

# Israel-Egypt Summit Soon

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ambassador.

The summit conference would then follow, probably around September 9 - 12.

Peres said the meeting with Mubarak would take place in Egypt. "It will be with a view to the future and not to the past. That is to say, we also naturally discuss improving bilateral relations between Egypt and Israel, but we will also discuss how to continue the momentum for peace in the Middle East."

He said that Mubarak, as the host, would be the first to announce details of time and place. There is an objective timetable (for the meeting). According to this timetable, the special agreement will apparently be signed in a conclusive form by the end of the month, or at the latest the beginning of September. According to this order of events, the Egyptian Ambassador will then return to Israel, or one will be appointed

and immediately afterwards the summit meeting will take place, Peres said.

Questioned about the Helsinki meeting, Peres said the fact that it ended very quickly is not so worrying.

"I also don't understand the Russians -- what did they think? It's true that they are a large country and we are a small one. But when it comes to the diplomatic right to speak, everyone is equal..."

"First of all, I think that we must raise it (the Soviet Jewry issue) at every meeting from the beginning, and later on, without fear and without concern. I don't think the Russians came because they thought we wouldn't say anything, or that they would stop the talks because we said something. They are not such big cowards and they are not so naive.

"It's true that the Soviet style is different from the American style. Pravda is not the New York Times. And the Soviet Foreign Ministry's tone is harsh, and we know this from many instances. I don't get excited over this.

"The Russians came because they know that

they have an interest. They came hesitantly, and with a small, slow step because they fear an Arab reaction. Among other reasons they came, in my opinion, because the Russians want to be seen as the equals of the United States of America.

"Along with this, they listen to every little noise in the Arab world. In my opinion, they also are going too far and are exaggerating. For example, they first told the Arabs about their intentions to meet with us, or about their intention to send a consular delegation. Why? It can only be explained by the fact that they were afraid of them."

Peres said he was not excited by an article in Pravda, and "I hope that the Russians -- for Russian reasons, not for Israeli or Jewish ones -- will continue to search for an opening, a way to continue this dialogue in the future. I can see their arguments, and I respect this, because we don't hate Russia. This is not our profession.

Asked about his visit to Moroccan King Hassan II, Peres said contacts with Morocco were being maintained since his return home. The answer is positive -- they have been held, and being held, and will be held, he said. He said he couldn't give full details but "I saw what happened now in Morocco -- this is something unprecedented in an Arab state. Even in Egypt this does not exist. All three of the large parties in Morocco, including the Communist Party, came out with statements of support for the meeting between Hassan and myself. This is altogether something unprecedented...Legitimization has been given to dialogue with Israel."

"The most surprising thing in this whole matter is for example Libya -- Qaddafi, this big hero, who has brotherly relations with Morocco. So he said what he said and didn't break the agreement. So again -- things don't happen from today to tomorrow," Peres continued.

I see this as a change in the political map in the Arab world in an immediate fashion. The rejectionist camp has become smaller, the camp supporting dialogue grew, and there is potentially even a greater change. I'm sorry that all these things take time, but time can also be lost, without things happening. And if you compare Israel's diplomatic standing with any other period in the past, (the current period) is one of the best that there has been, and also provides hope. Again, one needs patience," Peres said.

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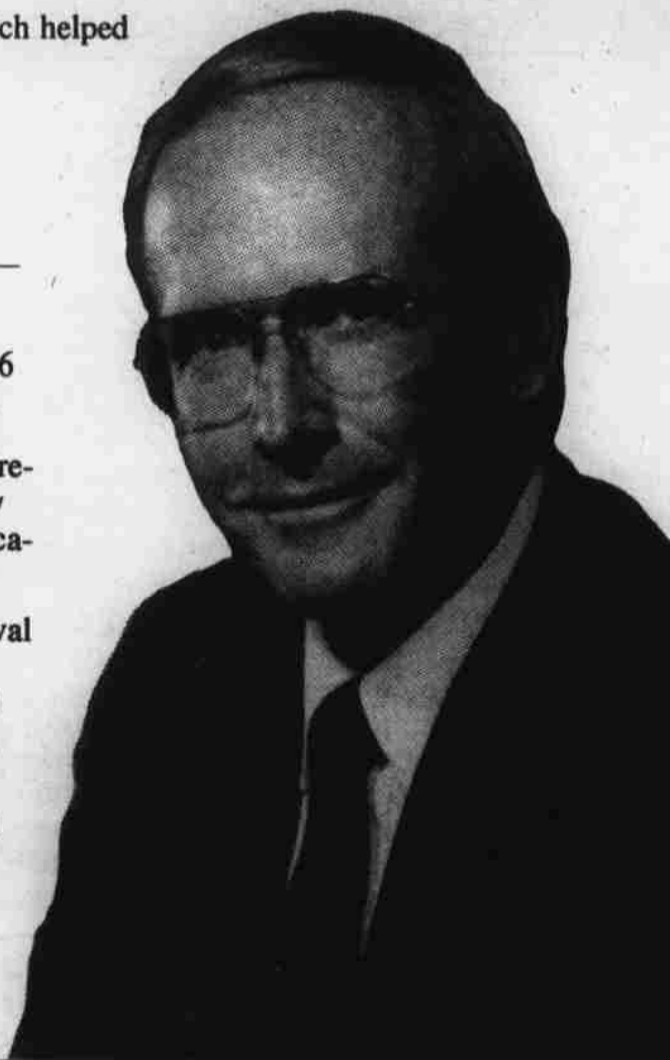
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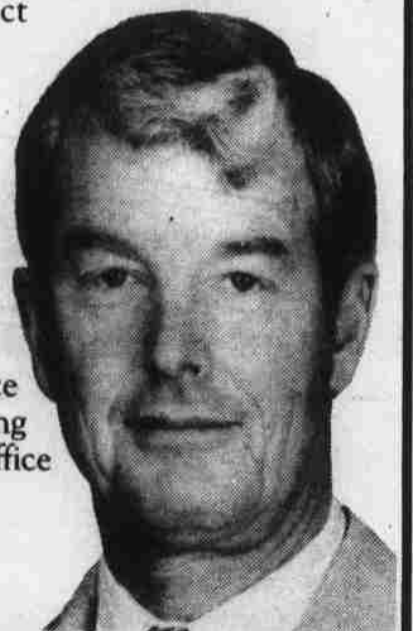
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