

ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

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are returned.

There is no armistice agreement or POW exchange with Syria and several groups demonstrated in Tel Aviv protesting the signing of an agreement with Egypt before Israeli prisoners in Syrian hands are returned.

Other demonstrators demanded the continued encirclement of the Egyptian Third Army until the blockade of Bab el Mandeb is lifted. The agreement does not mention lifting of the blockade.

Mrs. Meir had delayed approving the agreement until she had received clarifications from Kissinger on the discrepancies between Israel's and Egypt's interpretations. Israel considers lifting of the blockade as implicit in the agreement. Mrs. Meir said that Israel views the agreement as valid "on the sea, in the air, and on land."

Mrs. Meir said she was satisfied with the treaty and with the fact that Israeli POWs would soon return home. "As far as Israel is concerned," she said, "the greatest thing that we hope for and wish for its that there should be no shooting. The only thing I want is peace."

She expressed the hope that the treaty would lead to "the next big step--real and serious negotiations between us and our neighbors."

Gen. Yariv, in a brief statement after the signings, sought to reassure Israeli anxiety. "The Israeli Defense Force stands fast and will remain so to defend our cause on this front and all fronts," he said. "The Israeli army is the guarantee that we shall be able to go safely to forward on the difficult road ahead of us."

1854 ISRAELIS OFFICIALLY DEAD

TEL AVIV (WNS)-- Israel officially announced that 1854 Israelis lost their lives in the 18 days of fighting in the Yom Kippur War.

Another 1800 Israelis were reported still hospitalized although many more than that figure had been injured.

The nation officially mourned the war dead in ceremonies at temporary military cemeteries at Afuleh in the Jesrael Valley for those killed in the north and Mishmar Hanegev for those who died in the south. The families were at the ceremonies and mourners wept unashamedly for fallen sons, husbands, fathers and brothers.

"The entire people of Israel in their hearts share the memory of its heroes with the bereaved families who may find consolation in

their sons' devotion and sacrifice," Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar said.

In New York a shloshim memorial service was held for fallen Israeli soldiers under the sponsorship of the American Zionist Federation.

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WASHINGTON DATELINE

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ISRAELITE'S WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

The White House last week issued the text of the agreement which the Governments of Egypt and Israel are prepared to accept:

1. Egypt and Israel agree to observe scrupulously the ceasefire called for by the United Nations Security Council.

2. Both sides agree that discussions between them will begin immediately to settle the question of the return to the October 22 positions in the frame-work of agreement on the disengagement and separation of forces under the auspices of the United Nations.

3. The town of Suez will receive daily supplies of food, water and medicine. All wounded civilians in the town of Suez will be evacuated.

4. There shall be no impediment to the movement of non-military supplies to the East Bank.

5. The Israeli checkpoints on the Cairo-Suez road will be replaced by United Nations checkpoints. At the Suez end of the road Israeli officers can participate with the United Nations to supervise the non-military nature of the cargo at the bank of the Canal.

6. As soon as the United Nations checkpoints are established on the Cairo-Suez road, there will be an exchange of all prisoners of war, including wounded.

In a letter to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger stated that the agreement implements Article I of the U.N. Security Council Resolution 338 and Article I of the U.N. Security Council Resolution 339.

RABBI MAURICE EISENDRATH DIES

NEW YORK (WNS)--

A scheduled address by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisenrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which strongly attacked President Nixon and those Jews in America who, he charged, condoned the crimes of Watergate because of Administration support of Israel was never delivered.

EBAN: 'NEGOTIATIONS BY JAN. 1'

NEW ORLEANS (WNS) Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban told some 3000 U. S. & Canadian Jewish communal leaders here that the signing of the armistice is the beginning of a dialogue between Israel and the Arab states and there is a good chance that negotiations may begin before the end of the year.

Speaking at the 42nd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Eban cautioned that the treaty does not mean "our ordeals are over." He noted "The need to make the transition from hostility to dialogue, from war to peace has been the vision of Israel since its founding."

The Israeli leader praised the U. S. for its military, economic and diplomatic aid and support and said the Soviet threat to Israel "was genuine."

Referring to the Arab

threat to withhold oil from the U. S., Eban said if the western nations acted as if they did not need Arab oil the Arabs would rush to sell it. He displayed scorn for the European countries that capitulated to Arab threats.

NYC'S FIRST JEWISH MAYOR

NEW YORK (WNS)-- Abraham D. Beame won 57 percent of the vote to become the first Jew to be elected as mayor of New York City.

The 67-year-old city controller will be New York's 104th mayor.

Beame, as expected, received his largest pluralities in the Jewish middle class districts of Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens, but he also gathered nearly 70 percent of the vote in the city's Black and Hispanic neighborhoods.

In Manhattan, Beame lost only three districts.

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