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Israel Survival Rally [Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles, Calif.].

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M1: [00:00] Thank you, Governor Reagan. The Governor had to leave for a previously-arranged appointment. It is with a great deal of pleasure and honor --

M2: Ladies and gentlemen, we've come here today under tremendous tension and emotion. In New York City, at this very moment, Madison Square Garden is beginning to fill up for a rally like this. In Cleveland right now, there are two mass meetings going on. [01:00] In London, Rio, Melbourne, and Munich, all across the world and all across America, in city after city, the Jews are rallying today, tomorrow, this week, in a demonstration of solidarity and support for Israel, which is so strong as to be almost breathtaking. We say for all to hear, we are with Israel and shall not let her down. Not only [break in audio] Nasser throughout the United Nations mobilized huge armies in the Sinai Desert, wheeled into position his new Russian tanks, masked his MIGs, unwisely, as it turned out, and blocked the Gulf of Aqaba, through which vessels of all flags had peacefully sailed for the last 11 years. [02:00] He knew he was throwing down the gauntlet. For if this one lung were to be cut off, and Israel

could not breathe the air of trade and commerce with Asia and Africa, then the use of force on someone's part would become an inescapable necessity. Still Israel waited, restraining herself, hoping that the international councils of diplomacy would work out a solution.

When Egyptian planes appeared on Israel's radar screen last Monday, the period of waiting came to an end. What happened called for the creation of an Israel emergency fund one full week before the outbreak of hostility. We understood [03:00] the economic problem. The monies raised in this fund will go directly to the people of Israel without any allocations to any other agencies. At the same time that this occurred, the Israel Bond Organization moved in powerfully and stepped up its activities, build the economy by buying some bonds, and helped rescue the refugees by giving some free dollars. Nevertheless, on both counts, the Israeli Jews were putting up more money than we were. Is this fair? Must they fight the wars, shed their blood, lose the best of their youth, and at the same time, carry the heavy financial burden? Well, they can't do it and it's simply too much to expect.

[04:00] And here is where we come in, that out of this turmoil will come a brighter day. War cannot continue every few years.

The Arab nations must make firm peace treaties with Israel and this will be good for both sides. The poor and the downtrodden in the Arab world will, then, also benefit, as their rulers learn that wasting money to destroy Israel is a fruitless pursuit, and instead, should turn their energies to raising the levels of their own people.

[break in audio] no matter what mad men attack us, the people of Israel and the land of Israel, forever attached one to the other, shall go forward to a brighter future, working for all mankind, keeping alive the dream, [05:00] and emerging from this ordeal a stronger and a better people. [applause]

M1: Ladies and gentlemen, we have a lot of stars here to perform for --

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