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JERUSALEM (Israeli sector), Oct. 31 (UP)—Premier David Ben-Gurion told President Eisenhower in a message today that Israel was indebted to him for his "constant efforts" to ease Middle Eastern tension.

He was replying to the President's message of yesterday, which appealed for a settlement of the present conflict by peaceful means. Mr. Ben-Gurion said the Israeli people "pray for fulfillment" of the President's vision.

He charged, however, that the "ruthless policy of expansionism and subversive activity" followed by Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egyptian President, was blocking the aspirations of the United States and Israeli Governments toward peace.

Premier Ben-Gurion's letter said President Nasser had "created a unified command of Jordan and Egypt for the purpose of destroying Israel." The Government of Israel, he said, feels itself morally obliged to defend its people and defend their lives.

Situation 'Transformed'

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuters)—Israel said today the "unexpected intervention of Britain and France" in Israeli-Egyptian fighting had "transformed" the situation.

Walter Eytan, director of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said: "France and Britain have their own objectives."

Speaking on the Israeli radio, Mr. Eytan said Israel's attack on Egypt had a "strictly limited and legitimate objective."

He maintained "Israel has undertaken a military engagement, but she is not embarked on war."

"She did not use her Air Force until the Egyptians used theirs, and the same applies to the Navy," he added.

Mr. Eytan reiterated that Israel's objective in the attack launched on Monday into Egyptian territory was "to destroy the bases from which the Egyptian fedayeen have been operating."

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