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FURTHER REACTION TO NASSER SPEECH

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1. IN THEIR PUBLIC REACTIONS TO NASSER'S SPEECH, ISRAEL'S LEADERS HAVE CHOSEN THOSE THEMES THAT HIGHLIGHT BEST THEIR OWN SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND STYLE. MRS. MEIR HAS CALLED FOR UAR, JORDANIAN AND SYRIAN OBSERVANCE OF THE CEASE FIRE SO THAT BOTH SIDES MIGHT BE SPARED FURTHER SACRIFICES. IF NASSER HAD ANY HOPES OF DEFEATING ISRAEL, SHE SAID BY A WAR OF ATTRITION, HE DID NOT KNOW THE ISRAELIS. " APPARENTLY NASSER DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEED TO DEFEND OURSELVES HAS BEEN THE ESSENCE OF OUR LIFE FOR GENERATIONS." DAYAN HAS SAID NASSER'S DECLARATION THAT CEASE FIRE NO LONGER EXISTS MUST BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE AND WARNED THE EGYPTIANS MIGHT BOMB TEL AVIV. HE ADDED HE DID NOT BELIEVE WAR WOULD BREAK OUT JUST NOW. EBAN ALSO SAID: SPEECH MUST BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING WHAT IT SAYS, AND ADDUCED IT AS CONFIRMATION OF ISRAEL'S REPEATED WARNINGS OF USSR'S TRUE INTENTIONS. IT WAS CONFIRMATION TOO, ACCORDING

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