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The conversation, while ceremonial, was nevertheless a restatement of US support for Israel, President Nixon said. "Madam Prime Minister, I want you to know that needless to say you are always welcome here. I only regret that while I have visited Israel on other occasions, I have been unable to do so as President. But you can be sure we will continue to work together for what you are interested in and what we are interested in, and that is a just peace in the Middle East which will protect the integrity of Israel, for which your people have suffered so much."

Mrs. Meir's reply was brief. "Thank you very much," she said. "It is easier to face difficulties when you speak as you do; and I know what you have done." The satellite phone call from the White House was received at 5 p.m. local time at the satellite receiving station built by the Ministry of Communications in the Judean Hills near Jerusalem. Other events at the inaugural included a violin recital by Isaac Stern and radio and television newscasts from around the world carried live by satellite.

#### RUSSIAN PILOTS, MISSILE TECHNICIANS LEAVING EGYPT BUT WEAPONS STAY

TEL AVIV, July 26 (JTA)--Russian pilots and air defense technicians continued their departure from Egypt today but the planes and missiles they left behind are being manned by Egyptians. According to information reaching here, the only Russian pilots remaining in Egypt are those assigned to squadrons shadowing the US Sixth Fleet and pilots of the MIG-23, the world's fastest combat aircraft which have been deployed in Egypt in limited numbers.

It was learned here today that about 150 MIG-21 jet fighters of improved design, previously flown only by Russians, are now in Egyptian hands. The Egyptians have also taken charge of 65 batteries of SAM-3 ground-to-air missiles previously manned almost exclusively by Russians. The Egyptians have been operating the less sophisticated SAM-2 batteries for some time. But the Russians reportedly do not permit Egyptians to man their highly sophisticated SAM-6 missile batteries which guard the Soviet naval base at Merseh Matruh and other strategic points in Egypt.

## ADL HAILS FLORIDA ACTION AGAINST BIASED LAND DEVELOPERS

MIAMI, July 26 (JTA)--Land developers who discriminate in their sales practices or advertising will face stiff penalties as the result of new regulations passed by the Florida Division of Land Sales, it was announced today by the Florida office of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. The ADL several months ago had urged the Division of Land Sales to apply its authority against land sales companies found to be discriminating against persons because of their religion, race or national origin.

Burton Young, chairman of ADL's executive committee, said the League is "very pleased by this forthright action by the Division of Land Sales" which licenses land developers and reviews their advertising and sales practices. Young said the ADL had received numerous complaints during the past six months which pointed to discriminatory practices by some land developers against potential purchasers who are Jewish. He said in one case ADL had filed a complaint with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, charging a developer with violating provisions of the 1968 Civil Rights Act by advertising residential property for sale "for Christian people." Young said the firm agreed to cease such discriminatory advertising.

Arthur Teitelbaum, ADL's regional director, said the League's office continues to receive complaints about developers who use "code language" in their advertising, such as "highly restricted" or "churches nearby." Teitelbaum said "it is a technique which dates back many years and is frequently used to discourage Jews and others from making inquiries." He said these complaints are just part of a larger picture of housing discrimination against Jews and other minorities, "which remain a serious problem throughout Florida."

The new regulation prohibits firms under the Division of Land Sales' jurisdiction from refusing to sell a person subdivided land because of his religion, race, color or national origin. It also prohibits the advertising of such property in a manner which "...indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on religion, race, color or national origin, or any intention to make such a preference, limitation or discrimination."

## ISRAEL TOLD TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY FOR WEST INDIES LANDING RIGHTS

AMSTERDAM, July 26 (JTA)--A spokesman for the Netherlands West Indies government said today that Israel should negotiate with it directly for landing rights for Israel's national airline, El Al. The spokesman implied resentment that the Israeli authorities sought to use the Dutch government as an intermediary to gain such rights.

Israel recently granted the Dutch airline, KLM a four weekly flight to Tel Aviv, presumably in exchange for Dutch intervention with the West Indies government for El Al landing rights at Curacao. Israel, however, refused to allow KLM charter flights at Lydda Airport on grounds that they were carrying Americans in competition with El Al. Authorities here believed that the Israeli restriction stemmed from its failure to receive landing rights at Curacao.

