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ANTAGONISM TO KISSINGER SAID TO GROW AMONG U.S. JEWRY

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(FROM THIS DAY NEWSREEL MAGAZINE)

(TEXT) (ANNOUNCER) ASSESSMENTS ARE BEING VOICED IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF DR KISSINGER'S MISSION ARE NOW VERY SLIM. AT THE SAME TIME, FEAR OVER AN OPEN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DR KISSINGER AND THE LEADERS OF THE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES IS INCREASING. OUR NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT YORAN RONEN HAS FILED THIS REPORT:

(RONEN--RECORDED) THE MOOD AMONG THE JEWISH LEADERS IN THE UNITED STATES HAS CHANGED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. MANY JEWISH LEADERS BELIEVED UNTIL TODAY THAT HENRY KISSINGER SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE HIS MISSION, BECAUSE ANY ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE WORSE. WHOEVER REPLACED KISSINGER AS SECRETARY OF STATE, THEY BELIEVED, WOULD NOT BE AS GOOD TO THE JEWS. THE JEWISH LEADERS ARE NOW BEGINNING TO SPEAK DIFFERENTLY. THERE IS NO MORE TALK ABOUT THE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HAVE KISSINGER'S MEDIATION CONTINUE. ON THE CONTRARY, THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY THAT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR KISSINGER TO STOP DEALING WITH OUR ISSUE. WE HAVE CAUGHT HIM IN TOO MANY LIES IN RECENT WEEKS, A JEWISH LEADER, WHO TOGETHER WITH OTHERS HAS SO FAR UNRESERVEDLY SUPPORTED THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND HIS MISSION, TOLD ME THIS MORNING. KISSINGER HAD SOUGHT TO DELAY THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF U.S. ARMS TO ISRAEL--CONTRACTS WHICH ARE BEING DELAYED NOW AS PART OF THE POLICY REASSESSMENT DECLARED BY PRESIDENT FORD.

IT SEEMS THAT AT THIS MOMENT WE ARE JUST ONE STEP AWAY FROM AN OPEN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN KISSINGER AND THE LEADERS OF THE U.S. JEWRY--KISSINGER, WHO HAD PROMISED PRIME MINISTER RABIN NOT TO BLAME EITHER SIDE FOR THE FAILURE OF HIS MISSION, AND THE NEXT DAY TRIED IN SO-CALLED PRIVATE TALKS TO LEAK OUT THAT ISRAEL WAS TO BLAME FOR NOT DISPLAYING SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY IN THE TALKS; KISSINGER, WHO WAS CONVINCED THAT HE WAS LEAVING FOR THE MIDDLE EAST WITH AN ISRAELI AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PASSES AND ABU RUDAYS IN RETURN FOR SOMETHING LESS THAN NONBELLIGERENCY. KISSINGER CLAIMED IN PRIVATE TALKS, NOT FOR PUBLICATION, THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO LEAVE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER BEING CONVINCED THROUGH TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON AND AMBASSADOR DINITZ THAT ISRAEL WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO SUCH A SETTLEMENT. NEWSWEEK WRITES THIS MORNING ON THIS SUBJECT THAT YIGAL ALLON HAD TOLD KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON SOMETHING LIKE THIS: I CANNOT COMMIT MYSELF ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SUCH A SETTLEMENT CAN WORK. BUT IT DID NOT WORK, AND THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE TENSION BETWEEN KISSINGER AND ALLON.

ANOTHER NEWSWEEK REPORT TODAY SAYS THAT EVEN IF KISSINGER'S MEDIATION TALKS ARE RESUMED IN THE FORM OF PROXIMITY TALKS IN WASHINGTON, THE SECRETARY OF STATE DOES NOT WANT ISRAEL TO BE REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON. ACCORDING TO NEWSWEEK KISSINGER BELIEVES THAT ALLON ACTS IN WASHINGTON AS THOUGH HIS WORDS CAN BE DEPENDED UPON, WHILE HIS OPINION IN JERUSALEM IS NOT HEEDED.

TENSION IS NOW NOTICEABLE ALSO IN RELATIONS BETWEEN KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR DINITZ--THE SAME AMBASSADOR DINITZ WHO HAD ASKED THE JEWISH LEADERS TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO HAVE KISSINGER'S MISSION CONTINUE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. JEWS RELATE THAT KISSINGER IS ACCUSING DINITZ OF PAINTING TOO OPTIMISTIC A PICTURE OF THE MOOD IN THE GOVERNMENT AND IN ISRAEL.

IN THIS RESPECT, RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING AGAIN TODAY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT DINITZ WILL BE REPLACED. THERE ARE SOME WHO ALREADY GIVE THE NAME OF HIS SUCCESSOR, RESERVE MAJ GEN MEIR AMIT.

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