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Having failed to strangle Israel economically and to check its development through an incessant harrassment of the Israeli borders, they are now hoping to crush it in another war and to that end they are building up a massive reservoir of armament. In this objective Russia and Great Britain have been cooperating by sending to Egypt, which is the key figure in this conspiracy, ship-loads of tanks, jet planes, and heavy armament -- Russia as part of its long range policy to penetrate the Near East and expand communist influence; and Great Britain as part

of its long record of blundering retreat and defeat in that part of the world. Our own country is now in danger of being lead into similar costly blunders in the Near East by a blind guide whose actions and motives clearly disqualify it from playing the role of mediator and honest broker.

The hour is grave for Israel because the Western powers and the Soviet Union are now trying to out-bid one another in their avowed devotion and support of the Arab States who are committed to the destruction of Israel. The notorious action of Egypt in opening the doors of the Middle East to Soviet penetration, which was Egypt's response to Secretary of State Dulles' appeal of last November for an Arab-Israeli peace, has evoked no retaliatory action. On the contrary, Nasser is being rewarded for his act of betrayal by the offer of hundreds of millions of dollars to build the Assam Dam. The little State of Israel, loyal to the democratic world, and gravely endangered by this military coup of Egypt, has been given no support of compensatory arms, nor any assurance of security.

The statesmen of the West will presumably avail themselves of another opportunity in the Security Council to censure Israel for having replied to the provocations of the Government of Syria. They will leave the matter of these endless provocations untouched, being unwilling to offend Arab sensibilities.

We are persuaded that the great powers are persuing a policy in the Middle East which, if not quickly revised, will bring disaster to that part of the world and which may involve them too, in a way in which they do not wish to be involved. But until sanity returns and better counsel prevails, it is the primary responsibility of all those who love justice and freedom and who believe that the establishment of the State of Israel was one of the most significant and heartening moral achievements of this century, to rally to its support and provide it with the where-with-all to carry on its industrial, agricultural and social progress and to enable it to strengthen its defenses.

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WASHINGTON MUM ON BRITISH PROPOSAL TO PRESS PEACE ON ARABS AND ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- The State Department refused today to say what the attitude of the United States Government would be if British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden proposes to President Eisenhower on January 30 that the United States join Britain in pressuring Israel and the Arabs to settle the Palestine dispute within six months.

Reports from London today indicated that the Prime Minister will bring such a proposal to Washington. The reports said that following the two-day meeting of British Middle Eastern diplomats last week in London, the British Government came to the conclusion that the Arab countries and Israel are incapable of reaching agreement among themselves, but that a determined and coordinated joint effort by the United States and Britain on both sides of the Palestine armistice line can bring about a peace treaty soon.

(The New York Times reported today from London that a Foreign Office spokesman there said no ultimatum to Israel and the Arab countries was being considered, although it is believed that six months is the limit for any Arab readiness to consider a compromise. The report added that it is felt in British Government circles that Washington's cooperation is required "because the United States is the only power capable of inducing Mr. Ben Gurion and the Israeli Government to consider a compromise").

A report received in this country on the two-day meeting of the British envoys who had been summoned from their posts in the Middle East to London for an exchange of views, said that the British diplomats expressed the belief that despite border clashes, fullscale warfare between the Arab states and Israel was unlikely. These envoys were reported to have advanced a view that Israel would make concessions to get peace provided the ultimate settlement were guaranteed by the United States and the United Kingdom.

British Top Adviser on Middle East Coming to Washington This Week

Evelyn Shuckburgh, chief policy adviser on Middle Eastern affairs in the British Foreign Office, will arrive in Washington this week with a preliminary outline for Anglo-American action on an Arab-Israel peace and other Middle East problems. A spokesman for the British Embassy here refused today to confirm or deny or report that Mr. Shuckburgh will outline an "extensive program," as reported by official sources in London.

The report says that the proposals drawn up in London at the two-day parley of the British diplomats--which will probably be presented by Mr. Shuckburgh in Washington--call for American membership in the Baghdad Pact, a coordinated system of financial, economic and technical aid grants to Middle East countries, a strong warning against aggression and a pledge of assistance to the attacked party. This would amount to a reaffirmation of the 1950 Tripartite Declaration but with possible additional safeguards against aggression.

The plan was said to envision also a complete review of the present arms supply program to the Middle East, including safeguards against an arms race. Plans were also formulated to end current Israel-Arab border strife. American suggestions will be considered along with the British proposals at the forthcoming top level conference of President Eisenhower with Prime Minister Eden.

Secretary Dulles May Visit Israel and Egypt, State Department Says

State Department sources today indicated that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles may visit Israel and Egypt in the first half of March. Speculation on this possibility followed an official announcement by the Department that Mr. Dulles will leave Washington by air March 2--probably via the Middle East--to attend a meeting at Karachi, Pakistan, of the Foreign Ministers of nations linked to the Southeast Asia collective defense organization. The meeting will take place from March 6 to 8.

If the Arab-Israel crisis does not abate in intensity, government sources indicated a "possibility" that Mr. Dulles would stop off on his way to or from Pakistan to see Israeli and Egyptian leaders. The discussions with such leaders might come as a "follow through" of important policy decisions on the Arab-Israel situation expected to emerge from the Eisenhower-Eden talks.

U. S. ZIONISTS APPEAL TO EISENHOWER TO SUPPLY DEFENSIVE ARMS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- An appeal to President Eisenhower "to make use of his executive powers to strengthen the security of Israel" by supplying her with defensive weapons and to avert disaster threatened "by Communist-backed Arab dictatorships" was issued today by the Zionist Organization of America in a resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of its national executive committee at the Hotel Statler.

In another resolution, the meeting of Zionist leaders calls upon the U. S. Congress "to give expression to the sentiments of the American people that this country will not tolerate aggression against Israel by the Arab-Communist axis." The resolution further asks the U. S. Government "to reject all proposals of British origin involving the surrender of any part of Israel's territory."

In its appeal to President Eisenhower, the resolution takes note of the role played by the President ten years ago in leading the Allied armies as their Supreme Commander in the overthrow of Nazism. "The remnants of European Jewry were liberated from Nazi extermination camps by victorious American forces. Scores of thousands of other Jews, fleeing from Communist totalitarianism were given sanctuary by the American Commander-in-Chief and helped to reach the shores of the Promised Land," the resolution said.

The resolution further sounds a note of warning that today "these survivors of totalitarian oppression and refugees from Arab lands, are threatened with annihilation by the Communist-backed Arab dictatorships." It concludes with an appeal to the President that "conscious of the grave international situation and of the American national interests involved," that he will "avert such a disaster from which the conscience of humanity must recoil."

