IRAJA and Britain, Closely To Direct Peace Negotiations

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Britain and the Irish Republic

Minister Shimon Peres's "a continuation," Israeli's said they will open

tries said they will open

long-isolated Jewish state

for direct negotiations to end North-land.

ern Ireland's Protestants in London had made

form a two-thirds majority, with the tants and some B

25-year violent campaign to unite the IRA truce ann-

ment on conditions for direct peace closed that British

colonial ties European, have announced that they

ere will be conduct foreign relations. The PLO,

Moroccan Under its agreements with Israel,

tune itself in Tunis, where tihe

remain part of Britain.

British Prime Minister John

Major came under further pressure Thursday night after it was dis-

closed that British prison officials

thursday trans from four IRA priso-

ners — including two serving life

sentences for a bombing attack in

don in 1984 on then-Prime Minister Gar-

ret Thatcher and other cabinet officials — from a prison in

the British mainland to one nearer to the terrorists' families in Northern Ire-

land.

British prison officials stressed that the decision to move the prison-

ners had been reached and that it was...