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ISRAEL'S INFLUENCE IN WORLD Depends on

- and most important
- a) stability of her Democracy
 - (④) ^{strength} _{idealism} her ~~pioneer~~ spirit
 - b) diversity of her technical skills

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WATER CARRIER COMPLETED

Twin reservoir at Bet Netofa

Story of Stephan DORNFORST
At least he died free.

(J.P.) —————

overseas - local

(Press
off-the-record)

250,000 - 90% restitute

13,000 still in maibarot

30,000 families in one-room flats

40% of immigration families 5-16 persons

100,000 were children under 16

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70% housing paid for by Israeli taxpayer

Thousands on relief work

pockets of poverty in midst of "prosperity"

Morocco

Rumania

control of our own destiny - no one to blame
move every Jew into freedom

must pay for it - lost German money.

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I. IMMIGRATION

- tables
- 250,000 past four years
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II. ABSORPTION

- prognosis: same or higher 1965

1. 92% immigrants of this 4-year period destitute
2. 40% families range from 5-16 persons
3. social cases as high as 34% in some periods
4. 28,000 welfare cases now on monthly grants
5. 100,000 immigrants of this period under 16
6. 13,000 still in meabot - hard core cases
7. 30,000 families in one-room flats - 280 sq. ft.
8. many immigrants going into unfinished flats
9. Thousands of men on "relief work"

III. Economic PICTURE

1. GNP rises 10% per year - probably second in world
(next to Japan)
2. Family average income rises
3. Trade gap widens - balance in 1964 was minus \$530 m.
4. Possible future economic crisis:
 - a. Dollar gap in trade + dollar debt - interest rates
 - b. inflation - devaluation
 - c. end of restitutioin - consumption will go down
 - d. too rapid rise in standard of living

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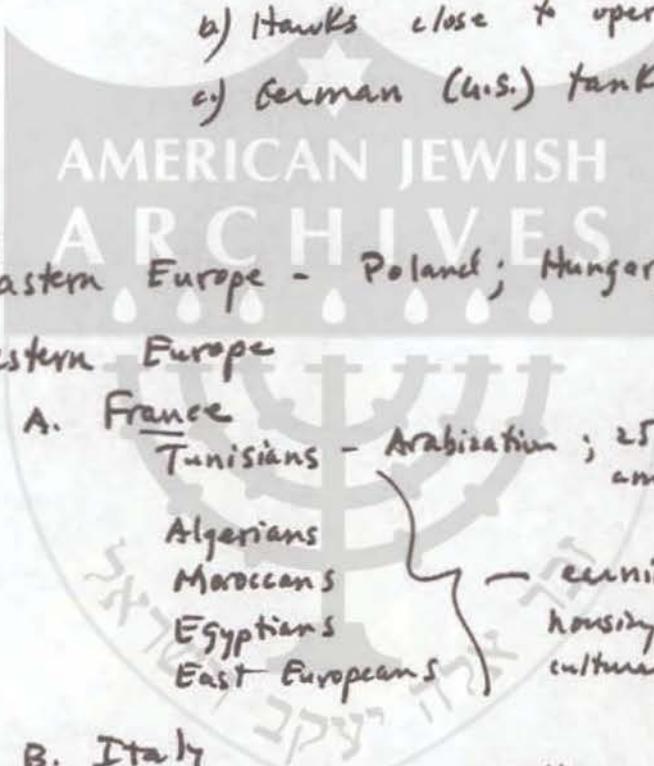
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IV.

MILITARY

1. WATER DIVERSION - study Kenen report
2. ARMS - a) Egyptian ground-to-ground missiles - but no reliable guidance system
b) Hawks close to operational
c) German (U.S.) tanks

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1. Eastern Europe - Poland; Hungary; Russia
2. Western Europe

A. France

Tunisians - Arabization; 25 thousand Jews among 4 million

Algerians

Moroccans

Egyptians

East Europeans

- earning \$0-\$5 monthly
housing very bad
cultural + religious needs are tremendous

B. Italy

1115 cases waiting
transmigrants to Israel - 4 weeks wait
because of housing shortage

3. Muslim Countries

A. MOROCCO

B. IRAN

4. MALDEN - waiting list for first time since 1958 - due to age and health of immigrants

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VI.

