

ISRAEL AND EGYPT AGREE

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successful conclusion as expeditiously as possible," Powell said in making the announcement June 11.

The U.S. invitation to the meeting was first formally announced by Secretary of State Edmund Muskie in a major address on the Middle East to the Washington Press Club. Muskie stressed that the United States will maintain the Camp David agreements as the basis for peace. "We must not let it fail," he said.

He said that the autonomy talks will be continued "solidly based on (United Nations Security Council) Resolution 242 and the Camp David framework. It would be a mistake to change either of these essential building blocks. Indeed, the U.S. will not allow that to happen." Muskie said as long as this was kept in mind the U.S. did "not object to new initiatives," such as those planned by the European Economic Community (EEC).

Muskie strongly criticized Premier Menachem Begin's proposal to establish 10 new settlements on the West Bank. He called it "illegal" and "disruptive in terms of proceeding with the negotiations which are underway. We've made that point over and over again." Muskie said he deplored both the terrorist murder of six yeshiva students in Hebron May 2 and the bomb attacks against Arab mayors on June 2. "I find revolting both the recent attack on Israeli citizens in Hebron and the maiming of two West Bank mayors," he said.

The Secretary of State said five issues remain open in the autonomy talks. He said the first was security. "Israel must be secure but to be durable any agreement must also enable the people in the West Bank and Gaza to help provide for their security," he said. "The Israel Defense Force must be able to protect Israel from external attack whether by conventional police forces or by terrorist groups. At the same time, the 'strong local police force' under the self-governing authority called for at Camp David, must be able to assume its fair share of the burden for internal

security and public order."

Meanwhile, Begin has criticized Egypt for allegedly briefing the Palestine Liberation Organization on the progress of the autonomy talks over the past year. He said former Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil recently revealed in London that the PLO had been briefed.

He said this was an act of "bad faith" by Egypt and when the autonomy talks are resumed he will demand that consultations with the PLO will cease. Begin said that he now "understood" the origin of the various "extremist and totally unacceptable demands" made by Egypt during the last negotiation sessions.

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SAN FRANCISCO (WNS) -- Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek said here that Premier Menachem Begin may be "philosophically" responsible for the recent bomb attacks which crippled two West Bank mayors.

Interviewed by Phil Bronstein on KQED-TV, the Public Broadcasting Service station here, Kollek was asked whether Begin's insistence on Jewish Biblical rights encouraged the violence against the mayors.

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