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ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON WILL MEET WITH SECY. KISSINGER

President Katzir Greetings

As "Yom Haatzmaut" (Independence Day) approaches in a time beset by fateful questions, we Jews in Israel and throughout the world remember Israel's Declaration of Independence in those threatening and uncertain days twenty-seven years ago. We must wonder at the strange ways of our people's history and its capacity to make suffering into the seed of survival. The endangered little community of 1948 has become a nation of close to three million, its agriculture and industry rapidly and sometimes remarkably developed, its capacity to build and to defend itself triumphing over fierce onslaughts. Its society and culture, if far from the hoped for ideal, are yet rooted in the moral and spiritual values of the Jewish people, always dynamic and self critical, aspiring to make a noble life out of the dry bones of the bitter past.

The year 1975 sees these historic perils of ours written large, very large. But the year 1975 sees us in possession of a vital state and vital communities in many parts of the world. The year 1975 sees us stronger, more defiant, more self reliant, more united, as we face dark days for the whole free world and the exposure of Jews and Israel to particular danger and difficulty.

We are approaching a unity of feeling and determination. May it be a significant factor in the shaping of a free and creative future for ourselves, in the bringing of a more peaceful and reasonable climate to the Middle East and the world. The belief that peace is the ideal state towards which human history is headed, is one of the great gifts of the Jewish spirit to the world. It is a belief by which we in Israel and Jews everywhere live -- stubbornly and hopefully, continuing to build, to learn, to grow.

To you everywhere, to us in Israel, CHAG Sameach, -- the holiday greetings of the reborn Jewish people.

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Y-AHRZEITS
TONIGHT AT
BETH SHOLOM

(Friday, Apr. 18, 1975)
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EGYPT RETURNS ISRAELI WAR DEAD

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- After Israel agreed to several conditions, Egypt returned the bodies of 39 Israeli Yom Kippur War dead with full military honor in a ceremony in the Sinai buffer zone.

One condition was that Israel free 20 Bedouins of Egyptian nationality who had been imprisoned for carrying out intelligence activities for Egypt.

Israel also agreed to permit an Egyptian convoy to carry supplies to Bedouin flood victims in northern Sinai.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Foreign Minister Yigal Allon will meet with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger when Allon goes to the United States to attend fund-raising meetings of the United Jewish Appeal.

According to sources, when Kissinger learned that Allon would be in the U.S. he invited the Foreign Minister to come to Washington. The sources said that Allon would not bring any new ideas to Kissinger since Premier Yitzhak Rabin's government stands firm on the offers it made for a second - stage disengagement agreement with Egypt, all of which Cairo rejected.

Allon's visit follows reports that American officials have indicated to Israel that neither Allon nor Defense Minister Shimon Peres should come to Washington while the Ford Administration is engaged in a reassessment of American Middle East policy. Sources said Allon hesitated to accept the UJA invitation to come to the U.S. in view of the relations between Washington and Jerusalem. But after meetings held between Kissinger and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz there was an indication that Allon would not be unwelcome. In addition to meeting with Dinitz, Kissinger has also been holding talks with the ambassadors of Jordan, Syria, and Egypt.



LOOKING OVER PROGRAM FOR BETHSHOLOM SISTERHOOD ANNUAL FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, IN THE TEMPLE SOCIAL HALL ARE, FASHION SHOW CHAIRMAN JOAN SHAPIRO, LEFT, SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT BUNNY KAUFMAN, CENTER, AND MODEL LIZ KANTER.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



U.S. Responds to Israel

The most encouraging news we heard, since the failure of Henry Kissinger's mission of settlement in the Mideast, is the Harris Poll that American public opinion of Israel is at "a record peak."

Despite the expressed disappointment of President Ford and the chagrin of the Ford Administration led by the futility displayed by Kissinger, coupled with the setback in South-east Asia, the American public refused to be swayed by emotion or false publicity purchased by the Arab millions. U.S. citizens did not buy the threat of a "reassessment" of the Mideast, which everyone knew was directed at Israel.

Every indication pointed the finger at Israel. After congressional leaders met with Ford and Kissinger, the statement of re-examination of all countries in the Mideast, was made. There was talk of halting or curbing committed military aid to Israel.

Ambassadors to Arab countries were called to Washington to confer. Then "senior advisors" were asked by the State Department for ideas. The "senior advisors" were not the best friends of Israel. They were George Ball, who in the past favored cooperation with Russia in Mideast; Dean Rusk and Robert McNamara, who never were too kind to Israel; David Rockefeller, considered pro-Arab; William Scranton, who wanted equal aid to both sides; and Averell Harriman, who favored the Geneva peace talks. One spokesman called it a "stacked deck" against Israel.

Then Kissinger called upon Canada and Holland to help, as Newsweek called it, "with the arm-twisting" of Israel.

There were some demonstrations in Israel against Prime Minister Rabin's stand for the breakdown of the negotiations. But Rabin held fast, and gradually the tide has turned.

The last avenue of conciliation, considered by both Israel and Egypt, are the Geneva peace talks. There the deck would really be stacked against Israel because it would be dominated by Russia and the Arab nations. In addition, Israel refuses to negotiate with the Palestinians. Egypt, also does not desire domination by Russia or too close assimilation with the Palestinians. Both sides look at Geneva as a "free-for-all." It will have to be a last resort.

Because of signs of weakening U.S. in-

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