The appeal to the President was coupled with a warning to the U. S. Administration, in an address by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the national ZOA executive, against a policy of betrayal through "the sacrifice of a loyal friend and potential ally, to satisfy a would-be aggressor." The warning referred particularly to the forthcoming visit to Washington of British Premier Sir Anthony Eden "to sell the American Government his own special brand of appeasement" through the partial dismemberment of Israel.

A review of the current Middle Eastern situation, with particular emphasis on the forthcoming mission of Sir Anthony, and the recent developments in Jordan was also presented by Harry Torczyner, chairman of the ZOA commission on Israel and the Middle East. The meeting was also addressed by Mortimer May, ZOA president, who, reviewing the problems facing the Zionist movement today, declared that American Jewry stands united by Israel in its present hour of grave emergency.

ADENAUER RECEIVES GIFTS FROM SHARETT AND GOLDMANN ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

BONN, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Two ancient silver coins -- one from the time of Bar Kochba and the other a silver Shekel dating to the first uprising against the Romans -- were presented here to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer on behalf of Dr. Nahum Goldmann in his capacity as chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The presentation was made this week-end in honor of Dr. Adenauer's 80th birthday.

Dr. F. E. Shinnar, head of the Israel Purchasing Mission, who presented Dr. Goldmann's gift to the German Chancellor, also greeted Dr. Adenauer on behalf of Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. He presented him on behalf of Mr. Sharett with a special album containing all the postage stamps issued by the Jewish State since its establishment. In his own name, and on behalf of the mission, Dr. Shinnar presented a silver plate, especially wrought at the Bezalel Art School in Jerusalem, bearing -- in Hebrew and German -- the famous words of the prophet Isaiah: "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Dr. Shinnar was received in a special audience by the German Chancellor. Earlier, he had been among the diplomats who called to congratulate Dr. Adenauer. The special audience granted Dr. Shinnar, the principal Israeli official in this country, caused considerable comment here, in view of Dr. Adenauer's crowded schedule in connection with the two-day celebration of his birthday.

JEWISH TEACHERS IN GERMANY HOLD FIRST CONFERENCE IN FRANKFURT

FRANKFURT, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Twenty teachers of Jewish religious subjects at German schools in all parts of the country, among them several newly-arrived Israelis, met for their first conference here under the joint sponsorship of the Jewish Agency and of the Central Jewish Council's new Cultural Department.

Principal speakers were Meir Gertner of England's Carmel College, Ephraim Haeusler of the Jewish Agency, Prof. Baruch Graubard of Munich and Dr. Marianne Pulvermann of the Central Jewish Welfare Agency in Germany. Since almost all the 900 Jewish school children in Germany were born after the war and thus attend the four lowest grades, pedagogical methods adapted to this age group were stressed in a lecture by Rabbi Simha Abir, whom the Jewish Agency brought from Israel to Berlin recently to become principal of the Jewish teachers there.

PRINCE OF MOROCCO URGES "BROTHERLY UNITY" BETWEEN MOSLEMS AND JEWS

CASABLANCA, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Pleas for unity and understanding between Jews and Moslems in Morocco were voiced at Rabat, capital of Morocco, at a meeting today called by a group of Jewish and Moslem students. The meeting was attended by more than 1,000 persons and was presided over by Prince Moulay Hassan, son of Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef. Among the guests was Dr. Leon Ben-Zaquen, Jewish leader who was recently appointed Minister of Posts and Telegraph in the first all-Moroccan Cabinet.

The Prince, addressing the meeting, said that the attachment of the Jews for Israel is as natural as that of the Moslems for the Arab states. He insisted, however, that this was no reason for division among the Jews and Moslems in Morocco and urged the promotion of "brotherly unity" for the good of Morocco and urged the promotion of "brotherly unity" for the good of Morocco behind the Sultan, "who has never created differences between his subjects." Other student speakers urged the Jews not to quit Morocco, but to remain and participate in "national tasks."

A special prayer for the sovereign has been introduced into the Sabbath services of synagogues in Morocco. The prayer asks blessings on Mohammed V, his son Prince Moulay Hassan, his family, Prime Minister Si Bekkai and the Moroccan Cabinet.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Dr. Ben-Zaquen joined his colleagues when they accompanied the Sultan to prayers at a mosque. Dr. Ben-Zaquen, who wore the same red tarboosh as his colleagues, waited outside the mosque until the Sultan had concluded his devotions.

Sultan of Morocco Reiterates Assurances of Religious Equality

PARIS, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Leaders of the "World Parliament of Religions"--which includes representatives of all the principal religions of the world--declared here today that they had been assured by the Sultan of Morocco that there would be no discrimination against religious minorities in his country. The leaders recently concluded a "friendship tour" of Israel, Turkey, Jordan and Morocco.

The delegation from the group, which was founded in Chicago in 1893 and has the support of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Dr. Albert Schweitzer, described its audience with the Sultan at a press conference here. They reported that he told them: "In our country we have always preached understanding between all elements of the population. We do not practice any religious or racial discrimination. We are for equality among our subjects. Tolerance is a fundamental principle of our holy religion, and it is thanks to its application that Christians and Jews have always lived freely in Morocco."

The Sultan also asserted that "Islam, Judaism and Christianity are all three religions that have been revealed and formed on the Book. Believers of these three religions must cooperate for welfare and justice." Dr. Richard Evans, a New York Presbyterian minister, led the delegation which included two Jews--Jack Pinto and Solomon Shakin.

\$42,318,550 IN ISRAEL BOND SOLD IN 1955; \$75,000,000 GOAL FOR 1956

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- A total of \$42,318,550 in State of Israel bonds was sold during the calendar year 1955, the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization was told last night at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel here. The results of the 1955 campaign represent a 20 percent increase over the previous year. They bring the total of Israel bonds sold since the inception of the drive in May, 1951 to \$216,595,450.

The report on the results of the campaign was presented to the board by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization. Presiding at the meeting was Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who is chairman of the board of governors. This is the first meeting of the board since Dr. Silver accepted its chairmanship last month. More than 100,000 Israel bonds were sold during the year, Dr. Schwartz noted. Some 60 percent of the 1955 purchasers had never owned any Israel bonds before, he pointed out.

The 150 American Jewish leaders attending the meeting of the board of governors adopted a goal of a minimum of \$75,000,000 in Israel bond sales during 1956. The resolution announcing the \$75,000,000 goal expressed the determination of the board members "to take every possible step to assure the fulfillment of that aim as a decisive service to the cause of Israel and of the Jewish people."

