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SUBJECT: Visit of Mrs. Roosevelt to Jerusalem

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At 7:35 a.m. on the morning of February 15, 1952, Mrs. Roosevelt together with her secretary, Miss Corr, arrived at Allenby bridge east of Jericho in the company of the American Minister in Amman, Mr. Drew. She was met by the Consul, Mr. Tyler and Vice Consul Gene Szopa in the company of Mr. Saad, Director of the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem who was to be her guide in the old city and Lt. Saadeh Bey Jallad of the Arab Legion, who was in command of the Legionnaires and police who were to accompany Mrs. Roosevelt for security purposes while in Jordan and Jordan-held Jerusalem. Mr. Drew returned to Amman to attend the funeral services for the late King George VI and Mrs. Roosevelt proceeded with Consul Tyler to Jerusalem. She stopped on the way briefly to see the old city of Jericho and made a short side trip to the Dead Sea. In Jordan-held Jerusalem, Mrs. Roosevelt visited the Mosque of the Dome of the Rock and the Holy Sepulcher.

Following her sightseeing tour which took two hours she returned to the Consulate General at about 11:30 for a cup of coffee and a brief conversation with Mrs. Vester of the American Colony whom she had met in the United States. She then went to St. Georges', the Anglican church to attend the memorial service for the late King George VI, conducted by Bishop Stewart. Upon termination of the service, she drove to Mandlebaum gate where she was met by Mr. Comay and Mr. Simon of the Israel Foreign office; the District Commissioner of Israel-held Jerusalem, Dr. Biran; and Ambassador and Mrs. Davis. There were, of course, the usual number of photographers. Changing from the automobile of the Consulate General, she entered Ambassador Davis' car and was driven to the Consulate General on the Israeli side for lunch. Among the guests were Ambassador and Mrs. Davis, the Governor and Mrs. Biran and General and Mrs. Riley. During the desert course, Mrs. Roosevelt went upstairs to make a recording which was to be broadcast the following night over KOL Israel. She then greeted the members of the Consulate General staff who had assembled for coffee to meet her and departed about 3 o'clock to make a rapid visit of one of the Hadassah hospitals and the Eddie Cantor Youth Aliyah Camp on the way to Tel Aviv where she had a 5 o'clock appointment with the Prime Minister, Mr. Ben Gurion.

She returned to Jerusalem on the afternoon of February 19 for a 5:30 pm press conference and a dinner at the King David Hotel given by the Prime Minister, Mr. Ben Gurion. The press conference was attended by Vice Consul Rhodes, PAO of this office and a separate despatch is being submitted on it.

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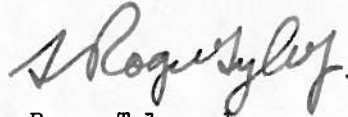
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Mrs. Roosevelt was her usual gracious self and charmed all those she met. The Consulate General is not aware of any unfortunate instances which occurred and no painting by communists on walls (such as happened before when the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George McGhee visited Jerusalem) was observed. Comments in the Israel press will be sent by the Embassy in Tel Aviv and the weekly Arab press summary will contain the Arab press reaction.



S. Roger Tyler, Jr.  
American Consul

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