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ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT: KING HASSAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN FEZ ON FRIDAY 10TH AFTERNOON, KING HASSAN MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. THE SUMMIT HAS MANDATED A GROUP OF SEVEN, INCLUDING YASSER ARAFAT, TO PRESENT THE PLAN TO PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. "WE HAVE ADMITTED AND HE HIMSELF HAS ADMITTED THAT WE COULD GO AS SIX AND NOT SEVEN TO THE WHITE HOUSE".
2. THE FEZ PLAN IS AN IMMENSE STEP FORWARD, THE FIRST TIME THE ARAB STATES HAVE COLLECTIVELY ADMITTED THAT THE HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL BODY SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACEFUL AND LASTING CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN ALL STATES IN THE REGION...THE POSITIVE ACTION OF THE ARABS LIES IN THEIR PROGRAMME, THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SEEK A SOLUTION EMBRACING THE CONTRADICTION OF BOTH PARTIES, AND THESE ARE FORMS OF POLITICAL PRESSURE WHICH SHOULD NOT BE SPURNED AND WHICH WILL BEAR FRUIT IN DUE COURSE.
3. IT IS BECAUSE ARABS HAVE OFTEN SPOKEN OF ECONOMIC WAR, PETROL WAR, AND NEVER SPOKEN OF CO-OPERATION THAT THE WORLD HAS HAD ENOUGH OF ARAB BLACKMAIL...WE THINK WE HAVE ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF PRESSURE.
4. AFTER A PERORATION ON THE SUFFERINGS ISRAEL HAS CAUSED IN LEBANON AND THE TERRORIST REACTION THIS WILL PROVOKE IN THE 1990S, KING HASSAN ENDED BY APPEALING EVEN TO ISRAEL TO ACCEPT THAT THE ARAB WORLD, WITHOUT SURRENDERING ANY OF ITS RIGHTS OR OTHER WAYS AND MEANS OF ATTAINING ITS OBJECTIVES, HAS DECIDED TO OPEN A NEW CHAPTER IN ITS HISTORY. HE HOPED IT WOULD ELICIT A POSITIVE RESPONSE.
5. IRAQ/SYRIA. PRESIDENTS ASSAD AND SADDAM HUSSEIN WILL MEET WITHIN A MONTH UNDER KING FAHD'S AUSPICES TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES.
6. OAU: NOT MOROCCO'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PICK UP PIECES BUT A SPECIAL CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK OR GENEVA COULD BREAK THE DEADLOCK.

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