In a call for the fullest participation in the campaign to provide maximum capital for Israel through Israel bonds, Dr. Silver told the board members: "Whatever support is given to the State of Israel through the purchase of Israel bonds helps to under-gird its economy and to strengthen the hands of its defenders."

"In the last analysis," Dr. Silver pointed out, "it is the economic strength of the State of Israel which will determine its capacity to defend itself against aggression and consequently also its ability to survive. A sound economy towards which the Government of Israel has been steadily moving is the surest guarantee for the ultimate solution of its political problems. That, and the stout hearts and firm resolutions of the Israelis themselves, who have built their country with such zeal and vision and who can be relied upon to defend it with their very lives."

JEWISH GROUPS LAUD EISENHOWER FOR STAND ON IMMIGRATION LAW REVISION

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations and local Jewish Community Councils affiliated with the National Community Relations Advisory Council telegraphed President Eisenhower today commending him for drawing the attention of Congress to the urgent need for revision of the immigration laws.

"It is our opinion," the telegram said, "that your recommendations that the number of persons to be admitted annually be based on the 1950 census, that provision be made for the pooling of unused quotas and that the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 be amended so that its humanitarian goal may be attained, represent steps forward to rectify some of the inequities which exist. But we believe that these inequities will be eliminated only when the national origins quota system is abolished and admissions are based upon the democratic principle of individual merit.

"We trust that your detailed recommendations will be submitted to Congress promptly and that they will include provisions to eliminate entirely the invidious national origins quota system as well as other discriminatory, restrictive and unnecessarily harsh and rigid sections of the present law, including those which pertain to deportation. We urge you to exert the full influence of your office in behalf of the adoption, early in this session of Congress, of the amendments necessary to bring American immigration and citizenship policies into harmony with the domestic needs and the foreign policy of our country," the message concluded.

The Democratic National Committee has criticized President Eisenhower's State of the Union request on the Refugee Relief Act for failure to extend the expiration date of the Act so that the balance of authorized refugees can be admitted.

A MILLION JEWS IN RUSSIA ARE STILL JEWISH-MINDED, EDITOR ESTIMATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- At least one million Jews in the Soviet Union are still nostalgic about things Jewish, but have no way to satisfy their yearning for Jewishness, Chaim Shurer, editor-in-chief of "Davar," influential Israeli daily newspaper, reported here last night at a reception tendered in his honor jointly by the Jewish Writers Union and the Jewish PEN Club.

Mr. Shurer, who spent several weeks visiting various cities in the USSR, urged American Jewry "not to forget the Jews in the Soviet Union" and to do everything possible to strengthen their Jewish feelings. He also appealed to American Jewry to give maximum aid to Israel in her present critical situation in which the Arab countries are being supported by the Soviet Union both morally and with military equipment.

LONDON PRESS COMMENDS BRITISH JEWRY ON TERCENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

LONDON, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Synagogues throughout the country marked "Tercentenary Sabbath" here yesterday, with the recitation of special prayers and the delivery of sermons on the subject. Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie officiated at services at the Great Synagogue in the heart of the city, the oldest Ashkenazi house of prayer here, while the Haham of the Sephardic congregation officiated at the Bevis Marks synagogue, which is the historical center of Sephardic worship here. At the main Liberal synagogue in London, Rabbi Leslie Edgar delivered the sermon on the tercentenary theme.

The role of British Jewry in the national life of the country was lauded in the press this week-end as the tercentenary celebration began. It was noted that Jewish names are sprinkled throughout the history of Britain in the arts, sciences, politics, literature and sports, as well as in the rolls of those who served in the armed forces during the two world wars. At the same time, it was pointed out that the many thousands of Jews whose names are not known to the public lead quiet and useful lives as citizens and neighbors.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS "ISRAEL HEALTH WEEK"; LAUDS "KUPAT HOLIM"

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- "Israel Health Week," officially proclaimed for New York City by Mayor Robert F. Wagner, began today and will continue through January 15. It will mark the final period of the Israel Health Exhibition sponsored here by the National Committee for Labor Israel.

The Mayor's proclamation noted the great progress made by Kupat Holim, the health network of the Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor, in caring for some two-thirds of the Israel population. Kupat Holim provides medical services for newly arrived immigrants in Israel, as well as for the families of organized workers.

DR. SONNABEND, MAYOR OF ASKALON, DEAD; CAME TO ISRAEL FROM SO. AFRICA

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Jehezkiel Sonnabend, Mayor of the town of Askalon, died here this week-end. Dr. Sonnabend, who came to Israel from South Africa, was a founder of Afridag, a construction company organized in Israel with the financial backing of South African Jews.

NOTES OF ADDRESS DELIVERED BEFORE THE
INAUGURAL CONFERENCE LAUNCHING THE
1956 CAMPAIGN OF
ISRAEL BONDS

Hotel Seville Miami Beach, Florida

February 4, 1956

by

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

I have read with great interest Ex-President Truman's Memoirs, especially those parts which relate to the events which led up to the proclamation of the State of Israel.

The Israeli and the Jewish people throughout the world will forever be grateful to Mr. Truman for the tremendous help which he gave to their cause in the decisive hour and for having been a consistent friend of the State of Israel ever since.

Mr. Truman refers in his Memoirs, deprecatorily, to the "extreme" Zionists. I do not know what he means by "extreme" Zionists. Presumably the reference is to those Zionists who worked for the establishment of an independent Jewish State, who urged our Government to assist in this work, and to grant recognition to Israel once it was established. The State of Israel was established and our Government did recognize it. In fact, it was Mr. Truman himself who, as President of the United States, gave the first recognition to the New State. In so doing he clearly endorsed the position taken by those whom he now calls "extreme" Zionists.

What was extreme about these Zionists was their unrelenting persistence and unflagging efforts without which their cause might never have succeeded. Mr. Truman himself calls attention to the fact that the Specialists on the Near East in our State Department "were almost without exception unfriendly to the idea of

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The responsible Zionist leaders suspected this all along. They knew the powerful forces which were lined up against them and the extent to which they would go to defeat the great moral cause which had received the endorsement of both political parties in our country and which was overwhelmingly approved by the American people.

When, under pressure from those same forces, our Government reversed itself in March of 1948, and requested a special session of the Assembly of the United Nations in order to re-impose a "temporary" trusteeship on Palestine, it was these same "extreme" Zionists who by their redoubled efforts and powerful appeal to the citizens of our country, averted what would have been a political disaster and brought the policy of the Truman administration back to ~~the~~ its sound and just course.

