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by urging that a settlement insure "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians." The Israelis had pointed out that all Mideast negotiations would be based on Resolution 242 and 338. The joint U.S. - Israeli statement noted that the American leaders and Dayan also discussed "proposals for removing the remaining obstacles to reconvening the Geneva conference."

Dayan told a press conference that these proposals, which he called a "working paper," would be accepted by the Israeli government. Vance is to seek approval from the Arabs. Dayan refused to say what the proposals were.

Israelis, however, remained concerned that Carter continues to stress the need for the "legitimate rights of the Palestinians" to be "recognized" as he did in his October 4 speech to the General Assembly.

The President told the UN body that "peace embodied in binding treaties is essential" to end the "menace" posed by the Mideast conflict. He said that "Israel and Arab countries have a right to exist in peace, with early establishment of normal diplomatic relations, economic and cultural exchanges." He spoke of Israel's right to "borders that are recognized and secure."

After Carter's address, his National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, in response to a reporter's question, said that the "legitimate rights" of Palestinians are something that must be defined at the Geneva conference.

Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the UN criticized Carter's speech for mentioning Palestinian rights because he said most UN members see that as a Palestinian state. He said he was surprised at the role Carter has given the Soviet Union in the negotiating process and warned against increased Soviet penetration in the Mideast. Herzog said he was pleased that Carter clarified the need to implement Resolutions 242 and 338 and his desire that a peace treaty be signed. But he scored Carter for having left out any mention of human rights in his General Assembly address. "Is this a sign of further understanding of the Soviets?" he asked.

Meanwhile Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY) has said that he asked that Vance explain the U.S. - Soviet joint statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of which Javits is a member. He said the Administration failed to live up to its commitment to consult the committee about the statement before its announcement. However, Javits said Carter's remarks at the UN was a better presentation of the U.S. position than the U.S. - Soviet statement. "We need to know a lot more than we do about Soviet intentions if there is to be a just and lasting peace," he said. Javits was one of several members of Congress who attacked the U.S. - Soviet declaration.

Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D. NY) warned that the U.S. - Soviet declaration "can only contribute to the erosion of Israel's right to a secure existence" and to "a corrosive enhancement of Soviet influence in the Middle East."

Sen. Clifford Case (R. NJ) said the statement "really amounts to a step - by - step acceptance of the PLO." He said the Administration by encouraging the PLO is retarding moderate non - terrorist Arabs such as the West Bank mayors.

Rep. William Brodhead (R. Mich.) in what he called "a strongly - worded letter" to Carter, urged the President to work for a negotiated settlement not an imposed one and not to support a Palestinian state or representation in the negotiations for the PLO.

Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D. NY) a Deputy House Whip, said the joint statement "marks a further erosion of American support for Israel." He said it also "demonstrates a disturbing pro - Arab bias on the part of the conveners of the Geneva conference, thus destroying their objectivity and prejudicing any possible outcome."

Two candidates for Mayor in New York City, Rep. Edward Koch, the Democratic nominee and his Liberal Party opponent, Mario Cuomo, wrote letters to Carter accusing the President of pressuring Israel to accept the PLO in negotiations. Koch, who was part of the official welcoming party for Carter when he arrived in New York, personally handed his letter to the President.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and other Jewish leaders

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denounced the American - Soviet statement. Schindler said he will accompany Dayan on visits to three major American cities to test the Jewish and non-Jewish reaction to the declaration as well as to express the major concern of the constituent organizations of the Presidents Conference over the inclusion of the Soviet Union as a guarantor of a Mideast settlement; an apparent broken promise by the U.S. not to change Resolutions 242 and 338; apparent acceptance of the PLO as a participant in Mideast talks and procedures outlined in the joint declaration that could be seen as leading to a Palestinian state. After the announcement of the joint American - Israeli statement, Schindler called it "an encouraging and gratifying development which we welcome and support." He said that "We are deeply gratified that our country and Israel have apparently settled their differences over the conditions for resuming the Geneva peace conference. That conference can only succeed if it is based on UN Resolutions 242 and 338 and if it concludes with the signing of formal peace treaties that lead to the establishment of diplomatic, trade and cultural relations between Israel and the Arab states."

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