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at Congregation Chizuk Amuno. He said that "the Middle East today, with all its uncertainties, is at a moment of unprecedented opportunity" for progress toward peace. But he stressed that any "successful negotiation will require Israel to exchange territory in return for political and therefore much less concrete concessions."

Kissinger, who received the Congregation's Distinguished Leadership Award, was making his first appearance before a synagogue group since becoming Secretary of State and his second before a Jewish organization. He addressed the American Jewish Congress several weeks earlier.

The split in the Baltimore Jewish community over Kissinger was demonstrated by the Baltimore Jewish Times which ran two editorials, one agreeing that Kissinger should have received the Congregation's award and the other opposed. Kissinger, in his speech, said that a solution to the Mideast conflict cannot be imposed and "there should be negotiations between the parties that will eventually have to live in peace with each other." He also called for an end to the Arab economic warfare against Israel and said that "the U.S. is committed to ending restrictions on Israel's right to trade and on the right of others to trade with Israel."

The official car taking Kissinger and his wife, Nancy, to the synagogue ran a gauntlet of more than 100 students and adults carrying placards attacking Kissinger and his policies.

DINITZ DEFENDS SETTLEMENTS, JAVITZ CALLS IT SERIOUS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The charge that Israeli settlements in occupied territories are hampering chances for a Middle East peace settlement was rejected by Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador to the United States.

He said if this was true then there should have been peace between 1948 and 1967 when there were no Israeli settlements on the West Bank and the Golan Heights. He said the major block to peace is the Arab refusal to recognize the legitimacy of the State of Israel. Dinitz's remarks were made in response to questions by Rabbi William Berkowitz of B'nai Jeshurun during a "special dialogue" celebrating Israel's Independence Day and the 150th anniversary of the Conservative congregation.

Dinitz also attacked American Jews who use the media to criticize Israel's policies. "I am for an exchange of views between American Jews and Israel" but "the New York Times and the Washington Post do not have to be the first channel of dispute between American Jews and Israel." He said American Jews have many channels to present their views to the Israeli government but when they use the press they give ammunition to Israel's enemies. However, he said while Israelis listen to the views of Jews abroad, when it comes to life - or - death decisions such as the future boundaries the decision can only be made by the people of Israel since it is their lives which are at stake.

However, in Washington, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY) said that "the new Israeli settlements in the West Bank and other administered areas" are "the most serious symptoms of the current tension between Israel and the bordering Arab states, Israel and the United States government, and even Israel and some of her close friends in the United States."

Speaking at the American Jewish Committee's 70th annual meeting, Javits said "the American Jewish community can and must play a forceful role in assisting the Israelis to emulate in the search for peace the bold risks that they have so successfully assumed in war. It is time of offer new alternatives, new per-

pectives and new possibilities." Meanwhile in Israel, Hanan Porat, leader of Gush Emunim said the militant orthodox group "cannot accept" and will not agree to "the Cabinet decision to move the group's squatters from the Kadun settlement in Samaria. He said the settlement in Kadun would be a permanent one. This was in direct defiance to the government decision that the squatters would be moved to some yet unspecified location. The Cabinet said it will encourage settlements both within Israel and in the administered territory.

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