Needless to say that our State Department at the present time still harbors these same "specialists" on the Near East and that they are still almost without exception, unfriendly to the idea of a Jewish State. They are still trying to "put it over" on the President and our Secretary of State.

The State of Israel was established in spite of the unfriendly attitude of these people, in spite of the violent opposition and sabotage of Great Britain and the armed attacks of Arab Governments. I am strongly of the belief that the State of Israel, which is soon to celebrate its eighth anniversary, will, in spite of all these continuing oppositions and conspiracies, continue to grow and prosper. Its people are firm in their moral integrity and in their resolve to defend themselves and their country at all costs. They are steadily building for strength and security, while at all time seeking the ways of peace. They are learning that which is very difficult for a young State to learn -- how to exercise restraint in the face of constant provocation, and how to keep on building under severe threat and danger.

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 Rabbi Silver, Dr. J. J. Schwartz, Morris Berinstein,
 - Albany, N.Y.)



Board of Governors

February 4, 1956

Fountainebleu Hotel - Miami Beach, Fla.

(L to R) Mortimer May, Nashville, Tenn. - Dr. Silver,
Max Bressler, Chicago, Ill - Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz



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*How is Israel affected by present
Middle East tensions?*

*What is Jewish community responsibility in
the effort to assure Israel's economic security?*

Hear these outstanding personalities



His Excellency
LEVI ESHKOL
Minister of Finance, State of Israel



His Excellency
ABBA EBAN
Ambassador of the State of Israel



The Honorable
GERSHON AGRON
Mayor of Jerusalem



DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
Chairman, Board of Governors
Israel Bond Organization



ABRAHAM FEINBERG
President
Israel Bond Organization



MORRIS W. BERINSTEIN
National Campaign Chairman
Israel Bond Organization

Be sure to attend the
Mobilization Conference for Israel

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Saturday Evening, September 22, 1956

Sunday, September 23, 1956

Shoreham Hotel

Washington, D. C.

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WOMAN OF VALOR SABBATH LUNCHEON
National Women's Division

SHOREHAM HOTEL, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1956
12:00 Noon

*honoring women who, working through Chen, have
attained Israel Bond sales and purchases of
\$100,000 or more.*



PROGRAM

**ECONOMIC MOBILIZATION
CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL**

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WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

through

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1957

Program

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STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS
WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 20-22, 1957

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1957

12:30 P.M.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Basildon Room

Luncheon Meeting

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *Chairman, Board of Governors*
Presiding

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1957

12:00 Noon

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Starlight Roof

Oneg Shabbat Luncheon

MRS. MICHAEL A. STAVITSKY, *National Chairman*
Presiding

MRS. LEWIS GOLDBERG, *National Vice Chairman*

MRS. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, *Honorary Chairman, Greater N.Y. Women's Division*

MRS. D. P. GOTLIEB, *National Chairman, Canadian Women's Division*

MRS. ALFRED M. KARLIN, *National Chairman of Chen*

DR. RENANA BEN-GURION

CAPTAIN VICTORIA NASIM, *Israel Police Force*

MRS. ALEXANDER SIMSON, *National Chairman of Sponsors*

DR. JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ, *Vice President, Israel Bond Organization*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1957

7:30 P.M.

DINNER

Grand Ballroom

ABRAHAM FEINBERG, *President*

Presiding

RICHARD FULTON

Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah

RABBI JUDAH NADICH

Invocation

HERBERT R. ABELES, *President, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds*

EDDIE CANTOR

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

HER EXCELLENCY MRS. GOLDA MEIR, *Minister for Foreign Affairs, State of Israel*

RABBI JOSEPH MILLER

Benediction

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1957

9:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST SESSION

Jade Room

DR. JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ

Presiding

Report on campaign activity

Reports by Community Chairmen

Discussion



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12:30 P.M.

LUNCHEON SESSION

Empire Room

LAWRENCE G. LASKEY

Presiding

RABBI IRVING SILMAN

Invocation

MRS. MICHAEL A. STAVITSKY

DR. DAVID HOROWITZ, *Governor, Bank of Israel*

HIS EXCELLENCY ABBA EBAN, *Ambassador of the State of Israel*

Dietary laws strictly observed.

WHAT IS

THE NEXT STEP

IN ISRAEL'S PROGRESS?

*In the Year 10 for Israel Bonds,
what new frontiers of development,
what new problems are facing an Israel
that is rapidly moving toward
economic independence?*



JOIN IN PLANNING FOR THE CONTINUED
ECONOMIC GROWTH OF ISRAEL AT THE

TENTH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL ECONOMIC
PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 1960

SHOREHAM HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Under the impact of investment resources provided through the sale of Israel Bonds since 1951, the State of Israel is now rounding out ten years of trail-blazing economic progress. A truly awe-inspiring chapter of achievement has been written by the Jews of the United States and Canada in the development of Israel as a free and productive nation.

The Tenth Anniversary National Economic Planning Conference for Israel will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Jerusalem conference of September 1950 when Prime Minister Ben-Gurion first projected the plan for an Israel Bond campaign. In reviewing the results achieved during the past decade the Washington conference will also consider the economic problems still facing Israel.

WHAT ARE ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC NEEDS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE?

HIS EXCELLENCY, LEVI ESHKOL, Minister of Finance of the State of Israel, will bring to the Washington Conference a stimulating report on the tasks that lie ahead in bringing the economy to higher levels of production and improving the country's trade balance—two areas in which Israel Bonds occupy a central place.

WHAT ARE SOME OF ISRAEL'S MAJOR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS?

AUSTIN J. TOBIN, executive director of the Port of New York Authority, who recently returned from an on-the-spot study of Israel's harbors, will describe the plans for the construction of a new port at Ashdod and for major improvements at Haifa and Elath—a striking example of the role of Israel Bonds in Israel's economic future.

HOW SHALL WE MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO ISRAEL?

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Israel Bonds, will deal with the place of American and Canadian Jewry in the development of Israel during the past decade and their obligations in shaping its future.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW to attend the Tenth Anniversary National Economic Planning Conference in Washington. Come to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Ben-Gurion Conference in Jerusalem. Join in strengthening Israel Bonds as the most powerful financial instrument in helping Israel attain full economic stability.

Please indicate your attendance and time of arrival on the enclosed reservation card.

**AMBASSADOR AVRAHAM HARMAN • ABRAHAM FEINBERG • IRA GULDEN
SAMUEL ROTHBERG • MAX BRESSLER • DR. JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ
MICHAEL STAVITSKY • MRS. JAN PEERCE**

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS *

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Luncheon Meeting of Board of Governors.. 12:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Sabbath Seuda Luncheon

of Women's Division..... 12:00 Noon

Dinner Session 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Campaign Planning Breakfast Session..... 9:00 A.M.

