

Israel's an Armed Camp For Protection of Nixon

Tel Aviv

Israel was a virtual fortress yesterday for the arrival of President Nixon. The most intensive security precautions ever seen were undertaken in fear of an Arab guerrilla attack.

Israelis reported shooting on the Lebanese frontier only hours before Mr. Nixon flew from Damascus, but the military command denied any attack on a settlement by Arab guerrillas.

The shooting occurred near the kibbutz of Hanita at about 8 a.m. The settlement is less than a mile south of the frontier and four miles west of the Mediterranean Sea.

The command denied a published report that guerrillas had attacked the kibbutz in an incident similar to that at the frontier settlement of Shamir on Thursday, when four guerrillas from Lebanon killed three women before being killed themselves.

Guerrilla headquarters in

Damascus said the raid was carried out to protest Mr. Nixon's visit to the Middle East. Israeli authorities had warned of the possibility of more such attacks timed with the President's arrival in Israel.

"Several shots were heard at about 8 a.m. in the vicinity of Hanita, but no traces (of guerrillas) were found when the area was combed," the command said. "The shooting may have come from across the border."

All police leaves were cancelled and army troops reinforced regular and border police guarding Ben-Gurion International Airport and the presidential motorcade route to Jerusalem.

National police spokesman Nahum Bosmi said units rehearsed the arrival procedures for three days in preparation for the first U.S. presidential visit to Israel.

The security precautions for Mr. Nixon's 25-hour stay were unprecedented and were more intense than those undertaken for the visits of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

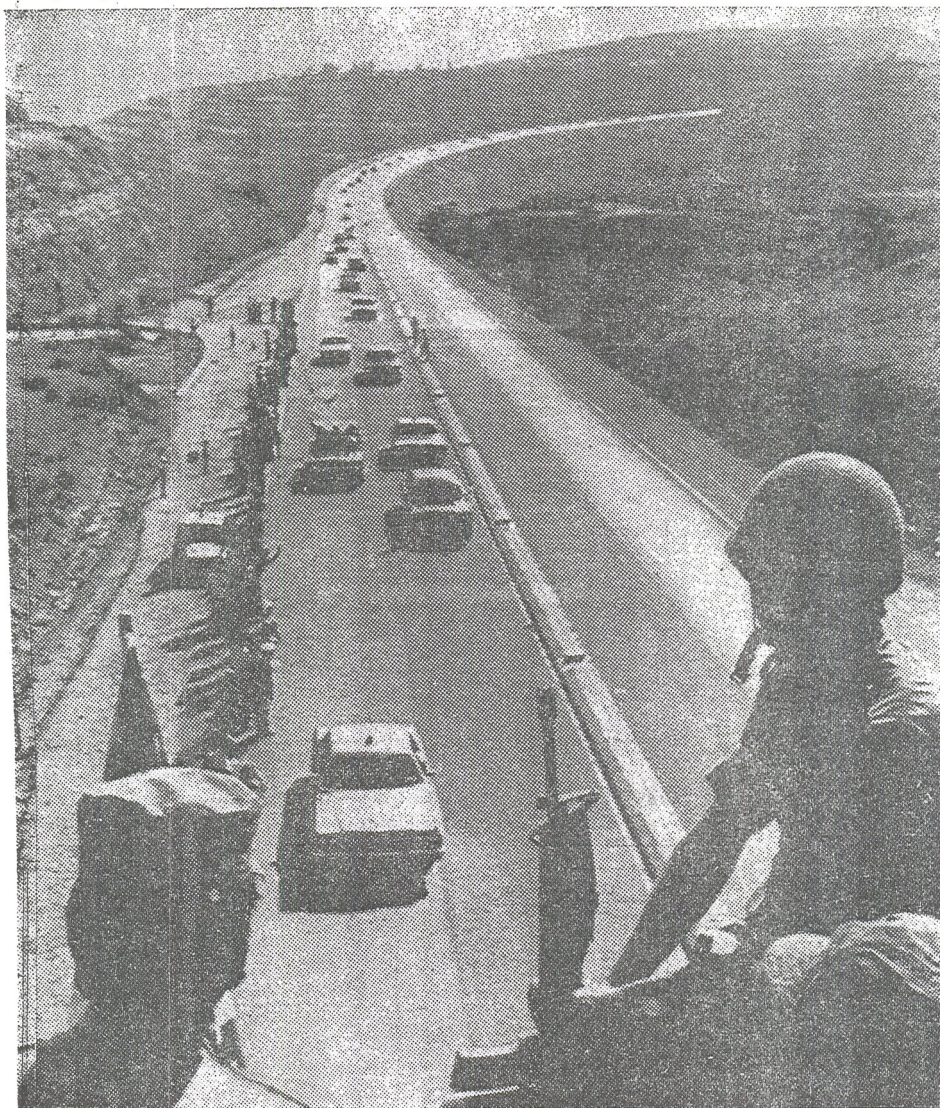
In Jerusalem, where Mr. Nixon and his party were spending virtually all their time, all roads used were cordoned with ropes and bus traffic was rerouted and reduced to one-third of normal.

A U.S. flag fluttered alongside the blue-and-white Israeli flag outside the King David Hotel where the Nixon party made its headquarters. The 270-room hotel has become a virtual White

House in Israel, complete with a hot line to Moscow and direct communications to Washington.

"The King David is a castle," the police spokesman said. "Nobody, not even a policeman, can get in without a special tag."

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President Nixon's motorcade passed under a bridge manned by Israeli soldiers