

SECRET MEETING COULD BE PRELUDE TO ACTION

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A two-hour meeting held under a veil of secrecy between top government officials and opposition leaders has raised speculation that a national unity government may be in the making, possibly as a prelude to Israeli military action against Palestinian terrorists in Lebanon.

Attending the meeting were Premier Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon for the government, and Shimon Peres, chairman of the Labor Alignment, former Premier Yitzhak Rabin, and Haim Barlev, Secretary General of the Labor Party.

Peres told reporters afterwards that the subject of discussion was political and security affairs. He said a national unity government was not discussed. The meeting was held only a day after Begin renewed his call for a national unity regime amid speculation here and abroad over how Israel would react to the murder of Israeli diplomat, Yaacov Bar-Simantov.

Israel insists that the Palestine Libera-

tion Organization was responsible for the killing, raising the possibility of a strike into Lebanon on grounds that the PLO violated the cease-fire in effect since last July. The U.S. reportedly is pressing Israel not to over-react to the Paris murder. Ambassador Samuel Lewis met with Hannan Bar-On, Director General of the Foreign Ministry. He is said to have expressed Washington's concern over the rising tension in the area.

Palestine terrorists are convinced that an Israeli attack is imminent. Many Israelis apparently expect the same thing and believe Begin is anxious to form a national unity regime before undertaking such action in face of probable adverse reactions from the U.S. and world opinion.

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MONTREAL (WNS) -- John O'Brien, Rector of Concordia University, said that the institution will not

enter into any exchange agreement with Saudi Arabia which discriminates against Jewish students or faculty. At the same time, he acknowledged that the matter is bound to come up because of the Saudis discriminatory policies.

O'Brien was referring to a proposed exchange agreement with King Faisal University in Riyadh which aroused an angry controversy because of the possibility that Jewish faculty and students would not be able to participate. "If we get to the point of serious discussions with the Saudis, we will make our position clear," he said. O'Brien added, however, "we are not naive at the university and I can assure you the matter would have to come up sooner or later. We have all heard reports in the news media that Saudi Arabia discriminates against Jews." More than 300 faculty members,

administrators and students called on O'Brien to make it clear beyond doubt that Concordia is opposed to an ex-

change that discriminates against Jews. Lindsay Chrysler, acting head of the communications department said he

was told by the university administration earlier this year that Jews would not be allowed into Saudi Arabia.



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