

**SISCO CALLS FOR EXCHANGE OF MIDEAST VIEWS**

NEW YORK (WNS) Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Joseph J. Sisco said here that as long as there is an exchange of views and ideas there is hope for progress for peace in the Middle East.

Speaking at a luncheon honoring Rabbi Israel Miller upon his completion of two years as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Sisco said he had never detected difference in the long-range goals between the American Jewish leadership and the Administration and called for maintaining a close dialogue and association.

Some 70 Ameri-

can officials, Jewish leaders and Israeli diplomats paid tribute to Miller. President Ford in a letter to Miller, said, "I have personally appreciated having the benefit of your views and knowledge on many occasions and I greatly value

your frankness and friendship." Miller responded that although the Jewish community is not monolithic "let no one doubt our collective commitment to the well-being of Israel and our collective concern for the well-being of the Jewish

people. This commitment and concern will be forthrightly spoken when we feel the Administration of Congress or any agency of government is not supportive of the basic interests of our country by being fully supportive of Israel."

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had approved both.

Rabin also told the Knesset that in his talks in Washington it was agreed to attempt to reconvene the Geneva conference while at the same time explore other peacemaking initiatives. He said there was also agreement between the U.S. and Israel on not recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Later speaking before the Israel-American Friendship Society Rabin said that U.S. - Israel friendship could weather transient disagreements because both nations shared basic common values that bound them together. Noting a common dedication to democracy, a common Biblical heritage and the fact that both the U.S. and Israel were immigrant societies, Rabin said that travelling across the U.S. he felt that "regardless of what was written in the press" there was deep sympathy and understanding and readiness by the American people to work together with Israel.

He urged Israelis not to take the U.S. for granted. "Even when there are disagreements --and we don't have to accept everything, sometimes we have to be stubborn," Rabin stressed "let us not say things which bring needless consequences to the relationship." He noted that American Jewry had scored achievements unparalleled in the history of the diaspora. "They are proud Americans and they are proud Jews and there is no conflict whatsoever," he said.

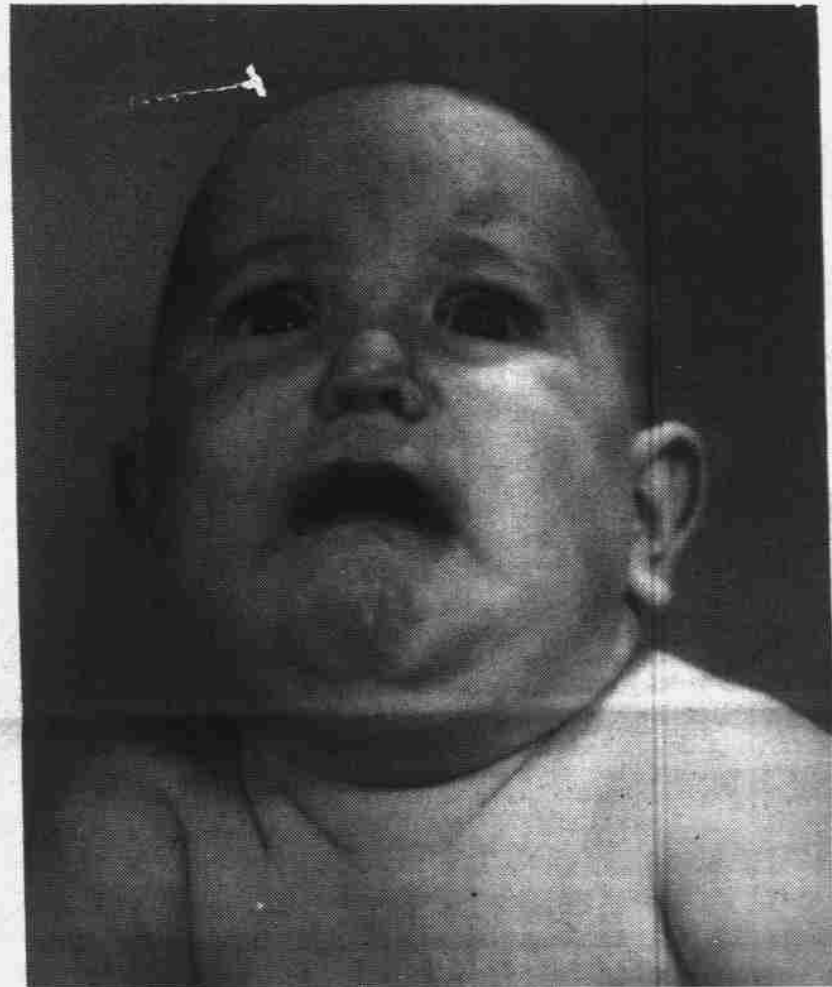
**U.S. ARMS FOR EGYPT?**

WASH. (WNS) - The State Department refused to confirm or deny press reports that the Ford Administration is close to supporting Egypt's request for arms from the United States.

Egypt reportedly has asked for "Hawk" anti-aircraft mis-

siles, wire-guided TOW anti-tank weapons, radar and communications equipment, patrol boats, F-5E jet fighters and C-130 military transports. Earlier, State Department spokesman John Trautner said that the U.S. has projected the sale of six C-130's to Egypt with delivery this

spring. According to the press reports, high Administration officials have been working on how to proceed in getting Congress to lift its ban against selling U.S. arms to Egypt. The reports said Egypt would pay cash for the military hardware.



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