

new government was approved by a 63 - 53 vote. The vote was strictly predictable with the new government being supported by Likud, the National Religious Party (NRP) and the Aguda bloc, Moshe Dayan and Samuel Flatto-Sharon. Voting against were the Labor Alignment, the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC), the Sheli and Rakah factions and the one member factions of the Independent Liberal Party and the Civil Rights Movements. Four MKs were absent. In his address Begin read his new government's guidelines which included that statement that it "announces its readiness to take part in the Geneva conference at such time as it shall be invited to do so by the United States and the USSR on the basis of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338." Begin also urged "yordim" -- emigres -- to come home, especially those living in the United States and other Western countries and said the government would assist them.

The attack on Begin in the debate which was broadcast live on television was led by Shimon Peres, the former Defense Minister now leader of the opposition. He attacked Likud for making concessions to the religious bloc "which have many grave implications" for Israel's national life. He accused Begin of handing over to the NRP and the ultra - Orthodox Agudat Israel the conduct of State affairs "according to their particular version of a rabbinic outlook." There was a good bit of heckling from both sides during the long debate.

But a storm erupted when the new Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan, the last speaker before the voting, walked into the Knesset chamber. When Dayan first tried to speak he was drowned out by catcalls and shouts from his former Labor Alignment colleagues who demanded that he return his Knesset seat to the Alignment. When the Speaker finally restored order, Dayan declared that the new government differed from the old on foreign policy matters in only one area -- its objection to withdrawals from the West Bank. "If the Arabs propose a partition we could always disagree among ourselves and even divide on it," he said. "But there is no point in doing so now, when they reject all our proposals and insist on total withdrawal."

Meanwhile, it was announced by Begin here and the White House in Washington that President Carter has invited Begin to come to Washington to meet with him July 19 - 20. Begin's associates were reportedly elated what they considered the "very warm" tone of the Carter letter which also congratulated the new Premier. "As you know, I am deeply committed to helping Israel and its neighbors to seek a lasting peaceful resolution to the conflict between them," Carter wrote after describing the "special relations" and bonds between Israel and the U.S. "I am sure that is an objective I share with you, and I would welcome your ideas on how progress toward peace can be achieved."

Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz met with Carter June 23 to begin arrangements for the meeting. Later it was announced that Dayan will visit the U.S. in August.

MONDALE'S SPEECH GETS MIXED REACTION

WASH. (WNS) -- Vice - President Walter Mondale's speech outlining the Carter Administration's policies in the Middle East has gotten mixed reactions from supporters of Israel here.

Speaking to the World Affairs Council of Northern California in San Francisco June 17, Mondale said the Carter Administration believes Israel should not be asked to withdraw from occupied Arab areas without obtaining "real peace" from the Arab states. But he said that Israel's security would be enhanced if, as part of a general settlement, it agreed to return to "approximately" the 1967 borders but with the "understanding" it would be shielded by special "security lines" until it was evident permanent peace was established.

Mondale said the Palestinian Arabs should have a chance "to shed their status as homeless refugees," possibly through creation of a Palestinian homeland or "entity" which the United States would prefer to be associated with or linked to Jordan. He stressed that the U.S. will not impose its will on the Mideast countries and "we do not intend to use our military aid as pressure on Israel."

One pro - Israel source said the Mondale speech was "reasonably supportive" of Israel. But the source said the suggestion for "security lines," apparently along the lines of the Sinai buffer agreements, was disappointing since

that it had such a plan. A strong endorsement of the speech came from Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D.Conn.) who said "I have

the utmost faith and confidence in President Carter and I support his objectives in the Middle East."

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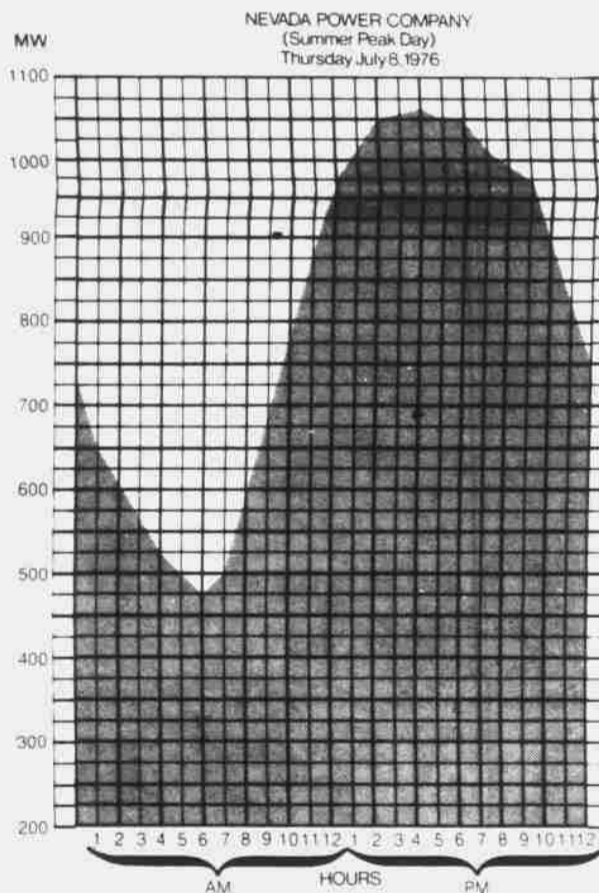
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