## MINISTER DENIES ISRAELI RABBINATE KEEPS 'BLACK BOOK' OF MARRIAGE INELIGIBLES

JERUSALEM, July 26 (JTA)--Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, the Minister of Religious Affairs, denied in the Knesset yesterday that the Israeli rabbinate kept a "Black Book of Outcasts" containing the names of persons not eligible for marriage accord-

ing to religious law. But he admitted that there was a list of persons whose marriages were being delayed while religious authorities investigated their status.

He said this was done mainly to determine whether the applicants for marriage licenses were single. He said 600,000 marriages had been consummated in Israel since the State was established out of which only 200 were blocked pending further investigation. Dr. Warhaftig expressed surprise that the problem of "mamzerim" (illegitimates) according to religious law was a national issue inasmuch as there were only two persons in the country so categorized. He was referring to the Langers, a brother and sister who were forbidden by the rabbinate to marry the partners of their choice because the rabbis deemed them "illegitimate." According to the minister, the only solution to the problem of "mamzerim" was "family purity."

## ANNUAL AMERICAN-ISRAEL DIALOGUE OPENS MONDAY

JERUSALEM, July 26 (JTA)--The tenth annual American-Israel dialogue bringing together leading American Jewish intellectuals and prominent Israeli thinkers and public figures, will open here next Monday. Foreign Minister Abba Eban will address the opening session. The theme of this year's dialogue is "The Relationship Between Jews and Revolutionary Forces."

Participants in the dialogue, sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, will include AJ Congress president Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg and Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, former president; also Prof. Theodore Draper, of Princeton. Israeli panelists will include Yitzhak Ben Aharon, Secretary General of Histadrut; Herut leader Menachem Begin and author Amos Elon.

## STRIKING CANDY EMPLOYEES SUPPORTED BY HISTADRUT

TEL AVIV, July 26 (JTA)--A long strike was predicted today for candy workers at the Elite candy company as employees continued their walk-out for the third day. Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben Aharon assured the workers that the candy industry can afford to meet their demands and that Histadrut is fully behind them. About 3000 candy workers struck Monday after an all-night negotiating session in which they demanded a share in the profits they claimed Elite was making as a result of two price increases.

Clerical workers at the Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Sarafend ended their strike today but introduced slow-down and selective-work measures. They refuse to handle the work related to intensive care heart treatment, an action that is angering the medical staff.

## TA POLICE HOLD FIVE ON RAPE CHARGES

TEL AVIV, July 26 (JTA)--Four local youths and an Israeli underworld character have been taken into custody on charges of rape and attempted rape of two tourists, police reported today. They said a man known to the underworld as "Shulman-Will-Pay" was remanded for ten days on suspicion of raping a South African girl he allegedly lured to his flat. The four youths, also remanded for ten days, are accused of the attempted rape of an American girl who hitched a ride with them. The girl has postponed her departure for the US in order to testify at the trial.

A decomposed body found in a Ramat Gan apartment yesterday was identified by police as David Idelman, 22, an American known to have suffered from epilepsy.

**JTA EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW****CONTROVERSIAL MCGOVERN CAMPAIGN AIDE  
EXPLAINS POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST**

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WASHINGTON, July 26 (JTA)--Richard G. Stearns, 27-year-old political campaign strategist for Sen. George McGovern (S.D.), the Democratic Presidential nominee, does not regret having sided five and seven years ago with attitudes construed as pro-Arab, but says time and events have changed his views. He is now completely in accord, he says, with the party's and McGovern's strongly pro-Israel positions.

In an exclusive interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Stearns reiterated a statement, in a letter he wrote one week ago on his Middle East views, that he has "defended Sen. McGovern's position on the Middle East and Israel publicly on a number of occasions during the course of the campaign."

"What I thought and did (years ago) has no bearing on my views at present," he told the JTA. "The (Democratic) platform expresses fully my views on Israel and the Middle East.... I fully sympathize with and support the party's position on Israel and the Middle East. I fully support Sen. McGovern's position. With the proviso," he said at another point, "that I am not an expert on the Middle East."

**Soviet Intervention Changed Views**

The "Soviet intervention" on behalf of the Arab States, the Rhodes scholar indicated, was a factor in his change of thought. In this connection, he remarked on the uncertainty in the region resulting from the sudden reduction taking place in the Soviet military presence in Egypt.

Stearns' statements, oral and written, stemmed from criticism of him at a "seminar" of Jewish delegates to the Democratic national convention in Miami Beach. Harriet Davis, a Bronx delegate, said that materials he had signed would be sent to every American Jew, and called for his dismissal from McGovern's staff. Stearns, who organized highly successful drives for McGovern delegates in non-primary States, is considered one of the nominee's four or five top campaign managers. He is not Jewish, nor were his parents or grandparents, he told the JTA.

