

# Spellman Pays a Call on Shazar Here

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Cardinal Spellman paid a courtesy call last night on the visiting President of Israel, Dr. Zalman Shazar, at his suite in the Plaza Hotel.

The 77-year-old Cardinal, looking in more vigorous health than in some recent appearances, arrived at the 76-year-old President's suite at 8:30 P.M.

"How do you do, Mr. President," the Cardinal said, adding the Hebrew greeting "shalom" as Mr. Shazar said he was "very honored." The two short, black-suited figures sat on a sofa and plunged into a lively conversation even before reporters withdrew.

President Shazar was heard to begin their conversation with a reference to his pleasure in calls received from cardinals in South America last month. The Israeli leader arrived in the United States from Brazil last Thursday and will leave tonight for Israel.

During their conversation last night they spoke of Pope Paul's visit to Israel in January, 1964, and of the ecumenical spirit.

The President's entourage said later that this was the first time a President of Israel traveling abroad had received a call from a cardinal in each country visited.

The Cardinal was accompanied by Charles H. Silver, a

prominent Jewish layman and former president of the Board of Education, and Michael Arnon, Consul General of Israel. With the President was Avraham Harman, Israeli Ambassador to the United States.

After 15 minutes, President Shazar escorted the Cardinal to the elevator, pausing and shaking his finger to make a point as their conversation continued.

The Cardinal was carrying a gift from the President, a box of Jerusalem olive wood containing a medallion commemorating Pope Paul's visit to Israel. The box was inscribed on one side with the Latin name "Terra Sancta" (Holy Land) and on the other with the Biblical injunction "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself" in Hebrew, Latin and English.

"Again, God bless you!" said the Cardinal as he stepped into the elevator.

The President, who spoke English, replied: "Thank you very much. I hope to see you again."

President Shazar and his party arrived at La Guardia Airport at 6 P.M. in a White House plane from Washington, where he had been saluted on departure by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, a courtesy considered unusual for what was strictly speaking an informal visit by a foreign chief of state. Earlier in the day he laid a

wreath at President Kennedy's grave, sent a telegram to former President Harry S. Truman expressing regret that Mr. Truman's health made it impossible for him to call on him in Independence, Mo., and gave a luncheon at the Israeli Embassy attended by Vice President Humphrey and Secretary Rusk.

President Shazar will receive calls today from delegations representing the American Jewish Committee and the National Community Relations Advisory Council, and from Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik of Boston, a leader of Orthodox Jews in the United States.

He is scheduled to leave Kennedy Airport at 9:05 P.M. on the regular El Al flight to Israel, but will break his journey in Zurich to avoid traveling on the Sabbath. He expects to complete his journey Sunday morning.

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