

cc:- MR COLES ✓

PRIME MINISTER

BOARD OF BRITISH DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

You will be sitting between the Hon. Greville Janner, MP and the Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits. I attach Who's Who extracts for both of them. You will also have sitting near you Sir Bernard and Lady Walley Cohen and Sir Harold and Lady Wilson, the Israeli Ambassador and his wife Mr and Mrs Argar and the Duke of Devonshire. The Duke of Devonshire will now be responding on behalf of the guests.

Ian Gow had a letter the other day from a constituent saying that his grandfather would be at the dinner. The grandfather is called Percy Cohen, is 90 years old and he used to be a director of the Research Department and Editor of the Campaign Guide. The grandson told Ian that Mr Cohen is very anxious to meet you.

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I should like here publicly to pay a special tribute to one who shared that struggle with us: General Dayan, who afterwards became one of Israel's most brilliant Generals and one of her most passionate and imaginative advocates of peace.

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You will expect me to say a few words about the political problems of the Middle East. ~~essentially a case of political expediency~~ The fundamental principle of Israeli policy is the security of the State of Israel. We - and not just Britain but all members of the European Community - are equally committed to that principle. Our resolve that Israel should live in security and peace will not weaken. It is indispensable to our approach to the problems of the area.

But if we demand <sup>every</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>we ourselves have</sup> ~~rights~~ <sup>interest</sup> on ~~country~~ <sup>of people</sup> ~~of people~~

~~But no country or people can demand for themselves rights they deny to others -~~ ~~them to others.~~

for justice and truth know no boundaries.

Real security can come only from a lasting peace recognised to be just and defended because it is just - just to Israel, just to her neighbours and just to the Palestinians.

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One of the great achievements of Israeli foreign policy in recent years is the peace with Egypt.

- an historic event
- an act of courage
- the spark of genius.

For it broke the chains of convention and showed that the impossible can happen. Wisdom overcame hatred. The signatories recognised that force of arms alone would not ensure security and that justice is an essential ingredient of lasting peace.

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What are the prospects now? The completion of the withdrawal from Sinai is the next step and will be a significant achievement in itself. And beyond? We cannot foretell the future but we know from what we have seen already that trust can replace suspicion and cooperation can bring hope for future generations.

*Shalom*

We in the Europe

We in the European Community want to see a friendly and stable Middle East and shall do what we can to help bring this about. Sometimes friends can help to bring a negotiation nearer, and that is what we and our European partners have consistently tried to do. We recognise that in the end a only solution can / come through negotiation between those concerned and cannot be imposed from outside.

There is no greater challenge in international affairs than the need for peace in the Middle East. The aim, in that Hebrew word which has become international, is Shalom.

/ Jews in the Soviet Union