

### AFTERMATH OF ACCORD

JERUSALEM -- The initialing of an Egyptian-Israeli accord calling for a second stage withdrawal in the Sinai Desert hasn't eased Israeli suspicions that Cairo still wants the complete annihilation of the Jewish State.

Even as Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger inched closer to an agreement on each day of his successful shuttle, Israeli public opinion polls showed 80 per cent of the population still distrustful of Egyptian intentions.

That distrust carried over into the streets of Jerusalem all during the negotiations as demonstration upon demonstration protested the "surrender of the Sinai."

The effect of the agreement at its present stage seems to be minimal. While Egypt will regain a big swath of territory it lost in 1967 publicly it is making only one concrete concession: permitting non-military Israeli shipping to pass through the Suez Canal, though the promise not to threaten force or military blockade against Israel is included.

Israeli and Egyptian representatives are to meet in Geneva to sign the document formally. This action is looked for before the week is out.

Israel has agreed to reduce the number of American-manned early warning stations from six to two or three. There will, however, be several unmanned American "sensor" -- information gathering devices -- in addition to the two stations.

There will be an American supervisory presence at Umm Hasheiba, the Israeli-manned surveillance station, and at the parallel Egyptian-manned station, both in the buffer zone. Egypt's major concession has been at Umm Hasheiba, where President Anwar Sadat has agreed to Israel's demand for a continued presence at the key surveillance site northwest of the Gidi Pass.

With a major aspect of the agreement based on the deployment of American electronics experts to man the Sinai checkpoints, President Ford is stressing the need for Congress to approve the action.

About 100 American civilian technicians are called for to be positioned at early warning stations to guard against surprise attack.

While Congress is expected to approve, Sen. Mike Mansfield (D. Mont.), the Senate Majority Leader said he would oppose using American technicians because one Vietnam was one too many. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.), said he would be opposed if sending American technicians led to the stationing of Soviet personnel along Israel's borders.

In another point, Egypt will not advance beyond the present buffer zone, but in return Israel has agreed that the top of the coastal corridor which Israel is ceding to Egyptian Civilian administration, will be incorporated instead in Egypt's "limited forces zone." Egypt wants to have troops protecting the road from the Abu Rodeis oilfields which Israel is returning, to Suez City. Egypt is reported also to have agreed that the United Nations Emergency Force mandate will be renewed for three years and that she will moderate economic and diplomatic action against Israel.

Rabin and Peres began selling the agreement to the Labor Party's Knesset faction and leadership bureau in the form of an attack on the views expressed by former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan although they did not mention Dayan by name. Dayan's supporters maintained silence during the meeting in Tel Aviv except for Mordechai Ben Porrat, a right-wing member of Dayan's old Rafi faction, who said he would vote against the agreement and left the meeting. Peres denounced Dayan's argument that if Israel made greater concessions it would probably receive more from the Arabs, especially a commitment to non-belligerence. Peres, a former member of Rafi, declared "I back the Sinai agreement because I see no choice."

Israeli officials stressed that the agreement will "stand on its own" and will not be linked to future negotiations with Syria or Jordan.

Rabin, while conceding the new line in the Sinai would not be as good as the present one, stressed that it will leave Israel with both defensive and offensive options. He said the Israel army will patrol the controlling heights in the Sinai to make sure that Egyptian forces do not penetrate into the Mitla and Gidi Passes. Rabin also declared that Israel would now need six times as much weapons as before the Yom Kippur war a fact which he said, will not be ignored in negotiations with the United States.

The Labor Party put pressure on its members to support the agreement in the Knesset. Dovish activists placed large piles of sand in front of the homes of Knesset members from the opposition Likhud, and the National Religious Party and in front of Herut and Gush Emunim offices with signs saying such things as "enjoy your private security hill but don't send us to die there."

The latest poll taken in Israel showed 55 percent supporting the agreement, 39 percent opposed and seven percent with no opinion.

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