

PEACE PACT

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signing should have taken place yesterday in Geneva. The truce is slated to last until October 24, 1976 with many options for renewal.

Kissinger postponed a speech he was to make at the opening of the United Nations, to stay in the mideast and commence the task of attempting to convince Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria to come to some terms with Israel. We'll keep holding our breath on that one.

While the actual wording of the Israeli-Egyptian pact has not been made public, there have been many leaks as to its contents.

First and foremost is a mutual pledge to resolve disputes by peaceful means.

Israeli shipping of non-military goods will have free access through the Suez Canal.

Israel will pull back about 2,000 square miles, including the Abu Kudeis oil fields, and relinquish the Gidi and Mitla passes to a U.N. buffer force of about 200 American civilian technicians to maintain warning stations. This is subject to Congress approval of U.S. citizens stationed in the Sinai.

There are many bilateral understandings and commitments between Israel and the U.S., including, no further pressure for more interim settlements unless so desired by Israel, and a U.S. guarantee of oil for Israel to make up for the oil wells given to Egypt.

There are indications that Egypt will break the present Arab boycott of American firms doing business with Israel, but the status of other Arab countries is uncertain at this point.

It was most encouraging to hear Egyptian President Anwar Sadat state, "Let us look forward to a new era... agreement marks the turning point in the Arab-Israeli conflict." Sadat, who expected criticism from other Arab nations, urged the U.S. to continue pressing for



SINAI ACCORD — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger watches Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin initial the interim Sinai accord with Egyptians

that Kissinger negotiated in his latest Mideast shuttle. The signing took place in Rabin's Jerusalem office. (FROM LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL)

a settlement in the Golan Heights between Israel and Syria. He also urged Kissinger to open a dialogue with the Palestinians to reach the final peace settlement.

Israeli Prime Minister said the accord represents risks in order to move towards peace. There were waves of protests in Israel by

religious activists and the Likud Party, that the settlement constituted a sellout to Egypt.

We all know the path to peace is not smooth and easy, but Israel is on the way, and if it works every Jew in the entire world will be grateful.

Please, dear GOD, make it work.

HADASSAH PRES. SAYS PUBLIC OPINION, NOT LOBBIES, COUNTS

SAN FRANCISCO lobby in the United States, declared that Mrs. Rose Matzkin, president of the "power-base of Hadassah, denying the support for Israel existence of a Jewish rests on American

popular opinion and not the manipulation of any so-called lobbies."

Speaking at the 61st annual national convention of Hadassah, at which she was re-elected president, Mrs. Matzkin said that American Jews do not speak with one voice although there is consensus in support of Israel which is shared by the general American public. When Congress votes aid to Israel it "is not because they are coerced by a powerful

lobby," she said. "It is because they are representing the moral conviction of the American people."

Faye L. Schenck, national chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, scored the World Health Organization, with which Hadassah is affiliated for criticizing Israel's health policies in the West Bank, Gaza and Sinai. She said under Israeli administration the health and living conditions of both refugees and

residents had "noticeably improved" and were higher than most Arab countries.

Joseph Klarman, world head of Youth Aliya, told the 2500 delegates that when school opens in September only 3000 of the 16,000 young people in his organization's facilities will be immigrants. He said the majority are children from disadvantaged homes because that is where the chief problem is today in Israel. He added that he expects that in five years Youth Aliya will be serving 20,000 to 25,000 youngsters from poverty-stricken homes. Klarman said taking children from poverty areas is "aliya in its second meaning" because it helps those who "live in distress to ascend from a cultural and spiritual abyss."

Mrs. Matzkin announced that Hadassah raised more than \$23 million this year.

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