The half-hour interview took place without prior arrangement in Stearns' office on the fourth floor of the Democratic national headquarters building here. He was questioned on three specific items with which he has been identified in print. They concerned advertisements in the Washington Post of June 23, 1967, by the "Ad Hoc Committee on the Middle East" and in the New York Times of Nov. 22, 1967, by the "Cambridge Committee Calling for Respect and Humanity" and a letter he wrote in 1965 to Rabbi Elmer Berger, a protagonist for the Arab point of view. This letter was noted in a circular distributed at the convention, Stearns observed.

The Post advertisement took the form of an open letter to President Lyndon B. Johnson from "Middle East specialists," including the anti-Zionist Rabbi Berger. They said the United States government should not tolerate "territorial aggrandizement" or occupation "by force of arms," and warned that there was a "real and present danger of America's losing the Arab world by default." The statement also declared that "Arab provocation cannot be condoned."

Regarding this advertisement, Stearns reiterated the words in his letter to the American Israel

Public Affairs Committee: "Although I did not agree with the circular in all respects at the time, and agree with less of it today, its general thrust reflected my views of the circumstances surrounding the June, 1967, war. It restated, as I recall, although in harsher terms, the position taken then by the United Nations Security Council and the US government." Stearns' meaning here was unclear, as the only post-war Security Council action to that point was a brief cease-fire resolution.

Stearns' letter to AIPAC continued: "My name was solicited by the Committee which sponsored the ad, as the views it expressed were substantially those of the US National Student Association, of which I was (international affairs) vice president. Thus my name was meant to convey more an organizational endorsement than a personal one."

Stearns told the JTA that "I have no regret in signing" the statement in that advertisement "except that it is embarrassing the Senator (McGovern)." He added: "The situation now and the circumstances have changed. What was an Arab-Israeli dispute has become a Soviet intervention."

His linkage to the advertisement in the Times puzzled him, Stearns said. He said in his AIPAC letter and to the JTA that "I am not now nor have I ever been a member" of the Cambridge Committee, and that until it was brought to his attention recently had not been "aware of its existence."

The Times advertisement called for "compassion" for Arab refugees and Israeli "respect" for Islamic mosques in administered territory; backed continued UN peace efforts, and sought contributions to the United American Arab Appeal, American Middle East Rehabilitation, and the Paris-based French Committee to Aid the Arab Victims of the Middle East. The co-signers included Noam Chomsky, the educator; Arnold Toynbee, the historian, and Dr. M.T. Mehdi, an Arab propagandist now living in New York. The signers also included, in addition to NSA vice president Richard Stearns, a professor at Simmons College, Boston, named Richard Sterne.

McGovern's aide suggested to the JTA that his name had been lifted from the advertisement in the Post for use in the one in the Times--although, he said, by Nov., 1967, when the Times advertisement appeared, he had severed his ties with the NSA.

**Explains Association With Berger**

With regard to his letter to Rabbi Berger, which was not mentioned in his communication to AIPAC, Stearns said that in 1965, when he was assistant project director of the NSA, he was selected to escort a dozen Arab student leaders on a visit to Rabbi Berger and his family in New York. Stearns, then a junior at Stanford University, said his job with the Arabs was on the basis of a contract NSA had with the State Department.

"One job was to write thank-you letters, and I wrote Rabbi Berger," Stearns recalled to the JTA. "That was the first and only time I had met him. I was the escort for the group and we had tea with him. I don't know him. I have had no other association except escorting the group to his home and writing a thank-you letter to him for being a gracious host. I wrote Rabbi Berger that the Arab students were 100 percent in agreement with what he had to say, which was the truth." Stearns mused about why a letter from him seven years ago should have been kept so long. The Stearns affair was put directly to McGovern by the JTA at a news conference July 20 in the Senate caucus room. McGovern said Stearns shared his views on Israel.





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Reps. Edward Koch and Bertram Podell, New York Democrats, and Rep. Jack Kemp, a Republican, circulated a letter to members of Congress on behalf of Shapiro and another Jewish activist still facing trial, Mark Nashpitz. They were joined in the effort by Rep. Thomas M. Rees (D, Calif.). The letter noted that "Despite the welcome increase in emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, the US and elsewhere, arrests, trials and harassment of other Soviet Jews continues." The letter was written by Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and Jerry Goodman, executive director.

