ISRAEL PRAISES NIXON (Continued from Page 1)

Premier Golda Meir, warmly welcomed the President's message delivered to the National Emergency Conference on Peace in the Middle East convened in Washington by American Jewish leaders. She declared in response to newsmen's questions that Mr. Nixon's remarks confirmed "the attitude which I encountered in my converstuons with the President," and added that the statement gave "eloquent expression" to the U.S.'s friendship for Israel and concern for her peace and security.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban told a television audience that Mr. Nixon's state-

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These assurances did not mollify the Arabs, who bitterly denounced Mr. Nixon's expression of support for

its recent efforts in the Mideast, Mr. Eban asserted that these unrewarding moved the Soviet Union an inch closer to the U.S. position and received no posi-

these optimistic views by U.S. representatives at the United Nations who were reported to have told Arab dent's remarks presaged no sition as expressed by Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

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Mrs. Meir "noted that with gratification" Mr. Nixon's statement that the U.S. was prepared to supply Israel with arms "as the need arises." This remark was the basis for the Arab's anger. Newspapers and spokesmen for a number of governments asserted that this statement was "the prelude for providing the Israeli militarists with more Skyhawk and Phantom warplanes," in the words of the semiofficial Cairo newspaper Al Aharm.

(In Washington State Department officials said that France's plan to sell jet fighters to Libya had increased the urgency for the Nison Administration to to a decision on Israel's four-month-old request for additional military and economic aid. These comments were made before Paris admitted that its arms deal called for closer to 110, rather than 100 jet aircraft. No indication was offered as to when a decision would be announced).

Israel's representatives to Washington and London were instructed to press for as early a decision as possible on arms requests presented to the U.S. and British Governments last year.

Premier Meir, inher official statement, said she hoped that President's remarks would convince "all concerned" that " only through a freely negotiated agreement between the parties to the conflict' can a lasting peace be established?

Referring to proposals advanced by Secretary of State William P. Rogers--which Israel strongly opposed --Mrs. Meir declared that "being deeply concerned over certain U.S., diploma-

pression to, the broad range of interests and objectives that our two countries have in common."

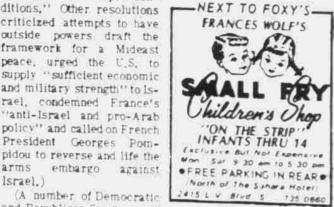
Observers in Jerusalem and Washington noted that the statements by the two leaders contained nothing that they had not said before. But the remarks were couched in warm terms and seemed to be an effort by both sides to eliminate the tnesions that have arisen over recent U.S. suggestions on possible terms for a Mideast peace and Israel's angry reaction, Mr. Meir's response was seen as unusually enthusiastic and was believed to be designed to balance erarlier overly severe remarks.

(The two-day conference in Washington ended with

delegates calling on the President to rescind the State Department's "specific proposals" for a Mideast settlement "so that Arab-Israeli negotiations which President Nixon has called for will indeed be undertaken without pre-conditions," Other resolutions criticized attempts to have outside powers draft the framework for a Mideast peace, urged the U.S. to supply "sufficient economic and military strength" to Israel, condemned France's "anti-Israel and pro-Arab policy" and called on French. President Georges Pompidou to reverse and life the

Israel.) A number of Democratic and Republican Senators and Congressmen expressed

support for Israel in the Halls of Congress, A Republican Congressman said that 89 members of his party had subscribed to a resolution called for "faceto-face" Arab-Israeli negotiations.)



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