

KISSINGER AFFIRMS RESIGNATION STAND

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JERUSALEM, June 17 — A week after he threatened to resign unless he was cleared of allegations of impropriety in the wiretapping of Government officials and newsmen, Secretary of State Kissinger appeared back in his customary good humor today.

The first question put to him at a news conference here was how he felt now about resigning.

"I stick by what I said a week ago," he replied, after saying that he would answer that question but no others on the subject. "And now the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is going to look into the matter," he went on. The remark, at the first press conference Mr. Kissinger has held since the threat to quit was made in Salzburg, Austria, was taken as an indication that the committee would back him, and that he would accept such action as sufficient vindication.

In response to another question, the Secretary said he had not noticed that his relations with foreign leaders had been damaged by the wiretapping allegations.