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JERUSALEM, July 26 (JTA)--President Nixon and Premier Golda Meir exchanged warm words via telephone satellite communications this afternoon. The occasion was Israel's link-up with the world-wide satellite communications system that will permit direct telephone dialing overseas and allow Israelis to view live television shows from abroad.

The conversation, while ceremonial, was nevertheless a restatement of US support for Israel, President Nixon said. "Madam Prime Minister, I want you to know that needless to say you are always welcome here. I only regret that while I have visited Israel on other occasions, I have been unable to do so as President. But you can be sure we will continue to work together for what you are interested in and what we are interested in, and that is a just peace in the Middle East which will protect the integrity of Israel, for which your people have suffered so much."

Mrs. Meir's reply was brief. "Thank you very much," she said. "It is easier to face difficulties when you speak as you do; and I know what you have done." The satellite phone call from the White House was received at 5 p.m. local time at the satellite receiving station built by the Ministry of Communications in the Judean Hills near Jerusalem. Other events at the inaugural included a violin recital by Isaac Stern and radio and television newscasts from around the world carried live by satellite.

#### RUSSIAN PILOTS, MISSILE TECHNICIANS LEAVING EGYPT BUT WEAPONS STAY

TEL AVIV, July 26 (JTA)--Russian pilots and air defense technicians continued their departure from Egypt today but the planes and missiles they left behind are being manned by Egyptians. According to information reaching here, the only Russian pilots remaining in Egypt are those assigned to squadrons shadowing the US Sixth Fleet and pilots of the MIG-23, the world's fastest combat aircraft which have been deployed in Egypt in limited numbers.

It was learned here today that about 150 MIG-21 jet fighters of improved design, previously flown only by Russians, are now in Egyptian hands. The Egyptians have also taken charge of 65 batteries of SAM-3 ground-to-air missiles previously manned almost exclusively by Russians. The Egyptians have been operating the less sophisticated SAM-2 batteries for some time. But the Russians reportedly do not permit Egyptians to man their highly sophisticated SAM-6 missile batteries which guard the Soviet naval base at Merseh Matruh and other strategic points in Egypt.

## ADL HAILS FLORIDA ACTION AGAINST BIASED LAND DEVELOPERS

MIAMI, July 26 (JTA)--Land developers who discriminate in their sales practices or advertising will face stiff penalties as the result of new regulations passed by the Florida Division of Land Sales, it was announced today by the Florida office of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. The ADL several months ago had urged the Division of Land Sales to apply its authority against land sales companies found to be discriminating against persons because of their religion, race or national origin.

Burton Young, chairman of ADL's executive committee, said the League is "very pleased by this forthright action by the Division of Land Sales" which licenses land developers and reviews their advertising and sales practices. Young said the ADL had received numerous complaints during the past six months which pointed to discriminatory practices by some land developers against potential purchasers who are Jewish. He said in one case ADL had filed a complaint with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, charging a developer with violating provisions of the 1968 Civil Rights Act by advertising residential property for sale "for Christian people." Young said the firm agreed to cease such discriminatory advertising.

Arthur Teitelbaum, ADL's regional director, said the League's office continues to receive complaints about developers who use "code language" in their advertising, such as "highly restricted" or "churches nearby." Teitelbaum said "it is a technique which dates back many years and is frequently used to discourage Jews and others from making inquiries." He said these complaints are just part of a larger picture of housing discrimination against Jews and other minorities, "which remain a serious problem throughout Florida."

The new regulation prohibits firms under the Division of Land Sales' jurisdiction from refusing to sell a person subdivided land because of his religion, race, color or national origin. It also prohibits the advertising of such property in a manner which "...indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on religion, race, color or national origin, or any intention to make such a preference, limitation or discrimination."

## ISRAEL TOLD TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY FOR WEST INDIES LANDING RIGHTS

AMSTERDAM, July 26 (JTA)--A spokesman for the Netherlands West Indies government said today that Israel should negotiate with it directly for landing rights for Israel's national airline, El Al. The spokesman implied resentment that the Israeli authorities sought to use the Dutch government as an intermediary to gain such rights.

Israel recently granted the Dutch airline, KLM a four weekly flight to Tel Aviv, presumably in exchange for Dutch intervention with the West Indies government for El Al landing rights at Curacao. Israel, however, refused to allow KLM charter flights at Lydda Airport on grounds that they were carrying Americans in competition with El Al. Authorities here believed that the Israeli restriction stemmed from its failure to receive landing rights at Curacao.

