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1. PRESIDENT NASSER'S MAY DAY SPEECH AT HELWAN, WAR TALK IN HEADLINES, SOMEWHAT LESS BLOODCURLING IN FINE PRINT, ISRAELIS WANT CALM ALONG THE FRONT IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH FORTIFICATIONS TO MAKE CEASEFIRE LINE PERMANENT, HE SAID, AND OBJECTIVE OF ARTILLERY BATTLES HAS BEEN TO DESTROY THESE FORTIFICATIONS. MANNER IN WHICH HE DELT WITH PARTIAL DESTRUCTION OF BARLEV LINE RAISED DOUBTS ABOUT WHETHER HE BELIEVES IT: WAR MINISTER FAWZI "INFORMED US IN THE CABINET LAST WEEK THAT 60 PER CENT OF BARLEV LINE DESTROYED AND THAT ARMED FORCES WILL PROCEED WITH ORDERS TO DESTROY OTHER 40 PER CENT." UNLESS ISRAELIS DRAW FROM OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS JAR WILL FIGHT TO LAST MAN. HE PROMISED, BUT "WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO WIN MORE AND SACRIFICES." NASSER STROKE OF ISRAEL'S UNSUCCESSFUL RAID TO RAID CERTAIN CENTERS OF REAR SUPPORT FOR A NAG HANNATI AND AND PRAISED PEOPLES ARM. ORGANIZED FOR INTERNAL DEFENSE. RAID LAST FALL, FOR NOW ABLE TO METALICATE THE BARRIERS THAT ISRAEL'S ATTACK ON CIVILIAN TARGETS GIVES JAR TIME TO EMBARK ON ANY ADVENTURES AND IN PAST SUFFERED FROM THESE "IN A HURRY" NASSER ALSO SAID JAR HAS SUFFERED COLLAPSE AND DESTRUCTION ON ALL OCCASIONS BY ALL MEANS. REQUISITION OF ISRAELI AIR FORCE.

2. IN ACCORD WITH NASSER'S SPEECH, JESS AND REAGAN...

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