** All Sessions will be held at the Shoreham Hotel*

Dietary Laws Observed



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August 28, 1962

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was delighted to hear from Max Helvarg that you had returned from your vacation and were planning to be at our National Conference in Washington on the weekend of September 21st.

Naturally we are very anxious to have you on our program to address the principal dinner which will be held Saturday night, September 22nd, at about 7:00 P.M. The other speakers will be Mr. Levi Eshkol and, we hope, Ambassador Harman if he is sufficiently recovered by that time from his recent operation. Knowing your feelings in the matter, I promise you will not be the last speaker so that there will be the least possible strain put upon you. Sat

We are also planning a luncheon meeting of the Board of Governors on Friday, September 21st, at 12:30 P.M. and if you can make it at that time, we would love to have you preside. In addition to the regular business of the Board of Governors, there will be presentations by David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, and Dr. Foerder of the Bank Leumi. On Saturday we are planning a luncheon for members of the Executive Committee and Community Chairmen at which time they will be briefed on the security situation in Israel and also on the present political position. This will be an off-the-record meeting and the presentations will be made by the military attache of the Israel Embassy and also, we hope, by Mr. Mordechai Gazit, the Minister of Israel in Washington. We would consider it important for you to attend this session as well if it is at all possible for you to do so.

I do look forward to the pleasure of seeing you in Washington and hope to hear from you that you will attend all of the above sessions.

Cordially yours,

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Joseph J. Schwartz

cc: MH

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Board of Governors

September 22, 1962

Shoreham Hotel - Washington, D. C.

Dr. Silver - Levi Eshkol

Boston Leaders: Mrs. Lewis Goldberg, Mrs. Wm. J. Talcoff and
Mr. Lawrence G. Laskey

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From the office of
ABBA HILLEL SILVER
Chairman, Board of Governors

December 17, 1962

Dear Dr. Schwartz:

I should like to take this occasion to invite you to attend a special 1963 planning meeting of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization. The sessions will be held at the Savoy-Hilton Hotel in New York on Saturday evening, January 12th and Sunday morning, January 13th.

As you know, we stand on the threshold of a very historic year, one in which the State of Israel will celebrate its fifteenth birthday, and in which Israel will begin the redemption of the first Israel Bonds issued twelve years ago.

As Israel moves ahead, it becomes increasingly clear that her progress is directly linked to her economic development and particularly to the opening of new areas of settlement and growth in the Negev.

With Israel Bonds leading Israel's big push to a new frontier of development, a good and hopeful beginning has been made in reclaiming the Negev wilderness. But the heart of the massive effort still lies ahead as an immediate and impelling challenge to the creative spirit of the people of Israel and to the generous understanding and cooperation of Jewry in other parts of the free world.

We hope that you, as one who has played a significant role in the building of Israel, will join in formulating the campaign plans for 1963, which will usher in a new chapter for Israel, as well as for Israel Bonds.

Please indicate by means of the enclosed return reservation card whether we may expect you for the January 12-13th meetings.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Board of Governors

REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE ISSUE BONDS BEGINS MAY 1, 1963

CONFERENCE USHERS IN FIRST YEAR OF ISRAEL BOND REDEMPTION; RECORD \$58 MILLION SOLD IN '62; \$75 MILLION IS GOAL FOR '63

National Celebration of Israel's 15th Anniversary Will Highlight Inaugural of Campaign at Miami March 1-3

Heartened by the forthcoming repayment of the first Israel Bonds this year, the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization adopted a quota of \$75,000,000 for the 1963 campaign.

Marking the beginning of the "Year of Redemption", the leaders of the State of Israel Bond campaign were moved to establish the larger quota by the record results of the 1962 drive as well as the heightened confidence in Israel's economy and its capacity to repay both principal and interest on the first Israel Bonds issued here twelve years ago.

DR. SILVER SEES LONG ROAD AHEAD

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the Board of Governors, who presided at the dinner session, stressed the achievements which Israel has recorded with the aid of Israel Bonds, and drew attention to the important economic tasks for which Bond funds continue to be needed.

Israel's "amazing industrial and agricultural progress," he said, "would have been nigh impossible without the stimulus which Israel Bonds provided. The phenomenal growth of the country, the development of the Negev, the large-scale irrigation and housing projects, the many new towns and settlements which this development made possible, the roads and railways which have facilitated communication and transportation, all these have come to life as a result of the life-blood which Israel Bonds poured into them. And all this, of course, made it possible for the State of Israel to absorb and to integrate the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who have poured into this country in the last fifteen years.

"As long as the need is there and our brothers are turning to Israel as their one haven and hope, as long as the State of Israel remains surrounded by implacable foes determined upon its destruction, and as long as the young state has not attained its goal of security and stability, we cannot and shall not relax. A long road lies ahead, but a glorious road of promise and achievement. The last fifteen years have shown us what we can do, and how seemingly insurmountable obstacles can be overcome, and how vision, courage and determination in a people win through in the end. Encouraged and inspired by the past, we shall march resolutely into the future."

On the occasion of his seventieth birthday, the conference paid tribute to Dr. Silver for his distinguished leadership in behalf of Israel. A birthday gift of the thirty-volume Hebrew encyclopedia being published in Israel was presented to Dr. Silver by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Vice President of the Israel Bond Organization.

FEINBERG REPORTS ON RECORD '62 RESULTS

Abraham Feinberg, President of the Israel Bond Organization, told the Board that a record total of \$58,125,650 was realized for Israel's economic development from the sale of Israel Bonds in 1962. This brought to a grand total of \$591,622,850 the investment resources made available to Israel through Israel Bonds since the first issue was floated in the United States in May, 1951, he said.

Mr. Feinberg drew attention to the fact that the first Israel Bonds to fall due will become payable starting May 1, 1963.

These will be the Israel Independence Savings Bonds which were sold in 1951, the first year of the drive. Holders of these Bonds will receive \$150 for every \$100 they invested twelve years ago. A total of \$24,500,000 in principal and interest will be paid out this year.

"The fact that the redemption of Israel Bonds will begin in 1963," he said, "serves to dramatize the degree of economic maturity which Israel has achieved with the aid of these Bonds. The fulfillment of the pledge to repay principal and interest on Israel Bonds relates directly to the fulfillment of other pledges which Israel has made.

