

**KISSINGER SUSPENDS TALKS**

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ahead of us."

Kissinger's departure from Ben Gurion Airport was emotional and somber as he fought to hold back tears following the failure of his 15-days of shuttle diplomacy. He told Rabin that it was a sad day for the United States which has invested so much effort and hope in moving the Mideast closer to peace. He said it was also a sad day for Israel which needs and wants peace so very much. Rabin shook Kissinger's hand and said he was convinced that the Secretary had done more than any human being could do toward bringing peace to the region. Rabin said he hoped and believed that despite this setback, relations between Israel and the United States, based on so many elements of friendship and common interests, will remain unharmed. Kissinger praised Rabin's wisdom in conducting the talks and the Premier's dedication toward the goal of peace.

Before leaving Israel, Kissinger spent 65 minutes in a private talk with former Premier Golda Meir at her Tel Aviv home. Mrs. Meir said after listening to Kissinger's report of the two weeks of negotiations she fully backed the Rabin government's position.

**REPORT PRES. FORD REBUKED ISRAEL**

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli newspapers have claimed that President Ford sent a sharp letter to Premier Yitzhak Rabin in which he rebuked Israel for taking too hard a line in the negotiations with Egypt and warned that the United States would hold Israel responsible for failure of the talks and would have to reconsider its relations with Israel.

Rabin at a press conference admitted to receiving a note from Ford, but refused to divulge its contents, explaining that such correspondence was part of the "special relationship" between Israel and the United States. He said the press descriptions of the letter had been exaggerated and distorted.

The newspapers said the letter had been received during the

Cabinet's marathon 15-hour session and had shocked and angered the ministers. The newspapers alleged that the Presidential note was sent to Jerusalem at Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's request after Kissinger reported to Ford on the hard line taken by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Kissinger admitted he had the letter, but its text was stronger than he had anticipated, according to the newspapers.

Meanwhile in Washington, the White House refused to confirm or deny the Israeli newspaper reports noting that "we don't normally discuss diplomatic exchanges." Meanwhile the Administration emphasized that the Mideast talks were suspended rather than broken off.

**Israelite Ads Pay.**

At his press conference following Kissinger's departure, Rabin stressed that Israel has always sought to separate political from military developments. He said Israel would respect the disengagement accords with Egypt and Syria and the cease-fires with Jordan and Lebanon provided such respect was mutual. Rabin said Israel had told Egypt that it would accept less than a full declaration of non-belligerency but wanted a commitment that Egypt would refrain from use of force for a fixed period of time together with some elements of non-belligerency such as free tourist traffic and moderation of the Arab boycott and of hostile propaganda. In return, Israel offered the Abu Rodeis oil fields and half of the Mitle and Gidi passes. Israel would retain control of the passes' eastern ends while United Nations troops would replace Israel forces at the western ends. Rabin said that Egypt rejected all of this because it wanted a purely military accord and not a political agreement. "They wanted all that we offered in return for ending the state of war -- and they were prepared to offer less than even the beginning of the end of the state of war," Rabin said.

Meanwhile it was learned that Israeli troops have been placed on a state of high alert on both the Egyptian and Syrian fronts.

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Shulamit Aloni's Civil Rights Movement also supported the decision but accused the Rabin government of misrepresenting Israel's case at home and abroad. Izvi Bernstein, secretary general of the National Religious Party, said the latest development made it all the more urgent to establish a government of national unity which would include Likud.

Maariv said there was a danger of a serious erosion of American-Israeli relations which was in evidence even

before the failure of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's efforts. The paper said that while Israel has no desire to split with the U.S. she must be prepared for such an eventuality and must mobilize for a vast political and propaganda campaign overseas, especially in the United States. Yediot Achronot suggested that Egypt's tough stand may well have resulted from behind the scenes maneuvers by the Soviet Union and also by the collapse of the American strategic positions in South-east Asia.

NEW YORK -- Calling themselves the "Ad Hoc Jewish Committee on Hunger," at 808 West End Avenue, N.Y.C., 10025, a group of New Yorkers has issued a brochure outlining a program on the world food crisis and the Jewish community.

CHICAGO -- Cantor Paul Zim has been appointed by the Park Synagogue of Chicago to chant its 1975 High Holy Day Services, a successor to the late, great Richard Tucker.

WASH. (WNS) -- President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger pledged continued efforts to achieve a Middle East peace despite the failure of Kissinger's step-by-step approach in achieving a second-stage Israeli-Egyptian disengagement agreement.

Ford, in greeting Kissinger upon his arrival in Washington after 15 days in the Mideast, declared: "It is in the national interest as well as in the international interest that we do everything we can with the emphasis on peace."

Kissinger and Ford are believed to now feel that a return to the Geneva conference is inevitable. Kissinger refused to blame anyone publicly for the failure of Egypt and Israel to reach accord. But he reportedly told reporters on the flight to Washington that he regarded the Israeli attitude as shortsighted because Israel would have been better served by a

compromise with Egypt than facing all the Arabs at Geneva.

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