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CAIRO, EGYPT (AP) -- EGYPT'S LEADING COMMENTATOR INDICATED TODAY THAT PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT WILL REJECT THE ISRAELI PLAN. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER IS REPORTED BRINGING FOR THE DISENGAGEMENT OF ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN FORCES ON THE SUEZ FRONT.

MOHAMED HASSANEIN HEIKAL, EDITOR OF THE SEMIOFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AL AHRAM, SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS DESIGNED TO:

1. "WEAKEN EGYPT'S SELF-CONFIDENCE BY MAKING IT APPEAR THAT SHE ACCEPTED A PARTIAL SOLUTION PRESENTED TO HER BEFORE THE OCTOBER WAR."
2. "CREATE A BREACH IN ARAB UNITY ... FOR WHAT WOULD SYRIA AND THE PALESTINIANS SAY IF EGYPT ACCEPTED A PARTIAL SOLUTION?"
3. "SOW DISCORD BETWEEN THE ARABS AND THE SOVIET UNION" BY HAVING THE ARABS "TURN TO AN AMERICAN SOLUTION" AFTER FIGHTING WITH SOVIET WEAPONS.
4. "TOTALLY ISOLATE EGYPT SO THAT IT WOULD TUMBLE AND, LICKING ITS WOUNDS, BEG FOR COMPASSION."

ACCORDING TO ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS, THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR ISRAELI FORCES TO WITHDRAW TO A LINE ABOUT 18 MILES EAST OF THE SUEZ CANAL; REDUCTION OF THE EGYPTIAN FORCES ON THE EAST BANK OF THE CANAL AND WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR OFFENSIVE WEAPONS; A BUFFER FORCE OF UNITED NATIONS TROOPS BETWEEN THE TWO ARMIES; AND AN EGYPTIAN PLEDGE TO REOPEN THE CANAL AND REBUILD THE SHATTERED TOWNS ALONG THE WATERWAY.

AL AKHBAR, ANOTHER CAIRO DAILY, SAID THE DISENGAGEMENT OF TROOPS IS AN "AUXILIARY ISSUE -- THE IMPORTANT THING IS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND REGAINING THE PALESTINIANS' RIGHTS.

"IF ISRAEL IS NOT CONVINCED OF THIS ANOTHER EXPLOSION IN THE

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