CLAIMS CONFERENCE

Loss of German money

VII.

PLATEAU of UJA FUNDRAISING

A. Special Women's Division Effort
Project One Million

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VIII.

DORNFELD STORY



PRUDENT MAN THINKS NOT ONLY ABOUT SUCCESS
and PROGRESS, BUT ALSO ABOUT PERILS.

SUCCESSES

1. OPEN IMMIGRATION POLICY
2. FULL EMPLOYMENT; GROWTH IN GNP; RISE IN NATIONAL INCOME
3. EXAMPLE TO AFRICA; LBJ: "ISRAEL MOST IMITATED NATION"
4. DEFENSE POLICY - SUPPORT OF WEST - U.S. - HAWKES
U.K. - SPADS
BAE - helicopters, tanks, artillery
5. EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES REBUILT

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PERILS

- PRES. HULL GOING FRANCE MAY TO SEEK
ASSURANCES
1. WATER DIVERSION - LEBANON - WAZZANI SPRINGS - 2 mi. ISRAEL BORDER
 2. TRADE GAP - \$30 million

Import	1195
Export	665
530	

 Feeling of
 3. POCKETS OF POVERTY - imperil true democracy - discrimination
 4. RELIGIOUS PROBLEM - failure of orthodoxy to inspire; divisions.

TASKS

1. maintain immigration
2. improve absorption
3. support residual communities
4. make up loss of German money
5. break through plateau of fund-raising - U.S. fund economic climate good.

OPERATION

WE CAN DO IT IF WE WISH

WILL LAND ON MOON BY 1970

ADVANCE
MORAL VALUES OF MANKIND NOT EQUAL TO SCIENTIFIC

JUDAISM HAS MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE - BUT PHYSICAL SECURITY OF JEWISH STATE
BE ALLOPED IN ORDER FOR US TO MAKE SPIRITUAL CONTRIBUTION.

LET US BUILD WELL
AND SECURELY FOR OUR
OWN PEOPLE AND WE
WELL DO SAME FOR
MANKIND

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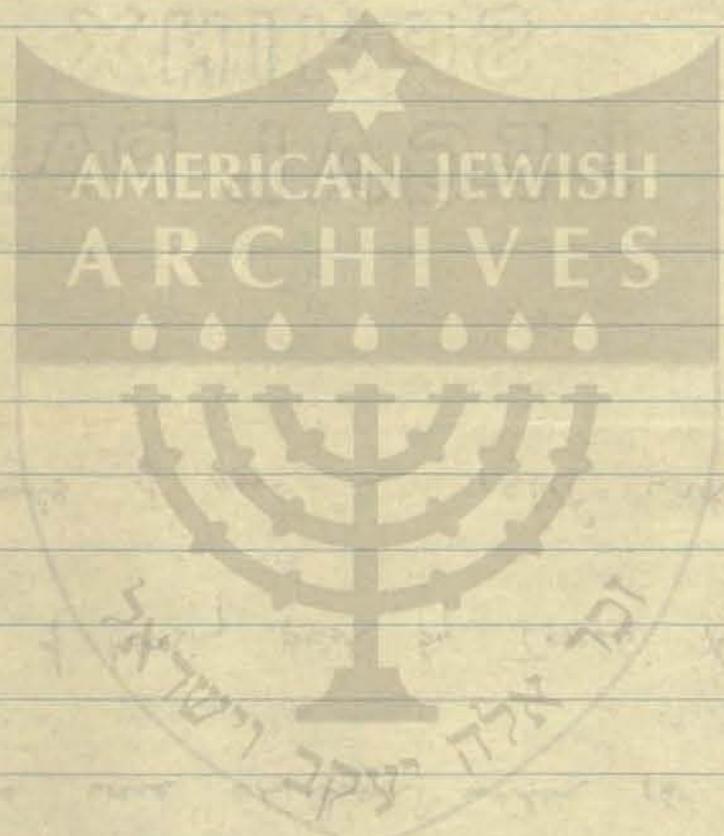
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Speaking as one Jew, I would rather be respected for our achievements
Than pitied for our sufferings

Y.L.?

