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Elath Also Insists on Suez Canal Transit Before Army Withdraws From Egypt

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LONDON, Nov. 2—Israel's Ambassador to Britain warned today that his country would not withdraw its forces from Egypt until it was guaranteed freedom from further attacks by the Egyptians.

"Nothing will be more fatal or irresponsible than to advise us to go back to where we started," the Ambassador, Elihu Elath, said.

Speaking at a news conference at the Israeli Embassy, Mr. Elath said Egypt must give "not only assurances on paper but tangble guarantees" that attacks against Israel would stop and that interference with the movement of Israeli ships through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba to the Red Sea would end.

Mr. Elath charged that the United Nations had failed to enforce the peace called for in the 1948 armistice agreement. "This time," he said, "we want to know clearly where we stand. If there is war, all right."

The Israeli Ambassador indicated that Israel's penetration into Egypt "apparently" was concluded with the fall of Gaza this morning.

He insisted that Israel's "vital interest of self-defense" required the assault against Egypt.

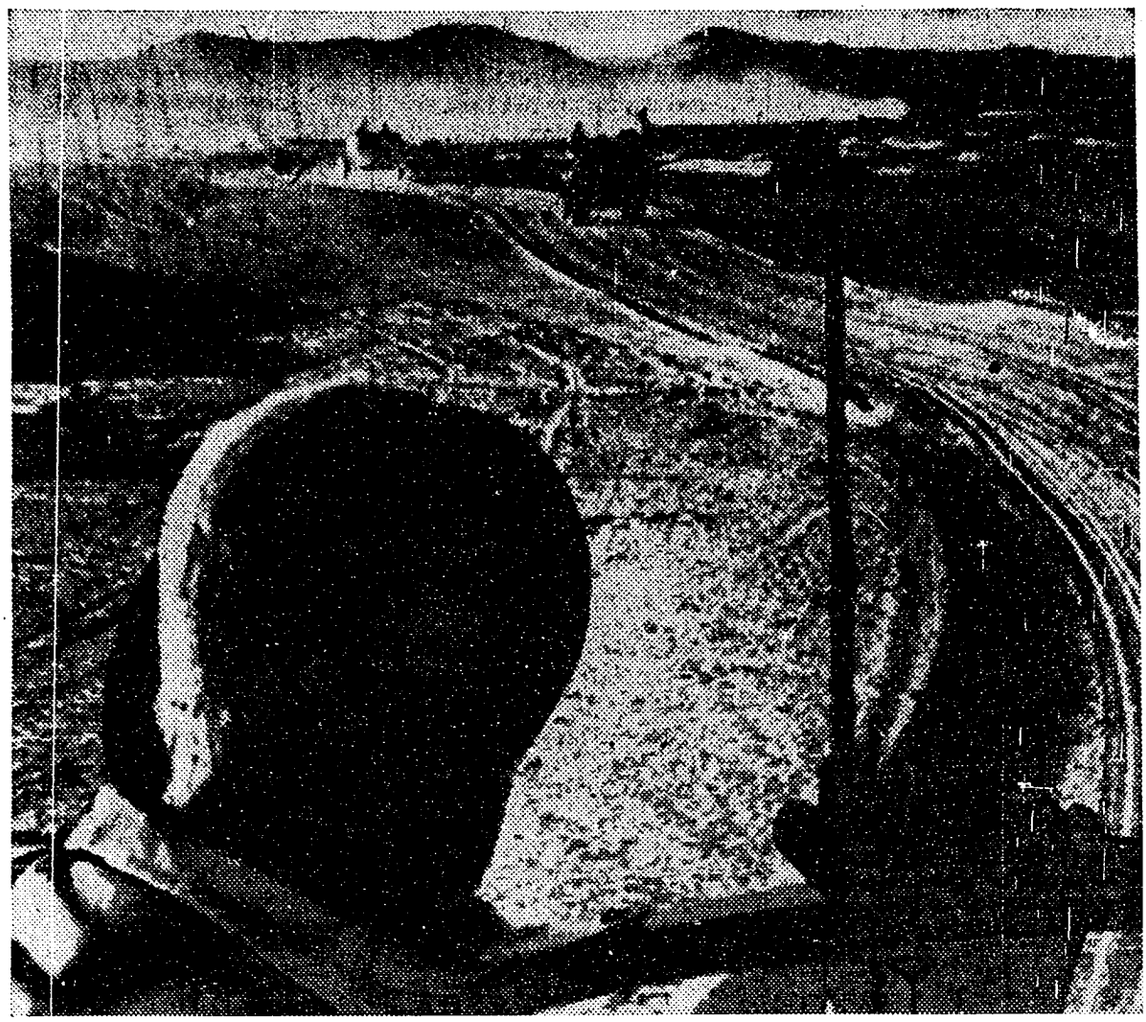
"For eight years we have been living in a continual state of terror and attacks," he said. "Colonel [President Gamal Abdel] Nasser never made any secret of his intention to destroy Israel.

"As long as Egypt is ready to fulfill her obligations under the armistice agreement and we are sure that she will do so in the spirit and in the letter, I do not think there will be any difficulties, not only in restoring the situation but in providing opportunities for better understanding in the future with Egypt and possibly with our other Arab neighbors."

Mr. Elath asserted that "unless and until this is done no one can expect Israel to lose the military advantage that we have."

The Israeli Ambassador returned to London this week from consultations with his Government in Jerusalem. He said he wanted to deny "most emphatically" that Israel was a party to "some other arrangements and objectives outside our own."

Some observers had suggested that the Israeli attack on Egypt had been made in league with the British and French as part of a master plan to drive Egypt out of the Suez Canal zone.



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AN ISRAELI MECHANIZED FORCE on the move across the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt

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