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Arab nations.

Basically, however, it is still too early to assess Ford's foreign policy views beyond the generalities he has uttered while still a Congressman and Vice-President. Observers noted that he has had a good track record with regards to Israel and recalled that some two years ago he urged that the U.S. move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and that he had regarded Jerusalem as the united capital of Israel. During the Arab oil embargo Ford hinted in a speech here to the Manufacturing Chemists Association that the continuation of the embargo could lead to a curtailment of food shipments to Arab countries where food commodities are perennially in short supply. This statement earned him the wrath of Arab leaders.

After the disengagement agreement between Israel and Egypt, Ford noted that a "large share" of the credit for the accord "accrues to the courage, goodwill and vision of leaders in both Egypt and Israel." Discussing the issue of Israeli POWs in Syria, Ford urged both countries to exchange POW lists and permit

Red Cross visits to POW camps.

Speaking extemporaneously in front of his home shortly after Nixon announced his resignation, Ford praised Kissinger as "a very great man" who helped "to build the blocks of peace under President Nixon, I think those policies of peace will be continued, and those policies

should be continued." Until now, however, observers note Ford's involvement and expertise in foreign affairs has been almost nil. Whatever abilities he may have in dealing with these complex issues, and in relating to the diverse and even antagonistic views and aims of the Russians, Chinese and Arabs, will be tested shortly. Meanwhile Ford will be acting in ad hoc fashion on various foreign policy issues and take his cues from those cabinet members who will help him shape America's foreign policy, Ford's own known capacity to moderate between divergent view and groups in the White House while he was Republican leader indicates, according to some observers, that he may try to find a common ground among the various forces in America's political and economic arena that have interests in the Middle East.

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ISRAEL'S WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO FOR

JERUSALEM (WNS) organizing itself. - President Ford's reaffirmation to Israel of Shimon Peres sought to friendship America's was received here with evident pleasure.

Premier. Yitzhak Rabin sent "warm congratulations" to Ford "on behalf of the President of Israel, the government and the people...on assuming his Jerusalem does eminent task." Rabin exclude difference also voiced satisfaction with Ford's assurance time, the U.S. appreof ciates that of all of the continuity American policies of aid to Israel and efforts to in the been the most expensive achieve peace Mideast

An official statement by the government press office said that had "promised the Israeli Premier to meet all the commitments undertaken by the U.S. towards Israel" and "stressed the continuaof long-range American support in all matters pertaining to Israel's defense and economic well being." The press office statement also noted that Ford said in his message that he looking forward to Rabin's visit to Washington, due sometime in September or October.

While Israeli officials expect no negative changes in Mideast policy under Ford's Administration there is a feeling that U.S. efforts for a solution to the Mideast conflict will possibly slow down while the new Administration is

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Gen. Herzl Shaftir, head of the Israel Defense Force's general head-quarters has lead an IDF mission to Washington Defense to seek specific agreements on the new weapons approved in general terms by President Nixon ally these fears during his visit to Israel.

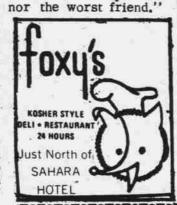
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noting that U.S. support

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