CENSORSHIP BLURS DETAILS OF FIGHTING

Censorship or lack of communications facilities produced a confusing picture of the Arab-Israeli conflict most of the day yesterday following the initial reports that hostilities had begun.

Early in the day, the authorities in Cairo imposed censorship on all news from the United Arab Republic. Prior to the conflict there was no censorship in Egypt but the movements of correspondents were severely restricted.

Censorship in Israel has been in force since the termination of the British mandate in 1948. Restrictions first applied by the British Army in Palestine were carried over in the new state of Israel. All dispatches for transmission abroad as well as articles for publication in Israeli newspapers are read by government censors in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Efforts in Beirut, Lebanon, yesterday to reach The New York Times correspondent in Damascus, Syria, by telephone were unsuccessful

So far as could be determined, there was no censorship operating in Jordan.

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