## MINISTER DENIES ISRAELI RABBINATE KEEPS 'BLACK BOOK' OF MARRIAGE INELIGIBLES

JERUSALEM, July 26 (JTA)--Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, the Minister of Religious Affairs, denied in the Knesset yesterday that the Israeli rabbinate kept a "Black Book of Outcasts" containing the names of persons not eligible for marriage accord-

ing to religious law. But he admitted that there was a list of persons whose marriages were being delayed while religious authorities investigated their status.

He said this was done mainly to determine whether the applicants for marriage licenses were single. He said 600,000 marriages had been consummated in Israel since the State was established out of which only 200 were blocked pending further investigation. Dr. Warhaftig expressed surprise that the problem of "mamzerim" (illegitimates) according to religious law was a national issue inasmuch as there were only two persons in the country so categorized. He was referring to the Langers, a brother and sister who were forbidden by the rabbinate to marry the partners of their choice because the rabbis deemed them "illegitimate." According to the minister, the only solution to the problem of "mamzerim" was "family purity."

## ANNUAL AMERICAN-ISRAEL DIALOGUE OPENS MONDAY

JERUSALEM, July 26 (JTA)--The tenth annual American-Israel dialogue bringing together leading American Jewish intellectuals and prominent Israeli thinkers and public figures, will open here next Monday. Foreign Minister Abba Eban will address the opening session. The theme of this year's dialogue is "The Relationship Between Jews and Revolutionary Forces."

Participants in the dialogue, sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, will include AJ Congress president Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg and Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, former president; also Prof. Theodore Draper, of Princeton. Israeli panelists will include Yitzhak Ben Aharon, Secretary General of Histadrut; Herut leader Menachem Begin and author Amos Elon.

## STRIKING CANDY EMPLOYEES SUPPORTED BY HISTADRUT

TEL AVIV, July 26 (JTA)--A long strike was predicted today for candy workers at the Elite candy company as employees continued their walk-out for the third day. Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben Aharon assured the workers that the candy industry can afford to meet their demands and that Histadrut is fully behind them. About 3000 candy workers struck Monday after an all-night negotiating session in which they demanded a share in the profits they claimed Elite was making as a result of two price increases.

Clerical workers at the Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Sarafend ended their strike today but introduced slow-down and selective-work measures. They refuse to handle the work related to intensive care heart treatment, an action that is angering the medical staff.

## TA POLICE HOLD FIVE ON RAPE CHARGES

TEL AVIV, July 26 (JTA)--Four local youths and an Israeli underworld character have been taken into custody on charges of rape and attempted rape of two tourists, police reported today. They said a man known to the underworld as "Shulman-Will-Pay" was remanded for ten days on suspicion of raping a South African girl he allegedly lured to his flat. The four youths, also remanded for ten days, are accused of the attempted rape of an American girl who hitched a ride with them. The girl has postponed her departure for the US in order to testify at the trial.

A decomposed body found in a Ramat Gan apartment yesterday was identified by police as David Idelman, 22, an American known to have suffered from epilepsy.

**JTA EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW****CONTROVERSIAL MCGOVERN CAMPAIGN AIDE  
EXPLAINS POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST**

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WASHINGTON, July 26 (JTA)--Richard G. Stearns, 27-year-old political campaign strategist for Sen. George McGovern (S.D.), the Democratic Presidential nominee, does not regret having sided five and seven years ago with attitudes construed as pro-Arab, but says time and events have changed his views. He is now completely in accord, he says, with the party's and McGovern's strongly pro-Israel positions.

In an exclusive interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Stearns reiterated a statement, in a letter he wrote one week ago on his Middle East views, that he has "defended Sen. McGovern's position on the Middle East and Israel publicly on a number of occasions during the course of the campaign."

"What I thought and did (years ago) has no bearing on my views at present," he told the JTA. "The (Democratic) platform expresses fully my views on Israel and the Middle East.... I fully sympathize with and support the party's position on Israel and the Middle East. I fully support Sen. McGovern's position. With the proviso," he said at another point, "that I am not an expert on the Middle East."

**Soviet Intervention Changed Views**

The "Soviet intervention" on behalf of the Arab States, the Rhodes scholar indicated, was a factor in his change of thought. In this connection, he remarked on the uncertainty in the region resulting from the sudden reduction taking place in the Soviet military presence in Egypt.

