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There appears little chance for UN action on Middle East hostilities until ground positions are solidified. The Security Council has thus far been unable to issue any cease-fire call--either in a formal resolution or in an appeal from its president--for lack of agreement on where cease-fire lines should be drawn. Any proposal calling for a return to the positions of October 6 would be countered by a Soviet and non-aligned proposal for cease-fire at the pre-June 1967 lines--either proposal would likely be vetoed. For this afternoon's Council meeting, the British are considering introducing a compromise resolution which would call for immediate cessation of hostilities and peaceful

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settlement in accordance with Security Council Resolution 242. There is little indication that either side would welcome this formulation.

Today's Council meeting should also center on the Egyptian request that UN observers be removed from their posts to Cairo.

These observers have supported the reports that the Arab forces were the first to cross the cease-fire lines.

Although Egypt can as Secretaria the host government direct their removal, the manner in which the and the Security Council accomplish their transfer to Cairo will directly affect possibilities of their return to positions.

At Egyptian Foreign Minister Zayyat's request, the General Assembly debate of Middle East hostilities was suspended yesterday. The Assembly's regularly scheduled general debate, which continues through Wednesday, can be expected, however, to include numerous reference to the Middle East from non-aligned states hostile to Israel.