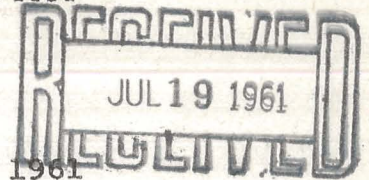




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Albany, July 19 -- State University President Thomas H. Hamilton will leave Idlewild Airport, New York City, tomorrow evening (Thursday, July 20) on the first leg of an eight-day trip to Israel where he will inspect progress of the University's technical assistance mission to that country.

Dr. Hamilton also will discuss development of educational resources at the university level with the country's leading educators and meet with various officials of the Israeli Government.

Since 1954 the State University mission has been providing technical and professional assistance to Israel under a contract with the International Cooperation Administration, an agency of the Federal government.

Dr. Hamilton said the present University technical assistance team will complete its ICA-assigned task by June 30, 1962.

Accompanying the president will be Paul B. Orvis, State University's executive dean for institutes and community colleges, who was project chief of the University technical assistance team in 1955 and 1956.

This will be President Hamilton's first visit to Israel, although he has traveled extensively in the Far East.

Highlights of President Hamilton's tour:

A visit to the Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa to meet with General Yakov Dori, president of IIT and the first chief of staff of the

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Israel Army.

Guest of honor at two receptions in Tel-Aviv. The first will be sponsored by State University's Israel Project team and the second by the United States Operations Mission, field arm of ICA.

A trip to Jerusalem for a conference with the president of Hebrew University, Professor Giulio Raccah. The former Hebrew University president, Benjamin Mazar, visited President Hamilton in Albany last year. In Jerusalem President Hamilton also will meet with officials of the Israel Prime Minister's office and representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

A concluding tour at Rehovoth, site of the Weitzman Institute, where he will confer with the Institute's president, Abba Evan, Israel's Minister of Education and former Israeli ambassador to the United States. While at Rehovoth President Hamilton also will participate in a general conference with the heads of all institutions of higher education in Israel.