

TIM BOXER'S TRAVELING WITH THE STARS



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EZER WEIZMAN, who was Israel's defense minister until May 28 when he quit in a dispute with Prime Minister Menahem Begin, will tell all in a book he's writing.



He just concluded a deal with Bantam. He'll deliver his manuscript in October. His attorney and confidant, **Leon Charney**, negotiated what insiders describe as "a comfortable six-figure advance" for the general.

When top Israeli personalities wish to negotiate a deal in America, they seek out Charney. In the past he represented former **Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin** and former **Chief of Staff Chaim Bar-Lev**. Charney maintains very close contact with the White House. On May 1, 1979, he received a personal note from **President Carter** thanking him for his assistance in bringing about the Camp David peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

"Bantam acquired the world book publishing rights

to a major work by Weizman," said spokesman **Stuart Applebaum**, **"which for the first time will give a behind-the-scenes look at the international diplomacy of the Mideast peace negotiations and Israeli policy making decisions of the last three years."**

Charney sold the Hebrew rights to *Yediot Achronot* in Israel.

"The general," Charney said, "is writing a historic book on the past three years of his life. Obviously this period contains important facts about the Camp David peace accords and his close personal relations with President Sadat and President Carter."

Weizman spent a week in New York last month, during which he was wined and dined by the top publishers intent on getting the deal. I found him at dinner with executives from Grosset and Dunlap at the St. Regis where he told me he'd just celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary.

"I spent my honeymoon at the King David Hotel," he said. "I spent this anniversary there too. I told my wife Reuma, you write a book, and tell how you suffered with me."

This month Weizman moved into a new home. "We built a little fortress in Caesarea," he chuckled.

Asked about his next political move, he replied: "I am now deciding between Gen. MacArthur's two statements— whether 'Old soldiers never die, they just fade away' or 'I shall return.'"