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ISRAEL: LABOR PARTY REACTS FAVORABLY TO REAGAN PLAN

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(TEXT) THE LABOR ALIGNMENT VIEWS THE AMERICAN POSITION SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT AS THE BASIS FOR A DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE ALIGNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE POSITIVE CLAUSES IN THE U.S. PLAN SHOULD BE ADOPTED AND THAT THE DISPUTED ONES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. THE LABOR PARTY'S BUREAU MADE A DECISION ON THIS A SHORT WHILE AGO AT THE END OF A SPECIAL DISCUSSION IT HELD IN TEL AVIV CONCERNING THE U.S. PROPOSAL. OUR CORRESPONDENT FOR PARTY AFFAIRS AMNON NADAV REPORTS FROM THE LABOR PARTY CENTER IN TEL AVIV:

(NADAV -- LIVE) WELL, THE NEWS CONFERENCE NOW UNDERWAY WITH LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN SHIM'ON PERES AND THE DISCUSSION HELD BY THE LABOR PARTY BUREAU A SHORT WHILE AGO INDICATE THE DECISIVE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL HERE. OVER THE LAST 48 HOURS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE HAS OCCURRED, PERES SAID. JOORDAN HAS EXPRESSED ITS AGREEMENT TO JOIN THE PEACE PROCESS. SOME OF THE REMARKS BY PRESIDENT REAGAN ARE NOT FAR FROM THE POLITICAL POSITION OF THE LABOR PARTY. THIS FROM SHIM'ON PERES.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE LABOR PARTY BUREAU'S DECISION? THE ALIGNMENT VIEWS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS. THE DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE ALIGNMENT AND THE LIKUD ARE NOT ABOUT THE U.S. PROPOSAL BUT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

HOW DOES SHIM'ON PERES ADDRESS HIMSELF TO THE CLAIM THAT IT WAS HE WHO CONTRIBUTED THE IDEAS TO THE AMERICANS RAISED THE LAST 24 HOURS? LET US HEAR THE LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

(BEGIN RECORDING) (NADAV) MR PERES, YOU ARE BEING ACCUSED THAT THE U.S. PROPOSAL IS IN FACT BASED ON THE TALK YOU HELD LAST MONTH WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN.

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(PERES) AFTER MY CONVERSATION WITH REAGAN, I EXPLAINED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND TO SHULTZ AND WEINBERGER THE ALIGNMENT'S POSITION, WHICH IS A LEGAL, PUBLIC, OVERT AND WELL-KNOWN POSITION, A POSITION WHICH WE ARE PROUD OF AND WHICH IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ISRAEL. WE THINK THAT THE LIKUD'S POSITION MAY BRING ISRAEL HARM. THIS IS NOTHING SECRET. I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I DON NOT INTEND TO DENY SUCH A CHARGE. IF, INDEED, WITHIN A FEW HOURS IT IS POSSIBLE TO INFLUENCE THE ENTIRE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, THEN I AM PROUD OF THIS.

(QUESTION) DID YOU THEN ALREADY DETECT ANY SIGNS OF U.S. READINESS TO GO IN THIS DIRECTION?

(ANSWER) IN MY TALKS WITH REAGAN AND SHULTZ I LEARNED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT THINGS. I STARTED ALL THE TALKS BY SAYING THAT THE ALIGNMENT REJECTS A PALESTINIAN STATE AND REJECTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PLO, WO THAT THERE ARE NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON THESE TWO POINTS. I ALSO SAID THAT WE INSIST ON DEFENSIBLE BORDERS, NO RETURN TO THE 1967 BORDERS. THE IMPRESSION I RECEIVED FROM THE TALKS I HELD WAS AS FOLLOWS:

A. REAGAN AS WELL AS SHULTZ AND WEINBERGER EXPRESSED A POSITION ACCORDING TO WHICH THERE IS A VERY SERIOUS CHANCE THAT JORDAN WILL JOIN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

B. SECOND, THEY BELIEVE THE ARABS TODAY ARE PREPARED TO CONDUCT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT SURE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEAR FRUIT.

C. THIRD, THIS WAS ESPECIALLY SAID TO ME BY SHULTZ, WHO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO REACH A PERMANENT POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WITH THE ARABS AND JORDAN WITH SOMETHING LESS THAN A PALESTINIAN STATE. THEY ALSO TOLD ME THAT THEIR POSITION ON THE PLO HAS NOT CHANGED, AND LIKEWISE THEIR POSITION ON THE CAMP DAVID MATTER. (END RECORDING)

(NADAV) IN CONCLUSION, AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF EXPECTED U.S. PRESSURES A NEW INTERNAL ARGUMENT IS EXPECTED IN ISRAEL BETWEEN THE COALITION AND OPPOSITION.

TO QUOTE FURTHER FROM THE DECISIONS BY THE LABOR PARTY BUREAU THIS EVENING -- THE ALIGNMENT WARNED AGAINST ANY ISRAELI MOVE WHICH MAY DISRUPT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN US AND THE UNITED STATES AND HARM ITS GOOD OFFICES FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE.

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