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Dangers to survival in U.S.: -

1. assimilation
2. intermarriage
3. easy life
4. become like everyone else
5. loss of distinctive Jewish values
(what are they? elaborate - List A)

How to fight this:

1. study of one's background
2. act out the Jewish values in life
3. make the synagogue a more interesting place than it is
4. become part of the activity of the community - which is built in order to unite, in order to survive. If there is no unity among national organizations - at least there is locally, thank goodness.

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Dangers to Survival outside U.S:

1. spiritual suffocation in communist countries
2. physical danger in moslem countries
3. economic stagnation

How to fight this:

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1. migration

Dangers to survival in Israel:

1. military
2. political
3. economic
4. spiritual - idealistic

How to fight this:

1. political support
2. economic "
3. involvement in life in Israel.

DEATH BY A KISS

DEATH BY THE SWORD

WE WANT NEITHER - BUT TO SURVIVE

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DO YOU WANT TO WASH OUT
FOUR MILLENNIA?

SURVIVAL IS FOR OUR OWN SAKE
AND FOR SAKE OF ALL MANKIND.

List A

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DISTINCTIVE HERITAGE OF JEWISH VALUES

1. Historically unparalleled love of learning, reverence for knowledge
2. Extraordinary impulse toward charity
3. rare sensitivity to social evil
4. unsurpassed passion for social justice
5. Indomitable vision of a better tomorrow for all mankind.

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Greatest challenge to Judaism is to keep these values alive.

P E R O R A T I O N

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TOOLS OF SURVIVAL

1. Knowledge, learning, ability to adjust to changing world - pioneer new vistas - Marx, Einstein, Bombs.
2. Migration
3. Faith - i.e. optimism in a better world. Gam zu l'tovah - suffering is redemptive. L'chayim - to life.

How many of you:

- 1.) were born in U.S.
- 2.) went to college
- 3.) are members of a synagogue - or attend
- 4.) don't know Yiddish or Hebrew
- 5.) feel yourselves to be Jewish - i.e. identify

1965

Hanuman
23 June 65

1. Divisive Trends in Arab World Have Deepened.
 - a) Arab summit in Cairo end of May was inconclusive
2. Syria wanted immediate war against Israel - this was not accepted - particularly by Alasser - who said Israel could not be defeated at present time.
3. Without letting down our guard, we see that the policy of deterrent strength has succeeded. If we maintain a credible strength, Egypt will engage in an adventurist war.
4. In trying to maintain our strength, our problems are financial, not political. We can find sources of supply of equipment
5. New doctrine of Bonapartism - that Arabs cannot eliminate Israel and must learn to live with it. Arab League rejects this.
6. Still dynamite lying around:
 - a) intransigence of Palestine Liberation Movement gives rise to extremist group - El Fatah operating since Jan. 65 across Jordan, Egypt + Lebanese borders - had to get across Syrian. Eleven serious episodes - blowing up dwellings. We reacted once in May. We pinpointed 3 bases in Jordan from which

The attacks were launched. We called this a warning action against El Fatah - not retaliation against Jordan. We don't think Jordan likes El Fatah - but it must not permit El Fatah to use its ~~or~~ territory as a base.

b.) Jordan water diversion by the Arabs was intended to force Israel to fire first shot - and lose public opinion. We haven't taken this bait. There is now some evidence that the pace of their diversionary projects is slowing down. They take our warnings seriously - and maybe their construction will peter out.