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right to determine what are her own national interests, upon which her security depends. Americans will recall that it was Sadat of Egypt, in collaboration with the Soviet Union, who attacked our friend, Israel, on the morning of Yom Kippur, the most sacred of Jewish Holy Days.

For President Ford, the leader of the world's greatest democracy, and the example of international morality, to embrace this same Sadat with such unrestrained enthusiasm, represents a disquieting manifestation.

The ZOA supports American policy which seeks to cultivate friendship among all nations, including the Arabs. But this need not, and must not, be done by sacrificing proven friends and allies.

The credibility and stature of our great nation is at stake, as the world watches the Administration's selection of priorities. We cannot ignore the historic experiences of Munich and Czechoslovakia. The sacrificing of Prague did not save Paris and London. Catering to tyrants, no matter how cleverly disguised, will never lead to peace, in the middle East or throughout the world.

The ZOA calls upon the Administration of the United States to pursue a course as mediator who stands beside the parties directly involved, instead of between them.

The step-by-step policy which has not proved effective, must be replaced with a policy of face-to-face negotiations.

Americans should support President Ford as the world's leader in the cause of peace. However, it is time that the United States insisted that Israel's tangible offers, must now be met with equal flexibility by Egypt and all other Arab nations, as proof of their sincere intentions.

The ZOA reaffirms its past position which urges the people of Israel to stand firm, to remain strong, to maintain courage, and to resist those who ask her to make sacrifices which she believes are contrary to the interests of her nation.

We in the United States will do our utmost to make certain that the historic relationship between the United States and Israel is restored to the highest level of allies and good friends.

KISSINGER: "ISRAEL MUST TAKE A CHANCE"

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- After hearing a report from Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, the Israeli Cabinet decided to postpone any decision and seek further clarification from the United States about the components of a proposed interim agreement with Egypt.

Dinitz, who met with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in the Virgin Islands before returning to Israel, reviewed bilateral American-Israeli relations and answered questions from the ministers, according to a brief Cabinet communique. After a seven-hour session, the Cabinet agreed to Premier Yitzhak Rabin's proposal "to seek elucidation and clarification with the United States regarding the components of the agreement with Egypt," the communique said.

Rabin is going to West Germany and may meet with Kissinger who is also scheduled to be in Europe at the same time. In Washington, Kissinger said the meeting will be held if there is a need for further clarification from the U.S. On his arrival from Washington, Dinitz

denied that either President Ford or Kissinger had issued Israel an ultimatum.

However, in Washington, Kissinger said in an ABC televised interview that Israel "must take a chance" on territorial concessions in the effort to reach an agreement with Egypt. He indicated that the degree of American support for Israel depended on what concessions were made. Kissinger said the U.S. understands and sympathizes with Israel's fear of giving up territory.

"But we also feel that they must take a chance on making progress towards war sooner or later which is going to have serious consequences above all for the people of Israel," Kissinger said. He added that the U.S. will stand behind Israel "in conditions in which we can reasonably say to our people that progress is being made."

RUSSIA SETS 30% TAX ON MONEY SENT

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Soviet government's new 30 percent tax on all money Soviet citizens receive from abroad is expected to impose a hardship on Jewish activists, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

But the Conference



LEFT TO RIGHT: PROF. BRACHA RAMOT, INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED HEMATOLOGIST AND CHAIRMAN MAGEN DAVID ADOM BLOOD SERVICES; AMBASSADOR DAVID Z. RIVLIN, CONSUL GENERAL OF ISRAEL IN NEW YORK; AND MRS. NATHAN GOLDMAN, CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN, IN FRONT OF THE 'AMERICAN RED MAGEN DAVID FOR ISRAEL FLOAT DURING THE SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE HELD RECENTLY IN NEW YORK.

did not know how bad a hardship since it is not known if the tax will be in addition to or instead of the existing 30 percent bank handling charge Soviet citizens now pay on money received from abroad.

A Conference spokesman said it is also not known if the tax will include ruble certificates which can be sent to Soviet citizens to buy goods in stores and which purchase three times as much as money does.

Many Jews who have lost jobs after applying for emigration visas are dependent on funds from abroad.

RUMANIA SEEKS FAVORED NATION STATUS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Rumanian President Nicolai Ceausescu met with 15 Congressional leaders at the Rumanian Embassy here in an attempt to persuade them to approve legislation granting Rumania most-favored-nation status and other trade benefits.

The congressmen said little progress was made but expressed the hope that Rumania would improve its emigration policies.

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