

ARAB STATES - ISRAEL: Lead elements of the UN supply column reached the Egyptian Third Army east of the Suez late yesterday carrying food, water, and medicine to the isolated troops.

The agreement yesterday between Israeli and Egyptian officers calls for the Israelis to allow a column of 100 trucks, driven by UN drivers, to supply the Egyptians on a one-time only basis. The Israelis are permitting the trucks to proceed in groups of ten, despite objections from UN officials who saw no reason to impose a limit on the number of trucks traveling together.

Israel is not permitting the evacuation of wounded until Cairo provides information on Israeli prisoners held by Egypt. Defense Minister Dayan told the press yesterday that International Red Cross representatives have not been given the names of or been allowed to visit Israeli prisoners in either Egypt or Syria. Other Israeli spokesmen claim that if reports on Israeli prisoners being tortured become widely known it may affect Israel's attitude on the fate of Egypt's Third Army.

Quiet continued along most of the Syrian and Suez fronts yesterday. Only scattered small arms and artillery fire in the southern canal area interrupted the cease-fire, and these outbreaks were stopped by the intervention of UN observers. The Israelis, who refused two earlier requests, finally permitted UN observers to enter Suez city yesterday, indicating they probably now control the city.

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According to Israeli radio three Egyptian helicopters were shot down southeast of Suez city early this morning. These flights may have been an Egyptian attempt to resupply or reinforce the Third Army. The Israelis intend to control all access to the army.

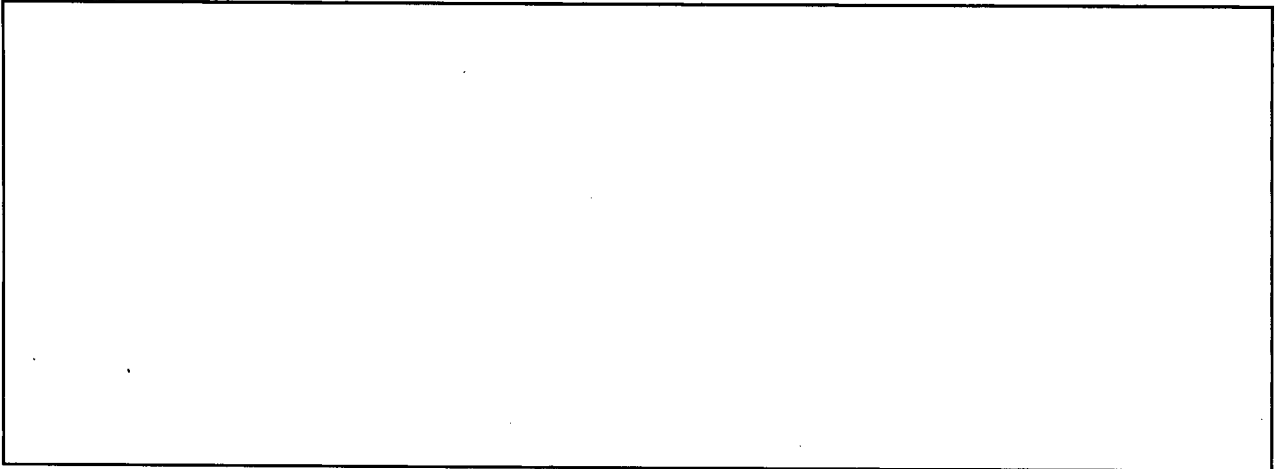
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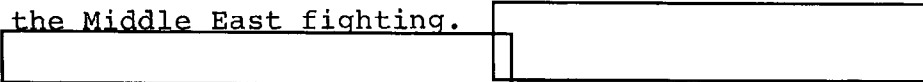
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The Soviet sealift continued yesterday with two new ships en route to Arab ports, bringing the total to 29 since 7 October. One of these, the Afanasiy Nikitin, is probably headed for Latakia. The other, the Okhotsk, appears destined for Alexandria.