Stearns' statements, oral and written, stemmed from criticism of him at a "seminar" of Jewish delegates to the Democratic national convention in Miami Beach. Harriet Davis, a Bronx delegate, said that materials he had signed would be sent to every American Jew, and called for his dismissal from McGovern's staff. Stearns, who organized highly successful drives for McGovern delegates in non-primary States, is considered one of the nominee's four or five top campaign managers. He is not Jewish, nor were his parents or grandparents, he told the JTA.

The half-hour interview took place without prior arrangement in Stearns' office on the fourth floor of the Democratic national headquarters building here. He was questioned on three specific items with which he has been identified in print. They concerned advertisements in the Washington Post of June 23, 1967, by the "Ad Hoc Committee on the Middle East" and in the New York Times of Nov. 22, 1967, by the "Cambridge Committee Calling for Respect and Humanity" and a letter he wrote in 1965 to Rabbi Elmer Berger, a protagonist for the Arab point of view. This letter was noted in a circular distributed at the convention, Stearns observed.

The Post advertisement took the form of an open letter to President Lyndon B. Johnson from "Middle East specialists," including the anti-Zionist Rabbi Berger. They said the United States government should not tolerate "territorial aggrandizement" or occupation "by force of arms," and warned that there was a "real and present danger of America's losing the Arab world by default." The statement also declared that "Arab provocation cannot be condoned."

Regarding this advertisement, Stearns reiterated the words in his letter to the American Israel

Public Affairs Committee: "Although I did not agree with the circular in all respects at the time, and agree with less of it today, its general thrust reflected my views of the circumstances surrounding the June, 1967, war. It restated, as I recall, although in harsher terms, the position taken then by the United Nations Security Council and the US government." Stearns' meaning here was unclear, as the only post-war Security Council action to that point was a brief cease-fire resolution.

Stearns' letter to AIPAC continued: "My name was solicited by the Committee which sponsored the ad, as the views it expressed were substantially those of the US National Student Association, of which I was (international affairs) vice president. Thus my name was meant to convey more an organizational endorsement than a personal one."

Stearns told the JTA that "I have no regret in signing" the statement in that advertisement "except that it is embarrassing the Senator (McGovern)." He added: "The situation now and the circumstances have changed. What was an Arab-Israeli dispute has become a Soviet intervention."

His linkage to the advertisement in the Times puzzled him, Stearns said. He said in his AIPAC letter and to the JTA that "I am not now nor have I ever been a member" of the Cambridge Committee, and that until it was brought to his attention recently had not been "aware of its existence."

The Times advertisement called for "compassion" for Arab refugees and Israeli "respect" for Islamic mosques in administered territory; backed continued UN peace efforts, and sought contributions to the United American Arab Appeal, American Middle East Rehabilitation, and the Paris-based French Committee to Aid the Arab Victims of the Middle East. The co-signers included Noam Chomsky, the educator; Arnold Toynbee, the historian, and Dr. M.T. Mehdi, an Arab propagandist now living in New York. The signers also included, in addition to NSA vice president Richard Stearns, a professor at Simmons College, Boston, named Richard Sterne.

McGovern's aide suggested to the JTA that his name had been lifted from the advertisement in the Post for use in the one in the Times--although, he said, by Nov., 1967, when the Times advertisement appeared, he had severed his ties with the NSA.

**Explains Association With Berger**

With regard to his letter to Rabbi Berger, which was not mentioned in his communication to AIPAC, Stearns said that in 1965, when he was assistant project director of the NSA, he was selected to escort a dozen Arab student leaders on a visit to Rabbi Berger and his family in New York. Stearns, then a junior at Stanford University, said his job with the Arabs was on the basis of a contract NSA had with the State Department.

"One job was to write thank-you letters, and I wrote Rabbi Berger," Stearns recalled to the JTA. "That was the first and only time I had met him. I was the escort for the group and we had tea with him. I don't know him. I have had no other association except escorting the group to his home and writing a thank-you letter to him for being a gracious host. I wrote Rabbi Berger that the Arab students were 100 percent in agreement with what he had to say, which was the truth." Stearns mused about why a letter from him seven years ago should have been kept so long. The Stearns affair was put directly to McGovern by the JTA at a news conference July 20 in the Senate caucus room. McGovern said Stearns shared his views on Israel.