

**WASHINGTON DATELINE**

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President Nixon received Jordan's King Hussein during his 5-day visit to Washington last week. Prior to their 70-minute conference in the President's Oval office at the White House, they exchanged small talk as photographers recorded the meeting. The President explained the two picture-taking sessions: "We have one for movie cameras and one for the stills. . ."

He also remarked that Washington hadn't had any snow as yet. Then, the President told the King: "This is sort of a Mideast month here -- you're here today, and we'll see Mrs. Meir in

March. The Middle East is still a problem. We're all searching for peace there, and it is helpful to get all points of view. . ."

Then Dr. Henry Kissinger, Mr. Nixon's National Security advisor and Zaid al-Rifai, Political Advisor to His Majesty, joined the President and the King for an in-depth discussion of the Middle East. They also touched on other international issues of common interest.

The White House said that while the King and Queen are in Washington on a private visit, the President is taking the opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest and to explore ways in which peace might be brought closer in the Mideast.

"The President will have an opportunity to discuss the same matters with Prime Minister Meir when she pays a private visit to the U.S.," said deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren. "On the Mideast, the President and King discussed the present state of efforts to move toward a negotiated resolution of the Arab-Israeli problem. There was also discussion of Jordan's new economic development and military modernization programs and of the U. S. programs to help with them."

He related that the President assured King Hussein of firm United States support for Jordan in these programs and of U. S. interest in the progress toward a negotiated peace in the Mideast.

At a White House State dinner in the King's honor, President Nixon said: "He is here as the head of a country that has had very difficult problems.

"We honor him tonight because he achieved greatness in the years he has ruled his country with such courage and stability and moderation, in a part of the world that could otherwise explode into violence and extremism. We are dedicated to his hope and our hope of a real peace in the Mideast, a peace for which he has worked and for which we are working."

During his "toast" at the black-tie dinner, King Hussein said: "If Jordan has survived, it was because the people of Jordan, as a whole, have inspired me, but more than that, shared my beliefs and my convictions and also the same hopes for a better future in our part of the world."

This was the fourth visit to the White House for King Hussein while Mr. Nixon has been President.

Prior to his departure from Washington, the King went to Walter Reed Hospital for a routine check-up.

**ISRAEL COMMON MARKET ACCORD**

BRUSSELS (WNS) -- Israel and the European Common Market have signed an agreement freezing tariffs and other trade arrangements between Israel and the three new Common Market member states-- Britain, Denmark, and Ireland -- for an additional year while negotiations of a permanent agreement get underway.

The accord safeguards such vital Israeli exports as citrus juices and extracts to the United Kingdom.

Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban called the accord just "a stepping stone" towards a larger and more exten-

sive relationship between the two parties. He said the agreement had been reached thanks to French intervention.

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