

# ISRAEL: LIMITED GENEVA TALKS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel would agree to return to the Geneva conference on the basis of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and with participation limited to the parties who attended the brief original session in December 1973, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told visiting UN Undersecretary Roberto Guyer.

The UN official is scheduled to visit Arab countries to find out their position on reconvening the conference. Allon, meanwhile, said that the Israel Cabinet has agreed to allowing the United States to sound out Egypt, Syria and Jordan about a non-belligerency treaty to see if the Arabs are willing to end the state of war. If the Arabs are willing to talk about ending the state of war, he said, only then would Israel be required to discuss territorial concessions.

Government sources indicated that the first step is for Israeli and American legal experts to agree on a precise definition of end-of-war or non-belligerency and that such a definition would be submitted to the Israeli Cabinet for approval.

Meanwhile the Cabinet's decision has been attacked on both the right and left. MK Yehuda Ben Meir of the National Religious Party has demanded an immediate dissolution of the Knesset and a new election. David Koren, of the Labor Party's Rafi wing, demanded that Premier Yitzhak Rabin explain the decision to Labor's Knesset faction "so I can know if I am for it or against it."

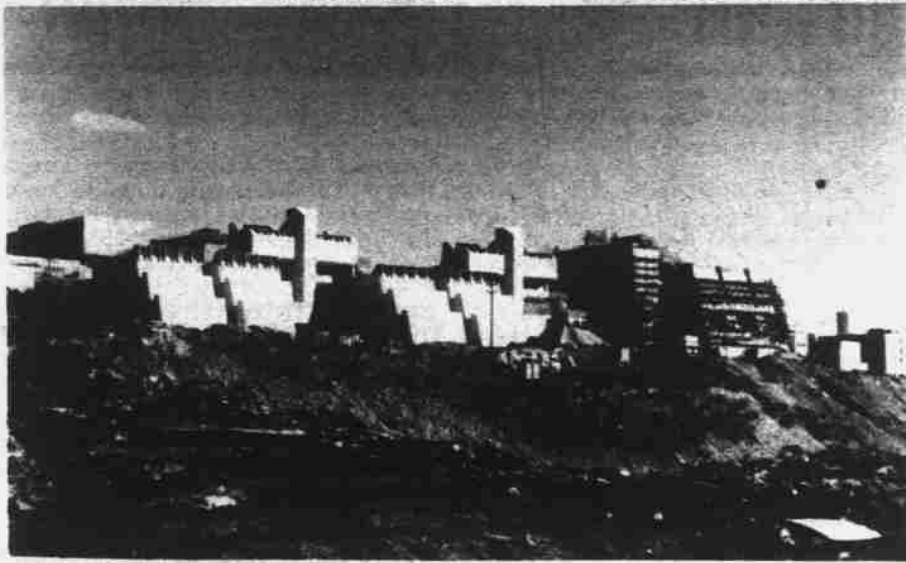
Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban and others have warned that the Arabs would demand as much for non-belligerency as for a formal peace, leaving Israel nothing to bargain with in future peace negotiations. "The Arabs will also ask for complete withdrawal and the establishment of a Palestine state in return for end-of-belligerency," Eban said. "What is left to ask in return for peace except the elimination of Israel itself?"

Many Laborites charged that Rabin had "sprung" the decision on the Cabinet and that his initial briefing on his return from Washington did not contain any hint that the Ford Administration was pressing Israel to agree to new U.S. initiatives aimed at non-belligerency.

Defense Minister Shimon Peres, speaking to a meeting of NRP youth, said he preferred seeking non-belligerency at this time because Israel will have to give up less for it than for a full peace. He conceded that Israel had to give up some of its independence to obtain American political support and friendship. But he stressed that America's freedom of action was similarly decreased when it attempts to fulfill Israel's requests.

