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Development going on

Reservists back at work

Immigration going on

We continue our work -

resist attempt to annihilate us.

Period of Transition

Two Things have been deflated

1. Nazis invincibility
2. Arab unity

Support of Israel is even more important now. If Arabs are convinced Israel is here to stay, they

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become eventually manageable



Achievements

1. Ship-to-settlement maintained
2. 30 new agricultural settlements founded
3. agricultural production rose by 10%
4. industrial " " 12%
5. persons living in maabarah reduced by 25,000

Shortcomings

1. consolidation budgets for older immigrants reduced.
2. fell behind in irrigation program.
3. educational services fell behind.

take Ginn's last page as inspiration

Burg
Jews of Manhattan fought for two things - right to bear arms +
right to pay taxes.

Hannan

1. Attraction of Israel for immigration, even in year of danger.
2. Whoever comes out will come in. We don't control exits, only entrances.
3. Marseilles - Vienna - two great milestones on road to Jewish freedom.
4. How long? Constant progress made - total war avoided - so in bright in - collective Jewish decision continues to make itself felt. (page 7)

Jews decided

1. If your government can't get you peace, throw it out.

Shragai

* give breakdown of anticipated 50-60 thousand
— Their eyes no longer contain fear.

(look into the eye of a human being - a liquid pool of hope, fear, dream, terror, etc.)
you can see a whole world in the eye.

* Morocco - 30 (12 in out-thor. (already out))
(18 to come out in ten months)

Tunis, Algiers - 12

Poland, Eastern Europe - 12

All others 6

(Persia, Turkey) 60

B.G.

Arabs have superiority in manpower + armaments
We have superiority in quality of our manpower

a) character of our people

b) our incentive (This is our last stand)

Aim of Israel

"transforming Jews from the most backward countries - without means, without education, suppressed for many centuries - into free men, making their own life, relying upon themselves, and creating here a new civilization which will make the great hopes of Jewish generations throughout our history come true - a civilization of which any Jew in the world, whether in America or South Africa or Russia, will be proud."

"Our great asset in achieving these things is our youth. This is the ~~the~~ greatest blessing which history or Providence has bestowed upon us. I do not know whether you can find such youth in many parts of the world - living on the frontiers, working hard in the desert, brave, devoted to the work, heroic. This is perhaps the greatest asset we have.

There is a second asset. There are Jews throughout the world who, while believing that they should stay where they are, are deeply convinced that the fate of our people is to fight together for the existence of Israel, and they love Israel and are ready to help it." Well, I am not going to tell you what you have to do. That you will decide

for yourselves according to your conscience and your ability."

X (Episode at his home - I said "you have placed the burden on our shoulders, Mr. Prime Minister - He interrupted - "no - I place no burden on you. Place it on yourselves if you are willing.")

"The one certain thing which I can tell you and which you can bring back to ^{5 million} American Jews is, that if the worst befalls Israel and we will have to fight again for our independence, for our freedom and for our existence, the Jewish youth here will give to it the only thing they have - themselves - and they will do it without any hesitation, with the greatest devotion, with love."

Expend

1. We have spent a veritable fortune buying arms abroad.
2. We have also spent great sums producing arms & equipment at home.
3. Our compulsory service costs a great deal.
4. Our training program for reservists costs a great deal. Not only transport, food, etc., but taking them out of the productive life of factories & farms costs our economy an incalculable amount.
5. We have stockpiled essential material - food, fuel, generators, water reservoirs. We have built shelters & extra roads.

"If security were the only burden, it would be heavy enough. But there is a second burden - the sweet burden of immigration."

Initial absorption costs 1000 per person or 5000 on average per family. Further investment to make him self-sufficient costs 15,000 per family.

"Each new immigrant is a sacred obligation. But we have not yet fulfilled our obligations to the hundreds of thousands of those who came earlier."

"A barn alone does not produce anything. We have to buy cows to put in the barn."

Immigration

"The figure for next year may well be much larger than our minimum appraisal. Some countries may open their doors. Others may open them wider than they have up to now. All I know is that if they do, we will take in all who can get out."

" We need you Jews of America to stand shoulder to shoulder with us, to strengthen our hands in the day ahead, to share our burden, just as you share our faith & dreams, just as you share the dignity of the spirit of Israel.

With trust in the justice of our cause, with faith in the extermination of the people of Israel, and with confidence in the support of the Jews of America, we face the future - unafraid. "

{ B.G. wouldn't ask us to share burden
Eshkol did

It's the same thing - if we want to shoulder it.