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Sold all possessions:

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not even LP 1 per day - 17 days, *per month, at IL 7 per day*

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Can be:

- |                 |   |                      |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| full employment | - | some underemployment |
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MILITARY AND SECURITY SITUATION

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ESCALATION COSTS

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ISRAEL HAS;

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Some new naval vessels

Hawk missiles (will get) one battalion of 45 missiles costs U.S. ~~Army~~ 28 million

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Military industry producing cannons used by Mirage

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We are not afraid - if attacked, we can bring back a victory.

For years our problem was a political one - where to buy the arms. Today the main problem is a financial one - how to pay for them. Our task gets heavier.



## REASONS FOR MORE MONEY IN 1964

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