Sara Pearlman, (sister to Jan Peerce) and proposed to her on a BMT subway platform. The Tuckers and their three sons - Barry, David & Henry - were a close-knit family, even the license plate on the Tucker auto reads: "RST-3," standing for "Richard and Sara Tucker and three sons."

As an American-born and entirely American-trained singer, Tucker was especially proud of his recent decoration as a "commendatore" in the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic (Italy's highest civilian honor). And, as a Jew -- who never graduated from high school, he was also proud of the Honorary Doctorates conferred upon him by Notre Dame and St. John's, two of the country's foremost Catholic universities.

Richard Tucker would have celebrated his 30th anniversary this month with the Met. On his 25th anniversary, CBS Records issued a special "Richard Tucker Silver Jubilee" album to salute the significant career milestone of the Met's Number One Tenor.

The State of Israel's first 'Artistic and Cultural Award' for his "significant contribution to the international amity through the universal language of music"; a gold plaque for "distinguished service to Israel in its formative years; and the First Annual B'nai B'rith Award for "distinguished achievement on the performing arts" were some of the numerous awards which had been presented to Tucker.

He had starred in six opening-night performances at the Met and was chosen to open the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts as
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