

**Subject:** Manufacturing history.

Sept. 5, 2010.

The Editor,

The Chronicle Herald.

Dear Editor,

The letters, by Rick Crawford and Dave Burris, [Sept.5], show an extraordinary distortion of the facts and historic record. Amongst these distortions, Rick Crawford states: " Israel was attacked by Egypt in 1967." Israel's apologists keep making the claim that President Nasser of Egypt was planning, in June 1967, to attack and destroy Israel. The facts are confirmed in the words of Israel's own leaders at the time, who waged that war:

**Yitzhak Rabin**, chief of staff of the Israeli army at the time, stated : " I do not think Nasser wanted war. The two divisions he sent to the Sinai would not have been sufficient to launch an offensive war. He knew it and we knew it." {*Le Monde*, Feb.28,1968}.

Prime Minister **Levi Eshkol** stated : " The Egyptian layout in the Sinai and the general military build up there testified to a military defensive Egyptian set-up, south of Israel" [ Israeli daily *Yediot Ahronot*, Oct. 18,1967].

**Modechai Bentov**, an Israeli cabinet minister at the time, stated: " All this story about the danger of extermination [of Israel in June 1967] has been a complete invention and has been blown up *a posteriori* to justify the

annexation of Arab territory" [ *Al Hamishmar*, 14 April 1972, and quoted in *Le Monde*, 3 June 1972].

**Menachem Begin**, a cabinet minister in June 1967, stated, while prime minister, addressing Israel's National Defence College, on Aug.8,1982, : " In June 1967, we again had a choice. The Egyptian army concentrations in the Sinai did not prove Nasser was really about to attack us. We must be honest with ourselves. We decided to attack him" [*The N.Y.Times*, Aug.21,1982].

The facts speak for themselves and the the readers of the Herald deserve to know the facts.

Yours sincerely,

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