WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED AREAS NOT REQUISITE FOR PEACE

The Arab states have reportedly told the United States and Soviet Union that prior Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories is no longer a prereqquisite for peace and that direct talks could be held with Israel if Jerusalem publicly indicated it would give up the conquered lands.

U. S. sources have indicated that the modified Arab stance has resulted in Secretary of State William P. Rogers urging Premier Golda Meir to adopt a more flexible stand on direct negotiations with the Arabs and to consider using some specific expression to indicate Israeli withdrawal once a peace treaty is signed.

U. S .- Soviet talks are now moving on two levels as a result of the new Arab position. The first is toward development of a formula for expanding and strengthening the role of United Nations special Mideast envoy, Gunnar V. Jarring as a mediator between Israel and the Arabs.

The Russians have insisted that Dr. Jarring shuttle back and forth between the two sides to resolve differences and present any compromise formula endorsed by the Big Four as the basis for direct talks, Washington is reported to see merit in this view which allows the

UNITED NATIONS (WNS)- Arabs to save face by citing only stand up for the harder right to exist followed by shipping 20 crates of plans matter. Big Power pressure as the line as happened in the last reason for direct negotiations on an internationally endorsed formula.

The second level involves direct U. S.-Russian talks to close the gap between the two nations' positions on what territory Israel should return, maritime passage and the refugees. Thee talks are to continue between Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin.

sians are concerned over the reaction of Palestinian ter- tured three. rorist groups to direct Arab-Israeli talks. They are reportedly working on some across the Suez and was concession to the Palestin- part of what Cairo said was ian in the form of Israel agreement to limited repat- down Israeli soldiers. Brief riation of refugees.

issues still have to be solv- land and sea forces. ed. They said that public Arab denials of any dencessions were propaganda were showing more will-Arabs will again say one

round of talks held by Dr. Jarring before he suspended his UN mission to resume his post in Moscow as Sweden's Ambassador to Russia.

Israeli spokesmen said the only true sign of progress will be a clear statement by the Arabs that Israel has the

acceptance of the cease fire and the end of both terrorforces by Paris.

In Switzerland, an engineer at a plant manufactur- fused to comment on the produced to Israeli specifiing Mirage III "S" jet engines, an improved version zerland authorities have not of the plane flown by Israel made any diplomatic apreportedly confessed to

for the powe plant and machinery to make the parts Germany.

Israeli officials have recase but did say that Switproach to Jerusalem over the

The French firm of Marcel Dassault had licensed to Israeli agents in West the Sulzer Engineering Co. to produce the engines. The Dissault - built Mirage V cations, is still embargoed in France under an order of former President Charles de Gaulle.

ARAB EFFORTS TO "WEAR DOWN" ISRAEL FIZZES OUT

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Is- tian bases. raeli troops along the Suez Canal repulsed an Egyptian commando attacked across the waterway and killed five

The Arab raid was made during an artillery attack a continued effort to wear artillery exchanges have Observers noted that the continued along the waterway reported U. S. Soviet accord all week and Israeli jets kept is only the very first stepon up almost daily attacks on a long road to peace in the Egyptian positions in the Mideast and all the hard area raided last month by

Israel denied Arab claims that its forces smashed Jewish positions in the Sinai durfor home consumption and ing air and land attacks, Mithat in private talks they litary observers said the Arab claims were designed ingness to face reality. The to show that Egypt can carry big question is whether the out the same type of raid that Israel launched last thing in public, another in month and that Israeli posiprivate talks and in the end tions were as open as Egyp-

Cairo commentators cited the alleged raids in reports which asserted that the Arabs had regained the ini-Both the U. S. and Rus- Egyptian soldiers, wounded tative in the war and that a number of others and cap- continued Israeli air attacks were meaningless while Arab strikes showed that israel could be defeated in another war.

> While the Arabs were making propaganda news

STOP HIJACKING

A campaign to free the two Israeli victims of last summer's hijacking of a TWA plane to Damascus, Syria has been launched by the American Jewish Congress

"There is one sure way to stop the growing threat to safety in the skies," the Congress stated:

'All those involved in the operation of civil aircraft must agree collectively to seal off from air traffic any country whose actions make it an accomplice in the crime of hijacking. They must act together so that no one and no country may reap benefit from air piracy."

with their attacks, military observers noted their actual efforts wee minor and even scaled down from past efforts. They noted that the massive Israeli raid had

helped to keep the fighting down as Egypt must now spread it forces along a longer front and that this indicated that the attack has accomplished its purpose.

GOLDA MEIER RETURNS FROM U.S. TRIP

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Mrs. Golda Meir returned home to Jerusalem after a historic trip to the United States while reports persisted that the Israeli Premier had asked Washington for \$1 billion in American aid.

The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem denied that Israel had requested the aid to help the nation overcome an expected foreign trade deficit over the next few years but both Israeli newspapers and the State radio, Kol-Israel, continued to carry stories on requests for such help.

The reports indicated that Mrs. Meir had asked President Nixon for the assistance on the grounds that Israel's position was similar to that of other countries that have received Ameri-

can aid because they played a role in Western security.

The American Government has is sued no statement on any requests for financial aid or for additional arms, Israel has acknowledged its interest in purchasing more sets and other military equipment to counterbalance Pussia shipments to the Arab states,

In press appearances Mrs. Meir asserted that the basic difference between Israel an the Arabs was her nation's right to live which the Arab states do not acknowledge. She declared that Jerusalem is ready to negotiate all issues with the Arabs and that direct talks were not vital as a first step but a signed accord was a must.

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