"Israel has kept its promise to build a nation on the pillars of freedom and human dignity. It has kept its promise to receive and rehabilitate every Jew who seeks refuge on its shores. It has kept its promise to develop its economy on a viable basis. It has kept its promise to serve as a light and guide for other new undeveloped lands. It has kept its promise to repair and replenish the spiritual and cultural heritage of the Jewish people. We on our part must keep our promise to stand at Israel's side as long as it needs our help," Mr. Feinberg declared.

HARMAN SAYS BONDS HELP ISRAEL LIVE IN FREEDOM

Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman stressed the significance of Israel Bonds over and beyond their economic impact. They provide the foundation, he said, for the people of Israel to be able to live in freedom.

Declaring that the State of Israel must continue to exist in a twilight zone between peace and war, he urged the fullest cooperation of American Jews to enable Israel to maintain its program of "progress in vigilance." He also emphasized the greatly increased defense budget which the people of Israel will have to meet out of their own resources in order to maintain their deterrent strength.

Referring to the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of Israel as an independent nation, which will be observed this year, Mr. Harman called attention to the fact that the fifteen years prior to the establishment of the State constituted the darkest years of destruction of the Jewish people. He contrasted this period with the past decade and a half of revival and reconstruction in Israel.

DR. SCHWARTZ EMPHASIZES \$75 MILLION GOAL

In his campaign report Dr. Schwartz emphasized the importance of the attainment of the goal of \$75,000,000 for 1963.

"This is particularly important," he said, "because Israel, which is called upon to spend twice as much for defense in the year 1963 as it did in 1961, will have very limited resources available for economic development. This situation makes it essential that Israel Bonds provide at least 40 percent of the country's Development Budget, or \$75,000,000, instead of the usual 33 percent." The Development Budget submitted to the Knesset by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol amounts to \$186,833,000.

Major items in Israel's development program for the coming year, Dr. Schwartz indicated, are \$27,500,000 for the Jordan

River-Negev irrigation project; \$16,933,000 for agriculture; \$20,000,000 for industry and crafts; \$7,167,000 for mines and quarries; \$2,000,000 for oil pipelines and wells; \$6,667,000 for public buildings; \$43,667,000 for ports and transportation; \$2,667,000 for tourism and hotels; \$7,000,000 for electricity; \$12,167,000 for communications; \$61,667,000 for housing and \$6,667,000 for road construction and maintenance. Only \$28,334,000 of the housing allotment is included in the Development Budget.

ROTHBERG CALLS FOR MORE INTENSIVE EFFORT

Calling for an intensive effort to achieve an increased response to Israel Bonds in 1963, Samuel Rothberg, National Campaign Chairman, said:

"We must never forget that the money that has come into Israel through Israel Bonds has been the backbone of its economic revival, and of the absorption of the great numbers of immigrants who are continuing to enter in substantial numbers. Israel could not possibly have come out of its economic swaddling clothes without Israel Bonds."

In outlining plans for the 1963 campaign for Israel Bonds, Mr. Rothberg announced that the drive will be formally launched at a National Inaugural Conference to be held at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami from Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3. The National Women's Division of the Israel Bond Organization will initiate its 1963 campaign with the premiere of a unique Israel-International Fashion Show at the Fontainebleau on March 1st.

MRS. PEERCE STRESSES ROLE OF WOMEN'S DIVISION

Mrs. Jan Pearce, who is starting her fourth year as Chairman of the National Women's Division of the Israel Bond Organization, stressed the importance of the thousands of women who serve as volunteer workers in the Israel Bond campaign.

A frequent visitor to Israel, Mrs. Pearce described the "sense of progress and affirmation that is a part of the very atmosphere of Israel." She termed it "a real privilege to realize that our efforts through Israel Bonds have helped to create and sustain that atmosphere."

Mrs. Pearce also presided at a special luncheon meeting of the expanded executive board of the Women's Division. Plans for the attainment of record Israel Bond sales in 1963 were explored and developed by the national, regional and community leaders who participated in the session.

Chen, the volunteer sales program of the Women's Division, was discussed by Mrs. Alfred M. Karlin, National Chairman for Chen. Mrs. Karlin noted that, in 1962, more than fifty women in communities across the country achieved the \$100,000 Woman of Valor level in Israel Bond sales and purchases.

KEYSERLING SAYS ISRAEL'S GROWTH RATE IS HIGHEST

Leon H. Keyserling, the noted American economist, declared that "the over-all economic growth rate of the State of Israel in real terms has averaged probably the highest of any country in the world."

Asserting that the Israel economy is being built on sound foundations, Mr. Keyserling termed its growth "doubly significant because it has emerged, not under the lash of dictatorship, but under conditions of political, economic and human freedom."

Mr. Keyserling, who is President of the Conference on Economic Progress and former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, described the purchase of Israel Bonds as "not only a prime instrument in this economic achievement, but also a prime evidence of recognition of this achievement by an ever-increasing variety of investors in many lands. A striking example of this is the growing purchase of Israel Bonds by financial institutions in the United States, both on their own

account and as trustees or managers of special funds of many types."

He noted that banks and businessmen, when they consider buying Israel Bonds, are just as much concerned with the human and moral aspects of the purchase as with economic facts and figures.

Characterising the forthcoming redemption of Israel Bonds as "still another landmark in the coming of age of the Israel economy," he pointed out that the growing purchase of Israel Bonds in this country "reflects the native sympathy in the United States for the problems and purposes of Israel and their relevance to the worldwide struggle between freedom and authoritarianism."

Himan Brown, the well-known radio and TV producer, received a silver Bible from Israel for his outstanding work as the volunteer producer and director of the Chanukah Festivals for Israel at Madison Square Garden. The presentation was made by William Goldfine, 1963 Israel Bond Campaign Chairman in New York. Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, National ZOA Chairman for Israel Bonds, delivered the invocation at the dinner.

COMMUNITY LEADERS EXPRESS OPTIMISM ON 1963

The concluding session of the Board meeting heard stimulating reports by the leaders present on the results of the campaign in 1962 and on plans for the coming year. Many of those who addressed the session expressed their optimism regarding the prospects for 1963. The speakers included Morris DeWoskin of Chicago; Lawrence Schacht of Newark; Jerome M. Fien of Newark; Mrs. Albert L. Sklar of Baltimore; Sam J. Davidson of Montreal; Richard Mack of Cincinnati; Meyer Adleman of Camden, N. J.; Jacob Wolk of Pittsburgh; Jerome J. Steiker of Rochester, N. Y.; Phillip Stollman of Detroit; Nate Shafran of Cleveland; Milton Krensky of Chicago; Jack Goodman of Albany, N. Y.; Milton Seidenman of Baltimore; Mrs. Henry Haffner of St. Louis; Samuel Rosenstein of Hartford; Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia; Jack S. Popick of Miami; Gustave Rothschild of Syracuse, N. Y.; Al E. G. Brown of Niagara Falls, N. Y. and Mrs. Milton Eisner of Scranton, Pa.

