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## A/M Dov Sion succeeds Poran as army spokesman

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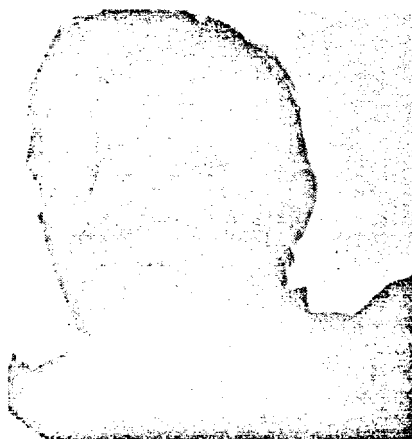
Aluf-Mishne Dov Sion, who took part in negotiations for both the Egyptian and Syrian disengagement agreements, has been named the new army spokesman. He will be taking over from Tat-Aluf Ephraim Poran, who was last week asked by Premier Yitzhak Rabin to serve as his military secretary.

Sion, 53, will be promoted to the rank of Tat-Aluf when he assumes his new post this morning.

Sion, who arrived in Israel from Russia in 1940, has had a long and varied military career since he joined the Hagana. During the Second World War, he served with the Jewish Brigade in Italy, and during the War of Independence, with the Etzioni Brigade in Jerusalem.

The holder of an M.A. degree from the Hebrew University, Sion served with the paratroopers in the Sinai Campaign, and during the Six Day War was attached to Aluf Arik Sharon's division and took part in the conquest of Abu Agheila. Shortly after the Six Day War, in July 1967, he married Yael Dayan, the novelist daughter of former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan. They have two children.

Apart from a five-year stint with the Foreign Ministry on special assignments abroad, Sion has served as Israel's military attache in Western Europe, being based in Paris during the crucial years 1968 to 1972, when



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France clamped down an embargo on arms to Israel, and as Israel's chief liaison officer with the U.N. in 1967.

He is a graduate of the National Defence College and the Israeli Staff and Command College, as well as of the battalion commanders course.

Sion's name became prominent in February this year when he aided the Israeli team in the disengagement talks with the Egyptians, which were handled by the incumbent Chief of Staff, Mordechai Gur, and more recently when he was attached to the Israeli delegation under O.C. General Staff Branch Aluf Herzl Shafir, which negotiated the disengagement agreement with the Syrians.

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