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Speech notes. Initial gift meeting [Providence, R.I.]. November  
1955.

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MEMO 2 Problems EBAN'S ABSENCE  
MEMO WAR IN ISRAEL  
MEMO Problem IN MOROCCO

We have neither, thank God,  
but are as close to both as can be

ARMS ISRAEL WANTS PEACE

1. Communist - spare parts, technicians,  
get a toe-hold
2. Large quantity - London Sunday  
Times said £ 71 sterling.  
George Allen said on TV Sunday  
(6 Nov) between \$ 75-100 million  
This jibes because of  
discount prices - MIG 15  
at \$ 50,000 (cost, 300,000)
3. Aggressive type (not for "defense") -  
5 submarines  
100 jets (MIGs + bombers)  
tanks etc.

B.G. told tenor last wed (2 Nov)

"Security is the heart of our problem. And not simply the security of our independence, our territory, our frontiers, or our regime, but the security of our simple physical survival."

(read from his speech in tenor)

Every Israeli knows that it is the Arab intent, not merely to conquer, but to destroy. This knowledge is Israel's most vital morale factor. They are fighting for life. They are wounded. There is no pain.  
There is a cool appraisal of the risks ahead.  
(Arms Fund)

## Defense Fund

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- 1) Abba from Hes Ziona started it.
- 2) Yemenite - six children in one room - saved 5 years for aft - \$750 - gave
- 3) old man getting pension of £20 monthly. Pledged £10 per month for a year.
- 4) Popular collection in Haspa £1 1/2 million for three MTB's.
- 5) little boy who wrote BB inviting him to set, after BB gave October pay-check.

## Now - Shift to Morocco

1. hot war - riots in July & August
2. old fears - economic deterioration
3. future of emigration uncertain

JDC reports -

"Jewish communities are tense, watchful, rigid - wanting to see how events move."

Sam Haber - "I have yet to meet a person since Aug. 20 who is not thinking of getting out." "I am afraid the cards are stacked against us."

Three specific dangers (Josephthal)

1. We do not know where the danger areas are. We spoke about small villages, isolated, as most vulnerable. Matter of fact, the worst outbreaks up to now have been in middle-size towns. There is no centralized terrorist activities against Jews. There are local activities. Therefore we are so helpless. Moroccan Arabs are more barbaric than Tunisians or Egyptians. We will always be surprised. Can never predict or protect.

2. Policy of gates of Morocco & Tunis (5)

No state seeking independence will use anti-Semitic slogans. They will give lip service to freedoms & rights, to gain sympathy of western world. But these countries are Arab, Moslem, natural members of Arab League. They will accept the policy of the League. Sooner or later they will naturally & inevitably close their gates.

3. Jews are pushed out of economic life.  
We have wandering Jews, going from town to town, seeking a place to earn a living. The ~~old~~ "buy Arab" slogan is a boycott of Jews, as well as of French.

Some people ask  
Why take in immigrants & refugees at a time like this? <sup>(6)</sup>

Because never for a moment, even in the face of war, must we lose sight of the prime reason for Israel's existence. We build a state so any Jew in trouble could have a home. People who need shelter must have it. People who need freedom & dignity must have it. This was so in 1948. It is so now. We shall not leave hostages in an Arab land where the Communists are now fishing.

WAR MEANS TAKING OF LIFE  
IMMIGRATION MEANS SAVING OF LIFE.



(7)  
we must match courage  
with courage, giving with giving.

They give blood - we give money.  
INCREASE NEEDED - BACK TO '48  
HAVE SPUR UPWARD  
we do not buy arms. - we buy security  
we buy safety & freedom. These  
are more than arms.

we buy Jewish solidarity,  
Jewish resolve, Jewish determination  
to be masters of our own fate.

Control of our destiny is in our  
own hands.

Israel's answer is that she will  
withstand any Arab-communist attack.

Our answer is that we buy the  
freedom of every Jew in trouble.

- in Israel, pd