Ghana and Senegal broke relations with Israel over the weekend, bringing to 15 the number of African nations that have done so since the outbreak of the Middle East fighting.



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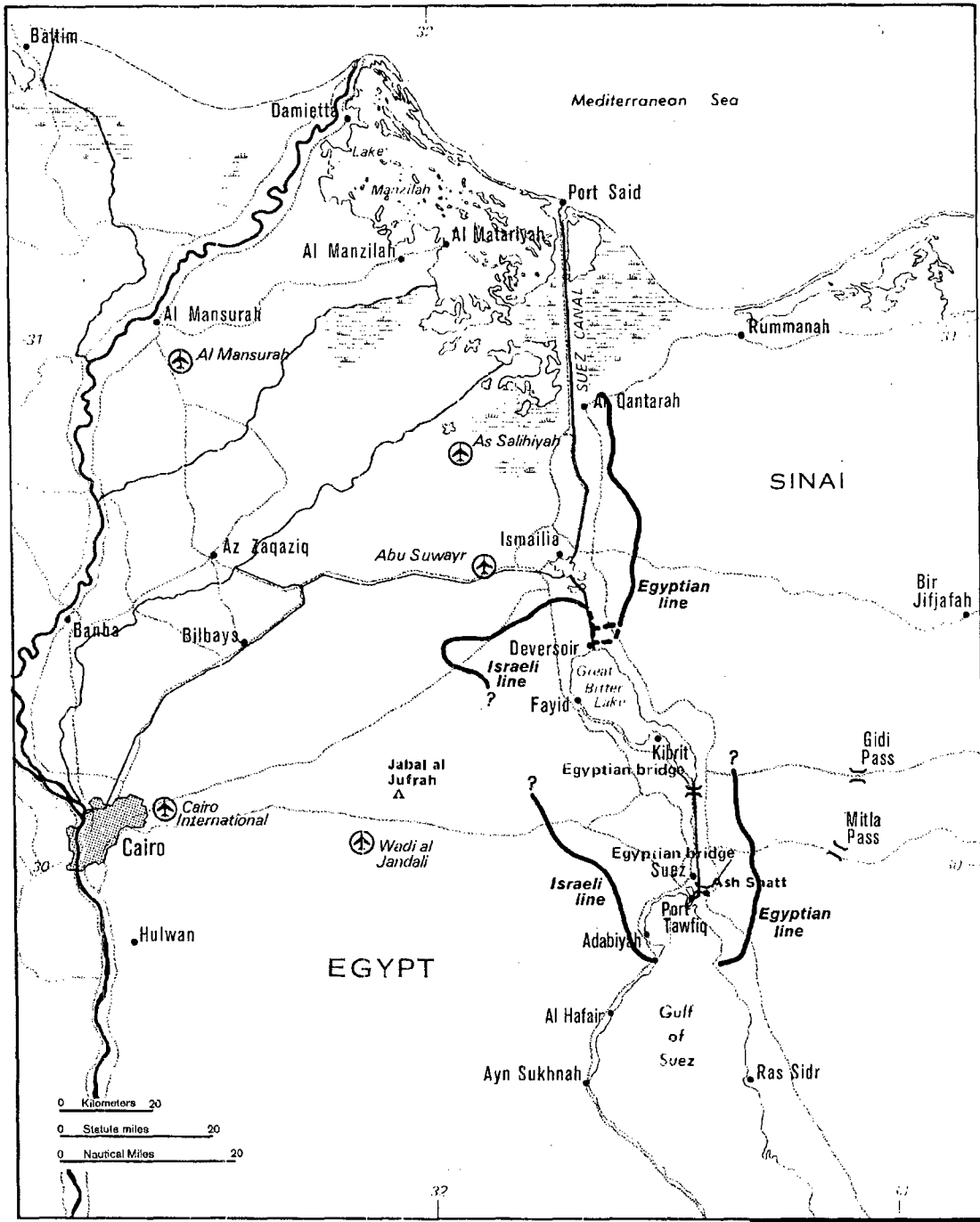
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