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a "very comprehensive" discussion with Mr. Rogers on "all matters of mutual interest" but declined to give details. Israel's policy "remained dedicated to peace by agreement through negotiations with out neighbors," Mr. Eban said. He advised newsmen to ask the State Department about the U. S. position.

Mr. Eban said that Israel would not leave the occupied territory until the establishment of real peace and that all questions between both sides were open to negotiations without prior conditions. He added that the world community could help the situation by getting the negotiating process started.

Mr. Rogers had outlined Amica's Mideast policy as including a call to Israel to withdraw from virtually all the occupied territory in exchange for a binding commitment to peace by the Arabs, a role for Jordan in the religious, civic and administrative operation of Jerusalem and support for the Big Power effort toward a Mideast settlement.

President Nixon has reportedly indicated to Republican Congressional leaders that he supported Mr. Rogers' statement of his Government Mideast policy. At the same time he indicated his appreciation of Israel's security needs and desire for a real peace.

The President allegedly conceded that Israel had some valid arguments against the Big Power Mideast effort but stressed that U. S. wanted to avoid a confrontation with the Soviet Union and was anxious to establish better relations with the Arab states. Mr. Nixon expressed fears about a unilateral polarization in which the U. S. would just find itself allied with Israel.

Political observers believe that the Nixon Administration's courting of the Arabs will mean that no decision on Israel's arms and aid request will be made until after the Arab summit conference due to start in Rabat, Morocco. The danger to Israel, they said, lies in the Arabs' indicating that better relations with the U. S. would result if Washington does not undertake any major new aid effort to Israel.

Both the Soviet Union and Egypt have rejected the Rogers' statement as only as encouragement to Israel to continue its aggressive policies. But observers said this was probably a public statement and that the private positions conveyed to Washington were more important in that the U. S. had in the past based its policy on these discussions. These observers noted that the behind-the-doors diplomatic reports have always been more friendly and less belligerent than the public statements from Cairo.



ISRAELIS SEARCH ARAB BOAT FOR HIDDEN ARMS (ISRAEL SUN PHOTO).

FRANCE REFUSES TO DELIVER ARMS

PARIS (WNS) -- A Cherbourg shipyard has launched the last of twelve 250-ton gunboats ordered and paid for by Israel as Israelis continued to impress on French officials Jerusalem's insistence of delivery of the five ships and 50 paid for Mirage V jet fighter bombers embargoed by Paris just before the start of the Six-Day War.

French officials on a number of occasions have raised the possibility of returning the money Israel paid for the jets and the undelivered gunboats but Jerusalem has declared it wants the military equipment, not the money.

AJC Urges Congress To Aid Black Votes

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee urged the United States Senate to correct the action of the house of Representatives in what it called "its substantial weakening" of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The Committee also urged President Nixon to "agree to a simple extension of the 1965 Act, the most meaningful and successful civil rights law now on the statute books."

In an official statement, AJC President Philip E. Hoffman stated that the Bill enacted by the House "would without doubt weaken the present program by, among other things, diverting governmental resources away from the South where the problem of ensuring voting rights is most acute."

Mr. Hoffman pointed out that the 1965 Voting Rights Act "has performed well in registering hundreds of thousands of Americans, most of them black, previously denied the most precious right in a democracy the right to vote."

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