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Kollek demands faster development of Capital

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Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday demanded that the Government accelerate the development of Jerusalem in view of the political struggles over the fate of the united city that lie in the offing.

Addressing the annual budget meeting of the Municipal Council, he said: "If we decide that Ramot has to be built with 8,000 units instead of 2,000 (which Kollek himself had originally proposed), then we should go ahead and do it. The same goes for Gilo. We have to begin at Anatot (industrial area) and not postpone it for four years. I demand a much more serious Government grant to enable us to execute our minimal development plans."

The breakdown in the Kissinger

talks, he said, portended difficulties in the day-to-day life in the city. "Our task is to ensure that Jerusalem remains united and the capital of Israel." The Unesco vote on Jerusalem demonstrated how far the world still was from accepting Israeli rule in the city, he said.

Deputy Mayor Yehoshua Matza of Likud said the boundaries of the reunited city had been drawn too narrowly and called for development beyond the eastern and northern borders. Development in West Jerusalem should be halted he said, in order to concentrate on development across the former green line. Matza called for expanding Ramot to the east and west, linking Neve Ya'acov with French Hill and settling Jews along the road to Ma'ale Adumim.