SHERMAN, GINSBURG POINT UP COMMUNITY ROLE

Meir Sherman, Israel's former Economic Minister to the United States, who is now Managing Director of the Paz Oil Company in Israel, expressed satisfaction with the fact that new sources of Israel Bond money are being tapped on the American scene through increasing sales to labor unions, banks, insurance companies and other institutions. He stressed, however, that the basic responsibility for the campaign remains within the Jewish community and that other avenues of Israel Bond sales should be welcomed as supplementary to the basic effort of the Jewish population.

In an inspirational concluding talk, Julius Ginsburg of Chicago sent the delegates home with a feeling of renewed enthusiasm for the job to be done in 1963.

OFFICERS ANNOUNCED FOR 1963 CAMPAIGN

Announcement was made at the Board meeting of the outstanding leaders who will head the Israel Bond drive during 1963. These are:

Abraham Feinberg, President; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman, Board of Governors; Ira Guilden, National Chairman; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Vice President; Jack D. Weiler, Secretary-Treasurer; Samuel Rothberg, National Campaign Chairman; Lawrence G. Laskey, Chairman, Executive Committee; Louis H. Boyar, National Chairman of Trustees; Eddie Cantor, National Chairman of Builders; Max Bressler, National Chairman of Guardians; Mrs. Jan Pearce, National Chairman, Women's Division, and Julian B. Venezky, National Chairman for Regions.



Board of Governors

September 17, 1960

Shoreham Hotel - Washington, D. C.

Dr. Silver, Mrs. Jan Pearce, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz
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RECORD TOTAL OF \$58,125,650 IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD DURING 1962

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Abraham Feinberg Announces Largest Sum in History of Drive Brings Proceeds to
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Ambassador Harman Stresses Role of American Jews in Development of Israel's Economy

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Redemption of First Israel Bonds Starting May 1, 1963

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Dr. Silver Honored on Seventieth Birthday; Dr. Schwartz Cites His "Militant Espousal"
Of Jewish Statehood

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Women's Division Plans Activities for 1963

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Himan Brown Honored as Producer of Chanukah Festivals

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New York, January 12 ----- A record total of \$58,125,650 was realized for Israel's economic development from the sale of Israel Bonds in 1962, it was reported tonight (Saturday) by Abraham Feinberg, President of the Israel Bond Organization.

Addressing a national planning conference of the Board of Governors of Israel Bonds, Mr. Feinberg pointed out that this was the largest amount ever sold in any single year of the existence of the Israel Bond drive.

The 1962 proceeds brought to a grand total of \$591,622,850 the investment resources made available to Israel through Israel Bonds, since the first issue was floated in the United States in May, 1951, he said.

Of the \$58,125,650 received last year, \$46,428,500 came from sales in the United States; \$3,859,100 from Canada; \$4,319,550 from Latin America and \$3,518,500 from Western Europe. In 1961 the total sales of Israel Bonds amounted to \$57,214,300.

More than 300 Jewish leaders from various parts of the United States and Canada participated in the opening session of the Board of Governors conference which

was held at the Savoy-Hilton Hotel under the chairmanship of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, the noted Jewish leader who heads the Board.

Speakers at the Conference session, in addition to Mr. Feinberg and Dr. Silver were Avraham Harman, Ambassador of Israel to the United States; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Vice President of the Israel Bond Organization; Mrs. Jan Pearce, Chairman of the Women's Division, and William Goldfine, Campaign Chairman of the Greater New York Committee. The invocation was offered by Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum of Kew Gardens Hills Jewish Center, who is National Israel Bond Chairman of the Zionist Organization of America.

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"This year the State of Israel faces the urgent need to expand its economic structure to absorb its new citizens, who will continue to arrive at a rate at least as high as that of last year. This calls for an intensified effort to develop the Negev as Israel's major center of new settlement. The irrigation pipeline from the Sea of Galilee must be completed, industrial growth and mineral exploitation must be accelerated, work on the new port at Ashdod must be advanced, and at least 20,000 housing units must be built during 1963. For all of these tasks, an increased level of Israel Bond funds is indispensable."

Ambassador Harman underscored the continuing need for economic development in Israel as a basis for the prompt and effective absorption of new immigrants and for the realization of Israel's full potential as a free and creative nation. In this connection he stressed the significance of Israel Bonds as a productive partnership between the people of Israel and the people of other lands.

DR. SILVER STRESSES BOND ACHIEVEMENTS, CITES CONTINUING NEEDS

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization, stressed the achievements which Israel has recorded with the aid of Israel Bonds, and drew attention to the important economic tasks for which continued Bond funds are needed.

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Dr. Silver outlined the major development needs which must be met during 1963 with the help of Israel Bonds. He listed:

"Completion of the irrigation pipeline which will bring water from the Sea of Galilee to the Negev; intensification of agricultural development in the Negev and the expansion of new development towns and industrial enterprises in the Negev; construction of housing for new immigrants, who are expected to enter the country in the same large volume as in 1962; continued work on the construction of the new port at Ashdod, which will be the Negev's outlet for trade with the west and a vital link in Israel's drive to increase exports; and the expansion of transportation facilities, especially roads and railways in the Negev."

The veteran Jewish leader stressed the importance of economic development in terms of large numbers of immigrants coming to Israel in the hope of finding peace and dignity.

"As long as the need is there," he said, "and our brothers are turning to Israel as their one haven and hope, as long as the State of Israel remains surrounded by implacable foes determined upon its destruction, and as long as the young state has not attained its goal of security and stability, we cannot and shall not relax. A long road lies ahead, but a glorious road of promise and achievement. The last fifteen years have shown us what we can do, and how seemingly insurmountable obstacles can be overcome, and how vision, courage and determination in a people win through in the end. Encouraged and inspired by the past, we shall march resolutely into the future."

DR. SCHWARTZ PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR. SILVER ON HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

On the occasion of his seventieth birthday, tribute was paid to Dr. Silver for his distinguished leadership in behalf of Israel. A birthday gift consisting of the first fifteen volumes of the Hebrew encyclopedia being published in Israel was presented by Dr. Schwartz who hailed Dr. Silver's place of eminence in the American rabbinate and in the movement for the establishment of the State of Israel. Dr. Silver will also receive the rest of the volumes of this work as they come off the press.

