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such a view as the former Secretary of State had now somewhat belatedly expressed. It is already generally known that the three have branded the PLO terrorists. However, they have not yet fully closed the door to Arafat on the question of recognition of Israel and acceptance of 242.

Kissinger and Arnold Forster were jointly honored by the University at Beersheba. Forster was presented with the Ben - Gurion Negev Award, and Kissinger received the Degree of Honorary Fellow. University President Major-General Shlomo Gazit was on hand to greet the American Associates of the fast - growing institution of the Negev.

And now back to the President of the Assembly, Ismat Kittani. He is, of course, a staunch Iraqi but Kurdish blood runs through his veins and your correspondent has high hopes that he will try hard to maintain an impartial stance as he presides over meetings. During a press conference the following morning, this writer asked about his "Kurdish origin" and queried "what hope he held on the future of the Kurdish minority in Iraq -- Is autonomy still an open question?"

President Kittani, who has served the world organization in many capacities for a number of years, did not give a definite reply. "I would simply say," he noted "that I have been looking over notes I made when I was 19 and a sophomore in college. I found in my notes a statement which is almost verbatim, as follows:

"The fact that a person comes from a certain geographic, political, economic, ethnic, religious or any other background should not be a source of either pride or shame for him, for the simple reason that he had nothing to do with it. But, after having been given a certain chance, if any ethnic, political, economic, religious, cultural or geographic group is either proud of a person or ashamed of him, that is something that the person has to account for."

On the question of impartiality, another correspondent asked: "Your agenda includes at least three questions on which your Government has taken strong positions, namely, Palestine, the Middle East and the Israeli bombing of the Iraqi reactor. How do you propose to make sure that the presiding officer of the three cases will be absolutely objective in all his rulings? Will you step aside in any of those cases in favor of one of your Vice Presidents?"

"You have asked two questions and tried to connect them. Nobody can be sure," he replied. "You have a saying in America that only two things in life are certain -- death and taxes. Whether I am fair and just when

I preside on those items, or any others, I shall leave to you people and to the other commentators after the event... The question of when I step down or not... and when I asked one of the Vice - Presidents to preside should be left entirely to the discretion of my judgment... I hope I shall not disappoint the Assembly in this regard.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Over half - a - million Israeli emigrated from 1969 to 1979 and there was a net loss of over 126,000, according to a study by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs reported here. The report, prepared by Yitzhak Berman of the Ministry's data unit, said a total of 384,064 new immigrants arrived during those 10 years and 510-528 of them and other Israelis left the country.

LAXALT AGAINST MX

WASHINGTON -- Senators Paul Laxalt of Nevada and Jake Garn of Utah met with President Reagan to reiterate their opposition to the proposed multiple protective structure deployment of the MX missile.

Laxalt and Garn also told the President they continued to recommend basing the MX in existing Minute

silos and protecting them with an anti-ballistic missile system.

The Senators said President Reagan assured them a decision as to deployment of the MX basing method for the MX missile has not been made.

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and Presidential Counselor Ed Meese also attending the meeting.

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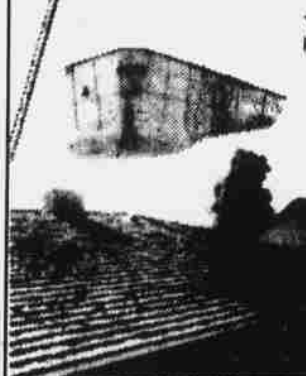
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