

3. Time limit for evacuation of various points. Provision for Israeli outposts, each limited to platoon strength, at certain specified points on Israel's side of the armistice demarcation line.
4. Withdrawal of Egyptian and Israeli forces from the Bethlehem-Hebron area.

Article Seven

This article provides for a limitation of armed forces to "defensive" strength in certain areas. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 7 refer to the fact that the position in the eastern half of Israel will depend on arrangements to be made in the forthcoming armistice agreement with Jordan.

3. Egypt may have only "defensive forces" in the area between El Arish and Abu Agheila (or Abu Aweigila) and the armistice demarcation line. All other forces must be withdrawn. (See map in monthly bulletin *External Affairs*, February 1957.)
4. In the western half of Israel, from a point above the northern end of the Gaza strip down to the Gulf of Aqaba, only "defensive forces" may be maintained. All other forces in this area must be withdrawn north of a line whose approximate position is shown in the map referred to above.
5. The term "defensive forces" is defined in an annex to the agreement.

Article Eight

1. On Israel's side of the Egypt-Palestine frontier, about a quarter of the way between the Mediterranean coast and the Gulf of Aqaba, in a locality where several strategic roads converge, "the area comprising the village of El Auja and vicinity . . . shall be demilitarized and both Egyptian and Israeli armed forces shall be totally excluded therefrom. The Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission . . . and United Nations observers attached to the Commission shall be responsible for ensuring the full implementation of this provision".
2. Definition of the limits of the El Auja demilitarized district.
3. No Egyptian defensive positions to be closer to El Auja than El Quseima and Abu Agheila (Abu Aweigila) shown in the map referred to above.
4. No military forces whatsoever to enter Palestine by the road from El Quseima to El Auja.
5. "The movement of armed forces of either party to this agreement into any part of the area defined in paragraph 2 of this article, for any purpose, or failure by either party to respect or fulfil any of the other provisions of this article, when confirmed by the United Nations representatives, shall constitute a flagrant violation of this agreement."

Article Nine

Provisions for exchange of prisoners of war within a month after the signing of the armistice agreement.

Article Ten

1. A Mixed Armistice Commission, composed of three Egyptian and three Israeli representatives under the chairmanship of the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, or a senior officer of that body designated by him after consultation with both parties, shall supervise the execution of the provisions of the agreement.