In another development, a group of Israel "doves" have issued a manifesto calling for co-existence between Israel and a Palestinian state. The manifesto, which contained about 100 signatures, was prepared by the Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Rapprochement, which includes Meir Payil of Moked, former MK Uri Avneri and Gen. (Res.) Matti Peled. Avneri said that there are West Bank leaders who agree with the manifesto's proposals which call for Israel to withdraw to its pre-1967 borders with some modifications. He said the time has come for the government to announce its readiness to negotiate with the Palestinians. In another development, Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili disclosed that secret contacts have taken place between Israel and its Arab neighbors. But Galili reiterated that Israel will never negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization and was unalterably opposed to a third state between Israel and Jordan.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel officials have again denied that their country has nuclear weapons.



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## CHRISTIAN LEADERS MARK JEWS' INDIFFERENCE TO ISRAEL'S PLIGHT

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Christian clergymen, the Rev. Malcolm Boyd, a Protestant minister and author and Msgr. John Oesterreicher, director of Judaean-Christian studies at Seton Hall University, have criticized Jews for being indifferent to the plight of Israel.

Speaking at an all day conference on "The Importance and Difficulty of Israel in Christian Jewish Dialogue," Boyd said that when the security of Israel is in danger, the safety of all Jews is in question. "It would be helpful if Jews in America, realized this and stopped being indifferent," he said.

Oesterreicher, a leading Catholic supporter of Israel, said that while it is claimed that Israel, Zionism and Judaism are one, many Jews are either indifferent to Israel's plight or even hostile to the Jewish State. He said the conference, which was sponsored by the American Zionist Federation, was a "dialogue of the converted. What are you going to do about the people on the outside?" he asked.

Dr. Emil Fackenheim professor of philosophy at the University of Toron-

to, said that since 1967 the Soviet Union and the Arabs have been trying to steal the Holo-

caust from the Jewish people by calling the Israelis Nazis and the Palestinians their victims.

## CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES AT HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. (WNS) -- Harvard University plans to establish a \$15 million Center for Jewish Studies, centralizing and expanding the university's present Judaean degree programs, it was announced by President Derek C. Bok and the Fellows of Harvard College.

Bok said gifts and pledges totalling \$2.1 million, including a grant of \$1 million from the Lucias N. Littauer Foundation of New York, have already been raised. He said the center would be "more than a source of scholarship and inspiration" because it would be "nothing less than a major step in the enrichment of Harvard University, the United States, the Jewish people and the Western world."

General Weinstock, of Larchmont, N.Y.,

chairman of a national committee of more than 200 prominent people which is spearheading the fund drive, said the center will provide expanded Judaean instruction for undergraduates and graduates. He said the fund will also provide six endowed professorships and 24 endowed graduate fellowships.

Bok noted that Harvard has the first endowed chair of Jewish studies in a secular institution of learning in the world, the Nathan Littauer Professorship of Hebrew Literature and Philosophy, held by the late Professor Harry Wolfson from 1925-1928 and since then by Isadore Twersky.

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## HERZOG BLASTS UN 20 COMMITTEE

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Israel "will in no way cooperate with the committee of 20 nations established by the United Nations General Assembly last November 10 to implement the Assembly's 1974 Palestinian resolution." Israeli Ambassador Haim Herzog said as the committee began its work.

The Assembly resolution included support for the right of self-determination and national independence for the Palestinians and their right to "return to the homes and property from which they were uprooted." Herzog denounced the committee as "nothing more than an instrument in the hands of the extreme Arab elements who are unwilling to acknowledge the Jewish people's right to national sovereignty in Israel and whose purpose is to block the road toward peace with Israel."

He characterized the committee as part of "a design by the extreme and intransigent Syrian regime and the Syrian-controlled Palestine Liberation Organization to arrest the process of negotiation in the Middle East and to annul the existing agreements which have been reached." Herzog warned that "committees such as this one which are biased and prejudiced and most of whose members maintain no diplomatic relations with Israel, and by this very fact prejudice the issue, can only exacerbate the situation and create an atmosphere which is not conducive to negotiation and peace."

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