

**WASHINGTON DATELINE**

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Henry Kissinger called his first press conference at the State Department last week, and recounted what he knew prior to the outbreak of the 1973 Mideast War.

He said that the United States was aware--one week before--that there were additional concentrations of Syrian forces, and also the Egyptian forces were engaged on what was interpreted both by our intelligence as well as by Israeli intelligence as their regular fall maneuvers.

"We asked our own intelligence, as well as Israeli intelligence, on three separate occasions during the week prior to the outbreak of hostilities, to give us their assessment of what might happen," he disclosed. "There was the unanimous view that hostilities were unlikely to the point of there being no chance of it happening. Nor was the possibility of hostilities raised in any of the discussions with either of the parties that took place at the United Nations during that week."

The new Secretary of State, who had taken office just two weeks before the war broke out, added that--under those given circumstances--the U.S. had no occasion to warn any country against engaging in preemptive action.

"The U.S., therefore, in the week prior to the outbreak of hostilities, gave no advice with respect to a contingency that we had been unanimously assured was not likely to happen--in fact was certain not to happen."

Dr. Kissinger recalled that the first time the United States Government was informed that hostilities might be imminent was at six o'clock on the Saturday morning of Oct. 6 (Yom Kippur), when he was awakened. He had contacted President Nixon immediately thereafter. From then, until the time that they were informed that hostilities had, in fact, begun--nine o'clock that morning--they did "make intensive efforts with the parties, as well as with the Soviet Union and the Secretary General of the United Nations, to attempt to prevent the outbreak of hostilities."

He said that--given the scale of preparation that must have been made prior to the outbreak of hostilities--those efforts were unavailing.

He explained that after war broke out, the U.S. set itself two principal objectives: (1) To end the hostilities as quickly as possible. (2) To end them in such a manner that they would contribute to the maximum extent possible to the promotion of a more permanent, more lasting solution in the Middle East.

He said the U.S. has sought during that period--both in the United Nations and through a series of bilateral contacts--to create framework in which those two objectives could be realized. "We have explored the possibilities of crystalizing a consensus within the United Nations," he said. "We have also been in touch with the parties, as well as with the Permanent Members of the Security Council, in order to see what bilateral efforts might bring."

"We have not gratuitously sought opportunities for confrontations in public forums which might harden dividing lines, and which might make it more difficult to move toward a settlement."

Dr. Kissinger assessed the military situation as it was last Friday: Israeli forces seem to have advanced some distance into Syria. Egyptian forces are holding the east side of the Suez Canal to a distance of about 6 to 10 miles. The Egyptian front--the Suez front-- is reasonably stable, and the Syrian front is somewhat fluid.

As for the future, Dr. Kissinger said the U.S. will continue to make, and is now engaged in making, efforts to bring about an end to the war in a manner that contributes to long-term peace in the area--to long-term peace in the world.

"This is the framework of our discussions," he said. As for the Soviet Union's behavior in the Mideast crisis, and the effect of the crisis on U.S.-Soviet relations, Dr. Kissinger said that any assessment has to recognize that both the U.S. and the Soviet Union confront, each from his own perspective, a very complex situation in the current crisis.

The reason we believe that a long-term

settlement in the Mideast is so important is the danger that the Mideast may become in time what the Balkans were in Europe before 1914--that is to say, an area where local rivalries that have their own momentum that will draw in the great nuclear powers into a confrontation they didn't seek or even start," he said. "It's obvious the U.S. has a traditional friendship with Israel, which it will maintain in this crisis. It's also clear that the Soviet Union has a relationship going back some years with some of the Arab states, which it also will not rupture during this crisis. The difficulty both of us face is whether, while remaining true to our principles, we can, nevertheless, conduct the relationship in such a manner that the larger interests of peace are served."

Dr. Kissinger said the U.S. didn't consider the Soviet statement to the President of Algeria helpful; nor was the airlift of military equipment helpful.

"We also don't consider that Soviet actions as of now will threaten detente," he said. "When that point is reached, we will in this crisis, not hesitate to take a firm stand. But as of now, we are still attempting to moderate the conflict. And our objective is to end hostilities on terms that are just to all without exacerbating relations to an unbearable point..."

**HADASSAH ISRAEL TOURS CONTINUE**

NEW YORK, Despite the war Hadassah Tours to Israel are continuing as scheduled, Rose E. Matzkin, National President of the 325,000 member Women's Zionist Organization of America, announced.

At 2:00 A.M., Oct 9, twenty-one tourists left from John F. Kennedy Airport, New York for Israel on an El Al plane.

Bea Usdan, Hadassah national Tourism chairman was on hand to see off the determined travelers from the West Coast. Nora Rogers of Palo Alto, Calif., a member of the Hadassah National Service Committee, is the Tour leader.

Tourist Comments -- "In 1967 I cancelled my tour because of the war," a man said, "and I have regretted it ever since. This time,

nothing would change my plans. If I cannot tour when I get to Israel, I will volunteer anywhere that I am needed."

--"The Israelis must not feel isolated," a woman said. "Our presence there will contribute to the morale."

--"We are taking our scuba diving equipment, a young couple said, "and before our 22-day visit is over, we expect to swim at Eilat or Sharm El Sheik!"

Some Cancellations There have been some cancellations, Mrs. Usdan reported, but some people who cancelled earlier have already booked new reservations on upcoming tours.

There were over 100 stand-bys for the El Al flight.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS (Continued from Page 1) to Israel Tour Program. Elmer L. Winter, President of the American Jewish Committee, said that the inauguration of this unique new program was "an act of confidence, at this critical moment in the future of Israel's existence, and a modest contribution to laying the foundations for peaceful coexistence between all peoples in the Middle East."

Father Angell, a leading Catholic ecumenist, said, "At this particular moment in history, when the Jews in Israel are faced with aggression and Jews

everywhere are confronting terrorism, I think it is important for Christian friends not to scuttle into the woodwork. My concern is for all the people of the Middle East, but the cause of Arab Christians and Muslims is not served by beating war drums nor in fostering the illusion that somehow Israel will disappear from the earth. Arabs and Israelis must recognize their respective right to existence in peace and security, and there will be no solution to the present conflict until the Arabs and Jews talk together and work out their coexistence."

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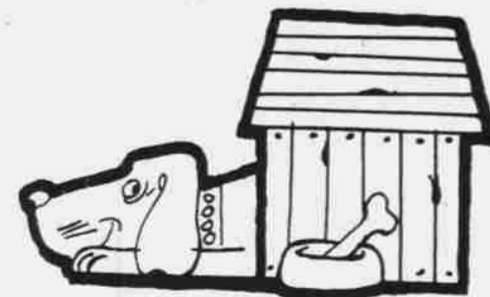
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