

DISENGAGEMENT
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Israel's proposals to the Syrians, Kissinger, who later left Israel for talks in Saudi Arabia and Egypt, said here that while no agreement had been reached in four hours of talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad "some progress" had been made. Kissinger went to Damascus with the latest Israeli proposals including a map which showed Israel's willingness to return Kuneitra and some surrounding villages while holding on to the three strategic hills west of the town which is considered vital to the defense of the Golan Heights. According to the Israeli map, the area evacuated would be part of a United Nations buffer zone. Israel was also reported willing to settle for a buffer zone patrolled by armed mobile UN forces instead of the United Nations Emergency Force which is stationed in Sinai. Israel is also prepared to withdraw from all Syrian territory captured in the Yom Kippur War, but part of it, including the strategic peak of Mt. Hermon, would be under UN control.

Meanwhile the newspaper Maariv has reported that President Nixon sent Premier Golda Meir a personal message that amounted to a "strong request" that Israel cooperate with Kissinger and do nothing that would lead to failure of his mission. The newspaper claimed that Nixon's message and Israel's appreciation of Kissinger's understanding of its security problems were two elements that persuaded the government to agree to a pullback from the 1967 lines. Neither the White House nor the Prime Minister's office would confirm or deny that the message has been sent.

Mrs. Meir told the Labor Party's Knesset faction that while the government was aware of the fear that Golan settlers had of a pullback there were even greater fears that had to be considered if a disengagement accord with Syria is not reached. She said the government had the choice of agreeing to an arrangement that would guarantee U. S. understanding of Israel's case even if it did not gain an agreement with the Syrians or to demand an arrangement which neither Damascus or Washington would consider.

Prior to receiving the new map from Israel, Kissinger met with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Cypress.

YOM KIPPUR WAR MEANS NEW BALL GAME

LONDON (WNS) -- While Egypt and Syria failed to achieve their military goals in their surprise attack on Israel last Oct. 6, the Yom Kippur War altered the political and military situation in the Middle East, according to an exhaustive report on the war issued by the Institute of Strategic Studies.

The report also concluded that the war increased prospects for a general peace settlement and irrevocably involved the U.S. and the Soviet Union in the fate of the region.

The "greatest shock" of the war, according to the report, was the use of the oil weapon by the Arabs which "registered the first success ever obtained at the highest level of politics by economic sanctions" leaving the Western powers divided.

The report by the Institute, one of the world's most respected and reliable bodies for the study of the war, found that one encouraging effect of the war is that both Israel and Egypt "disabused of purely military situations, now recognized that nothing short of a political settlement could bring peace to the Middle East." The report added that the two super powers "shared that view and were

working to achieve a cease-fire and disengagement of forces." It stated that "any settlement between Israel and the Arabs would need to be underwritten by the United States in some way or other, for nothing short of this would enable Israel to feel secure."

The report does not fault Israel's intelligence since even though it could view Syrian & Egyptian preparations "it is not possible to know his (the enemy's) intentions."

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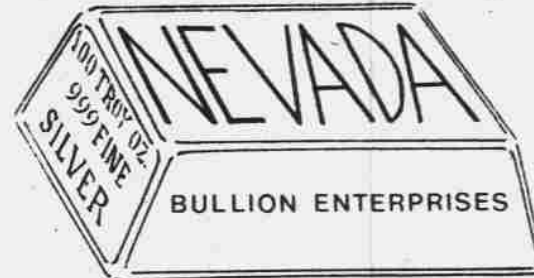


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