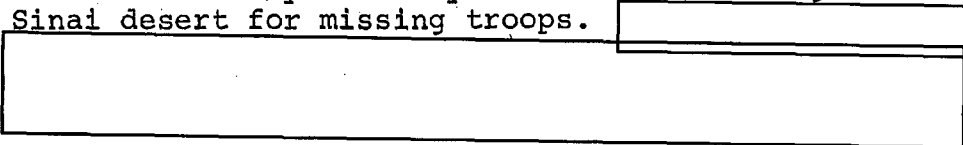


ARAB STATES - ISRAEL: Both military fronts remained relatively quiet yesterday, with only scattered and intermittent exchanges of small arms fire reported. The Israeli-Egyptian POW exchange continued with no significant hitches and, according to a Red Cross official, will be completed tomorrow. According to press reports, three joint Egyptian-Israeli military recovery teams are searching the Sinai desert for missing troops.



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General Aharon Yariv, who has headed the Israeli team in the cease-fire talks with the Egyptians, may be replaced soon. Yariv is a Knesset candidate on Mrs. Meir's Labor Party list and, according to Israeli law, must leave the military to campaign.

The Israeli cabinet met in emergency session yesterday to discuss developments regarding the mutual pull-back of forces on the Egyptian front, according to press accounts. The cabinet session followed a lengthy late night meeting of Prime Minister Meir, Deputy Prime Minister Allon, Defense Minister Dayan, and General Yariv, who just returned from talks with the Egyptians at Kilometer 101.

Lebanese ex-prime minister Saeb Salaam talked yesterday with the US ambassador to Lebanon about Salaam's recent two-week swing through Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait, and his talks with fedayeen leaders. Salaam noted that a revolutionary change has occurred in the Arab outlook toward Israel. He found Egyptian, Saudi, and Kuwaiti leaders eager for peace. Even some extremist fedayeen leaders now appear ready to make peace with Israel, he claimed. The Arabs, he said, consider their honor vindicated after last month's war, with only Libya and Iraq holding out. The US, he urged, should take advantage of this favorable psychological climate among the Arabs to press ahead with efforts

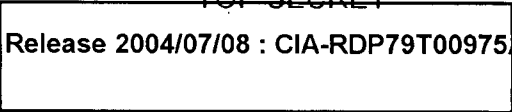
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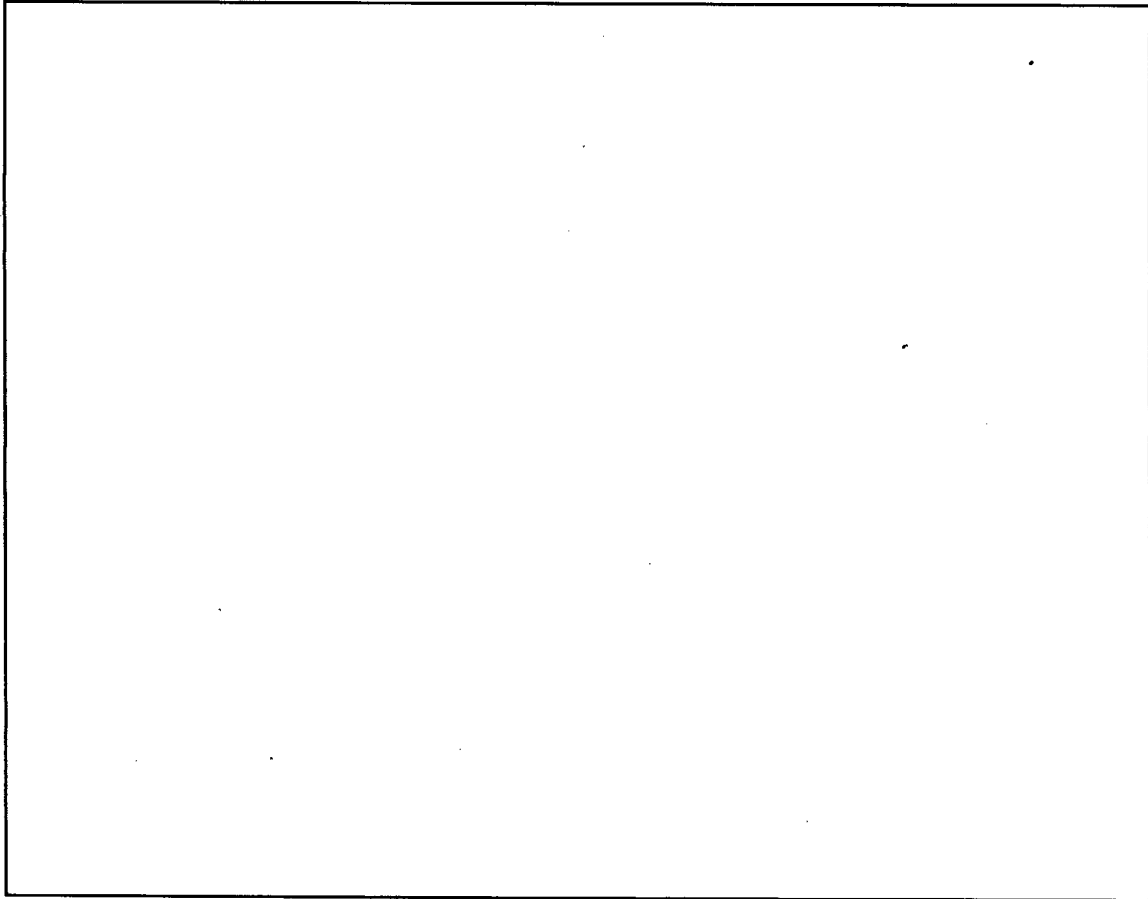
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to achieve a durable peace. Should the effort to achieve a reasonable settlement with Israel fail, Salaam warned, a serious Arab backlash would occur, including a further recourse to war.



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