

WASHINGTON DATELINE

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President Gerald Ford -- correctly pronouncing 'Shalom' and 'Le-chayim' -- heartily greeted and toasted Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the White House last week.

And at the end of the Rabin's four-day visit to Washington, D.C., Ford drove to a Shoreham Americana Hotel reception -- in the President's honor -- to meet some of the hundreds of guests and to bid farewell to Rabin with the hope that he receives the "same warm welcome all over the U.S. as you did in our Nation's capital."

Rabin's eleven-day trip here is the first for a head of Government in our Bicentennial year and the third since he has been Israeli Premier; and Ford, President.

In sharp contrast to the cold and rain which marked Rabin's White House arrival, he was received with much warmth and hospitality, in abundance. Normal procedure at the White House is that in case of rain, arrival ceremonies are held in the East Room. But, when President Ford awakened and saw the bad weather as early as 7 a.m., he made the decision: rain or shine, we greet Rabin on the South Lawn. (He didn't want the many invitees, including 500 school children to be deprived of the pomp and ceremony that can only be seen outside.) Also, it was clear that he was sensitive to the fact that when Egypt's President Sadat was here in November, his arrival ceremony was held outdoors. So the President wasn't allowing a mere downpour to dampen the cordiality of the greeting.

The U.S. Army Herald Trumpets sounded a fanfare and played four ruffles and flourishes. The U.S. Marine Corps Band played Hatikvah (Israel's National Anthem) while a 19-gun salute was fired, followed by the National Anthem of the U.S. Despite the sodden lawn, Ford and Rabin inspected the troops. In the steady downpour, the Premier and President -- hatless and umbrella-less, exchanged formal, public greetings for eight minutes while thousand of spectators found shelter under umbrellas. Rabin told them: "According to Jewish tradition, rain means 'blessing.'"

Rain water was still dripping down their faces when the two leaders retired to the Oval Office for eighty minutes of solid discussion. Present for the first of three Rabin-Ford Oval office conferences were Secretary of State Henry Kissinger; General Brent Scowcroft, National Security Adviser; Joseph Sisco, Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Malcolm Toon, Ambassador to Israel; Hanan Bar-On, the new Minister of the Embassy of Israel; Amos Eiran, Director General and a political advisor to Rabin; and Simcha Dinitz, Ambassador from Israel.

Then, Leah and Yitzhak Rabin were guests of honor at a luncheon in the John Quincy Adams Room at the State Department tendered by Nancy and Henry Kissinger. Among the guests were Senators Adlai Stevenson and Richard Stone; Cong. Sam Stratton; Roger Stevens, Chairman, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Leonard Garment, U.S. Mission to the United Nations; Dr. Guido Goldman and Stephen Graubard of Cambridge, Mass.; Charlotte Jacobson, World Zionist Organization, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Linowitz; Joshua Logan, Director, Rip Van Winkle (at Kennedy Center); Otto Preminger; Elie Wiesel; and Max Rabb, former advisor to President Eisenhower.

During an exchange of toasts, Rabin said: "For the sake of real peace, Israel will not shrink from any risks. But, with a weak Israel, no one will negotiate. Only a strong Is-

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Senate was the setting for the screening of the Jewish National Fund's new film, "From Every Mountainside" which describes the American Bicentennial National Park being created in Israel.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The number of Lebanese that have sought refuge in Lebanon since Israel has opened its borders to victims of the civil strife in that Arab country reached a dozen with the arrival of George and Elias Hanna, two Christian brothers.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Ministry of Finance and the Histadrut are engaged in a dispute over whether the government's new austerity measures will reduce the standard of living for Israel's workers.

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rael can have the confidence to achieve peace." Dr. Kissinger talked about their close friendship and said that past differences will not get in the way of their mutual goals -- peace in the Mideast.

After Rabin met at Blair House with Vice President Rockefeller, the Israeli leader and his wife were given a most spirited White House State Dinner by Betty and Gerald Ford -- one of the largest ever given for a head of State. Among the 160 guests were 17 Californians; Ray Caldiero, Vice President, Marriott Corp.; Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Glazer, Co-Chairman, Israel Bonds of California; Carol Burnett and her husband, producer Joe Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Harwin; President Alwin Management Co., Inc.; Danny Kaye; Peter Matz; Kathy and Malcolm Moran, the sculptor; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shearer, Editor at large, Parade Magazine; vocalist Helen Reddy and her husband, Jeff Wald and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Welch.

Among those from the Jewish community were Melvin Dubinsky of St. Louis, Chairman, United Israel Appeal; the David Blumberg; President, B'nai B'rith; the Stanley Dubrows, Vice President, Pathmark Division, Supermarkets General Corp.; the Max Fishers, President, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Rabbi and Mrs. Arthur Hertzberg, President, American Jewish Congress; Milton and Martin Hoffman, of Wilton Caterers, Spring Valley, New York; Calvin Klein, Fashion designer; Bernard Lasker, of Lasker, Stone and Stern; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lautenberg, National Chairman, United Jewish Appeal; Mr. and Mrs. Vrem Levens, President, Bruce Milling Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Levy of Goldman Sachs & Co.; Dr. and Mrs. Max Matzkin (she is President, Hadassah); Rabbi and Mrs. Israel Miller, Chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rothberg, General Chairman, Development Corp. for Israel; Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Sage, President, Jewish National Fund; Rabbi and Mrs. Alexander M. Schindler, President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Selig, Vice President for Operations Structural Metals; Mr. and Mrs. Laurence A. Tisch, Chairman, Loews Corp., Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Winter, President, American Jewish Committee; and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wouk.

Mr. Ford -- in his toast to Rabin -- said: "The celebration of our Nation's history gives Americans a deeper appreciation of basic values that we share with Israel. Both of our nations have had a painful birth as well as growth. As havens for men and women fleeing persecution, both find their vitality as well as their strength today in a commitment to freedom and to democracy and the spirit of free peoples...Israel, like the U.S., has stuck to its principles and persevered with courage and determination. The unbreakable spirit of the people of Israel remains its strongest defense..."

In his toast to Ford, Rabin drew laughter when he noted: "When the U.S. got her independence 200 years ago, the total population then was three million -- which is exactly the population of Israel today. Also, your growth came as a result of the determination of the founding fathers to build a country, but in addition, by maintaining the basic principle of open gates to waves of immigrants, and your country grew up by the waves of immigrants that came to this country. We maintain the same policy and we have grown through immigration and will continue to grow through immigration...."

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