Large Type Siddur

I think I can report another first.

A gorgeous siddur has been published in large type, so that those with poor vision can read it. It contains the ritual for Sabbath and festival services.

A product of the Hebrew Publishing Co., of 79 Delancey St., in the historic East Side of New York City, the prayerbook is the work of one of the most extraordinary scholars of modern times, Dr. Philip Birnbaum.

A bachelor who strikes you as unpreposessing when you first see him, Dr. Birnbaum

is an intellectual giant.

He has single-handedly translated the Sabbath prayer book, in High Holyday prayer book, the Haggadah, and various works of Maimonides in glittering English.

He has offered striking new translations such as "man of duty" for Bar Mitzvah and "glorified and sanctified" for the first words of the Kaddish. His English renderings are original and contemporaneous. His translaoriginal and contemporaneous. His translations are a joy to read.

Dr. Birnbaum has many valuable tomes to his credit, such as a book which lists the major Jewish concepts and another which learning of Hebrew relatively

simple. The Jewish community is deeply indebted to Dr. Birnbaum. He merits the highest of kudos. His prowess as a savant deserves recognition. Academic institutions should

shower him with degrees, The large-type siddur has footnotes, which the reading of the book even more

illuminating.
I stand in awe of Dr. Birnbaum's achievements. But when you meet him his sweet-ness melts you instanter. What a man!

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KISSINGER OFF TO MIDEAST AGAIN BUT OPPOSITION

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Secretary of State Henry A, Kissinger is returning to the Middle East to resume his efforts at reaching a second stage agreement between Israel and Egypt. The announcement was made by Pres.

Ford from his vacation retreat in Vail, Colorado after discussions with Kissinger on the Mideast situation. Ford said he hoped an agreement could be reached. Kissinger told a press conference "We think there is a good chance of success or the President would not have authorized my return." The announcement came after a week of discussions between American and Israeli officials including several rounds of talks between Kissinger and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz.

Ford's announcement was also made after the Israeli Cabinet concluded a six-hour session by announcing it approved Israel's position in the negotiations for an agreement.

Meanwhile, it has been reported that Israel

agreed to withdraw to line further back than in her original offer. The line which is an American-suggested compromise between the Israeli and Egyptian positions would leave Israel with only a kilometer and a half in the Gidi Pass and 300 meters in the Mitla Pass. Still to be settled are Israel's Insistance that any area from which she with draws be demilitarized an placed under United Nations control and the number and role of the American technicians who would

man early warning systems in the Sinai, Kissinger in Vail, Colorado, said the technicians would be civilians and would carry only weapons needed to defend themselves. He said the sending of the technicians would have to have Congressional approval. He also promised that all arrangements involving the U.S. in the interim accord would be sub-mitted to Congress "and there will be no secret understandings that are not submitted, Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D.Mo.) who is visiting Israel, said he was confident that Congress would support sending the technicians. Peres would support sending the technicians. Peres said the U.S. team would be an American political not military involvement.

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Meanwhile opposition forces here are beginning to mount a campaign against the agreement. Herut, one of the parties in Likud, said that Rabin's government does not represent the people of Israel and therefore cannot sign any agreement. Leon Dulzin and Elimplech Birmals Loadors of the Libeau Barry. cannot sign any agreement. Leon Dulzin and Elimelech Rimalt, leaders of the Liberal Party, another contingent of Likud, charged that the agreement was forced upon Israel by the U.S.

The same claim was made by the Israel Students Association which denounced the agreement because it said Israel is being asked to make territoria concessions without any political undertakings from Egypt. of Gush Emunim, the movement which demands Jewish settlement on the West Bank, and the Ilan University Students Association, are planning to hold a public "trial" of Kissinger when he arrives here. They charged that the Secretary endangers peace in the free world, as, they say, he endangered peace in Chile, Vietnam, Cypress, Cambodia and Israel, Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, on his way to Canada for the United Jewish appeal, repeated his chieflors to so interior. repeated his objections to an interim agree-ment concessions in return for an overall agreement in which the Arabs would pledge non-belligerence.

In another development, Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol warned that if through the agreement, Egypt is permitted to advance troops and fortifications in the Siani it would endanger Israel's security. Kol, a member of the Independent Liberal Party and a "dove" in the Cabinet, said the further Egypt advances in the Sinai, the less chance that the peninsula will be demilitarized. another development, Minister of peninsula will be demilitarized.

NEW YORK--Sweeping tax reform is the economic story of the day in Israel. In order to implement the process of reforming the entire tax structure, Israeli Minister of Finance Yehoshua Rabinowitz has asked Israel Aliya Centers across the United States and Canada to embark on a recruitment drive among potential immigrants to find candidates for the Israeli Internal Revenue Service. For for the Israeli Internal Revenue Service, For info Isaac Friedman of the Israel Aliyah Center, 515 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.

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