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Four goals Israel has set itself

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ISRAEL is willing to allow Palestinians in a united Arab delegation at the first session of a resumed Geneva conference.

Although hedged with restrictions, this may give the Carter Administration the wedge it needs to fulfill its pledge to Saudi Arabia and Egypt to get the peace process moving during 1977.

Still, this peace process is not likely to proceed very far unless the U.S. is able to outmanoeuvre the Begin-Dayan government and invalidate the obtrusive restrictions placed upon Palestinian participation at Geneva. By publicly asserting that the Israeli "conditions do not accurately reflect our view," Sec-

retary of State, Vance has begun to do just this.

Israel's goals, with what much of the Press has wrongly regarded as a major policy shift designed to accommodate American diplomacy, appear to be four-fold:

- To block possible U.S. acquiescence at the UN for any new framework resolution for the Geneva conference which would reaffirm the centrality of Resol-

ution 242 passed in 1967. A central condition placed by Israel on its willingness to attend Geneva is that there be absolutely no change in 242 which speaks only of "a just settlement of the refugee problem."

- To take the burden off Israel of refusing to attend the Geneva conference which the U.S. is making strenuous efforts to bring about. By phrasing Israeli policy in the positive rather than the negative, the

burden appears to have shifted to the Arabs.

- To further pressure the moderate Arab states, specially Egypt where President Sadat craves a foreign policy success even more than does President Carter, to distance themselves from the PLO.

- To distance the PLO and the U.S. which have been cautiously courting each other through intermediaries for some months. Israel is desperately attempting to lessen the likelihood the PLO will take any further steps towards accepting American conditions that could lead to some form of American-PLO relationship. In recent weeks, indirect contact has been accelerated through Lilly Foundation President Landrum Bolling, who has been meeting with White House officials and Yassir Arafat.

Talks plans 'came from U.S.'

ISRAELI officials in Tel Aviv yesterday insisted that latest proposals for Palestinian representation at Mid-east peace talks originated with the U.S. One of the "conditions" in a four-point plan for reconvening Geneva peace talks was that Palestinians could join in a unified Arab delegation provided they did not belong to the PLO. —Reuter