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Israel's Defense Minister, Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, has declared that Israel must deal only with the Arabs on peace terms and should insist on retaining major parts of the territory she conquered, including the entire west bank of the Jordan.

He spoke in a television interview taped Friday night in Tel Aviv and shown here yesterday on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Face the Nation" program. He emphasized, United Press International reported, that he was speaking as an individual, not as a member of the Israeli Government.

General Dayan said Israel should accept no help from the United Nations or any other third party in negotiating a peace with the defeated Arab nations.

"I don't think that we should in any way give back the Gaza Strip to Egypt or the western part of Jordan to King Hussein," he said.

Jerusalem, "which is our capital and was divided," now is united, he said.

The architect of Israel's victories of 1956 and last week also said Israel should not move her troops from Sharm el Sheik, controlling the Strait of Tiran, until Israel was "sure that we would have real free navigation and air traffic forever" to the Israeli port of Elath at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba.

In addition, he said, Israel wants the right of passage through the Suez Canal.

In negotiations with the Arabs, General Dayan said, "we should do better without any mediation by any third party."

The United Nations, he said, kept peace in the Middle East 'only as long as Nasser did not want to start war a[illegible]

Israel must not rely on anyone else but ourselves" to maintain free access to the Gulf of Aqaba, he said. A blockade of the gulf declared by President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic against Israeli shipping and cargoes was one of the causes of last week's war.

The Arab leaders could "ignore" Israel's invitation to negotiate a peace directly, General Dayan said, "but then there will be a new map, not of the Middle East, but of Israel."

"If they don't want to talk to us, to sit down with us, then we shall stay where we are," he said.

On another television program yesterday, the American Broadcasting Company's "Issues and Answers," Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, said Israel had "no feeling of victory, no feeling of exultation" and wanted only a "durable peace and calm" in the Middle East.

Mr. Harman said Israel had attacked Egypt after Arab planes were over Israel, Egyptian armor had crossed the border and Israei villages along the Gaza Strip had been shelled.

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