"The central thread of Dr. Silver's life," Dr. Schwartz stressed, "the driving purpose of his existence has been the militant espousal of the cause of a Jewish State, which he has served with vision, indomitable will and courage, and a great and incomparable gift of oratory.

"In the crucial days when the doors of Palestine were barred by the Mandatory Government, he founded the American Zionist Emergency Council to fight the British White Paper. He was one of the principal founders of the United Jewish Appeal to help rescue the Jewish people from the ravages of Hitlerism. As the Chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, he made a masterful presentation of the Zionist case to the United Nations. As a foremost rabbi and scholar, he has made an enduring contribution to the strengthening of American Jewish life.

"If American Jewry has achieved a high degree of maturity, if it has learned to assume its full share of responsibility for the well-being of the State of Israel, if it has carried the burden of rescuing the surviving remnants of European Jewry, if it stands now as the central force, together with the people of Israel, in determining the future of the Jewish people, much of that achievement can be credited to the life and work of Dr. Silver who now enters the septuagenarian ranks."

WOMEN'S DIVISION PLANS ACTIVITIES FOR 1963

Mrs. Jan Pearce, who is starting her fourth year as Chairman of the National Women's Division of the Israel Bond Organization, stressed the importance of the thousands of women who serve as volunteer workers in the Israel Bond campaign.

A frequent visitor to Israel, Mrs. Pearce described the "sense of progress and affirmation that is a part of the very atmosphere of Israel." She termed it "a real privilege to realize that our efforts through Israel Bonds have helped to create and sustain that atmosphere."

Mrs. Pearce also presided at a special luncheon meeting of the expanded executive board of the Women's Division that was held yesterday afternoon. Plans for the attainment of record Israel Bond sales in 1963 were explored and developed by the national, regional and community leaders who participated in the session.

Chen, the volunteer sales program of the Women's Division, was discussed by Mrs. Alfred M. Karlin, National Chairman for Chen. Mrs. Karlin noted that, in 1962, more than fifty women in communities across the country achieved the \$100,000 Woman of Valor level in Israel Bond sales and purchases.

Mrs. Avis Shulman, National Chairman of Speakers and Information for the Women's Division, took part in the luncheon meeting, as did Mrs. Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia and Mrs. Jacob Silver of Hartford, both members of the National Executive Board of the Division. Also in attendance were Women's Division officers from Denver, Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Detroit, St. Louis, Buffalo, Bridgeport, Stamford and several other American communities.

HIMAN BROWN HONORED AS PRODUCER OF CHANUKAH FESTIVALS

Himan Brown, the well-known radio and TV producer, received a silver Bible from Israel for his outstanding contribution to Israel Bonds as the volunteer producer and director of the Chanukah Festivals for Israel at Madison Square Garden.

William Goldfine, 1963 Campaign Chairman of the Israel Bond drive in New York, paid warm tribute to Mr. Brown for the great artistic success of the Chanukah Festivals which have become an indispensable factor in the economic aid program for Israel in the city of New York.

PLANS FOR 1963 CAMPAIGN TO BE ANNOUNCED

The conference will conclude with a breakfast session tomorrow (Sunday) at 9:00 A.M. in the Gold Ballroom of the Savoy-Hilton Hotel. Principal speakers will be Dr. Schwartz; Leon Keyserling, former Chairman of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers, and Meir Sherman, Israel's former Economic Minister to the United States, who is now Managing Director of the Paz Oil Company in Israel. Samuel Rothberg, National Campaign Chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, will preside at the closing session which will adopt a campaign program for 1963.

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September 14, 1962

My dear Max:

At your request, I am enclosing herewith the address which I am to deliver at the Israel Bond meeting next Saturday in Washington. Please let Mr. Steinglass have it and request him not to emasculate it when he gives it to the press. There are some important things which I believe should be said at this time and they should be included in any release which is sent out by your public relations department.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in Washington, I remain

As ever yours,

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AT THE BONDS FOR ISRAEL CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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THE THREE VITAL AND CONTINUING NEEDS OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL TODAY ARE POPULATION, INDUSTRY AND SECURITY. THEY ARE INTER-RELATED AND THEY DETERMINE ONE ANOTHER. BONDS FOR ISRAEL, TO A LARGE DEGREE, SERVE ALL THREE NEEDS.

ISRAEL NEEDS ADDITIONAL MAN-POWER FOR ITS EXPANDING INDUSTRIES, FOR ITS NEW PLANTS AND FACTORIES, ITS LARGE-SCALE HOUSING PROGRAM, THE NEW TOWNS WHICH ARE SPRINGING UP, THE NEW HIGHWAYS AND HARBOR UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND ITS IRRIGATION PROJECTS. FOR ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE ECONOMY AND GROWTH, ISRAEL NEEDS PEOPLE. ISRAEL'S POPULATION HAS BEEN SHARPLY INCREASED. BUT ISRAEL NEEDS MORE. THERE IS FULL EMPLOYMENT AND ISRAEL IS EXPERIENCING AN ACTUAL LABOR SHORTAGE.

JEWS FROM MANY PARTS OF THE DIASPORA ARE STILL UNDER THE NECESSITY OF COMING TO ISRAEL, BEING FORCED BY PERSECUTION, POLITICAL UNREST AND DANGER TO SEEK NEW HOMES. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR PEOPLE ARE ON THE MOVE. FROM ALGERIA, MOROCCO, AND EASTERN EUROPE, THEY ARE EMIGRATING TO OTHER LANDS. MOST OF THEM ARE CONVERGING UPON ISRAEL. THE IMMEMORIAL ODYSSEY OF OUR PEOPLE IS NOT YET OVER. WHO KNOWS WHEN OTHER JEWS FROM OTHER LANDS, WILL NOT BE KNOCKING ON ITS DOORS?

ISRAEL GLADLY WELCOMES THEM. IT IS EAGER NOT ONLY TO OFFER THEM SHELTER AND THE PROSPECT OF A NEW LIFE AND A NEW HOPE, BUT IT IS HAPPY AT THE REINFORCEMENT WHICH THEY REPRESENT. THEY BRING ADDITIONAL HANDS AND HEARTS TO THEIR NEW SOCIETY. ISRAEL NEEDS MORE PEOPLE, NOT ONLY TO ASSIST IN ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT TO AUGMENT BY THEIR NUMERICAL STRENGTH ITS DEFENSE POTENTIAL AND SECURITY.

ISRAEL MUST INDUSTRIALIZE ITS ECONOMY IN ORDER TO ABSORB NEW IMMIGRANTS. AGRICULTURE ALONE CANNOT SUPPORT A LARGE POPULATION. ISRAEL HAS MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, BUT IN ORDER TO RATIONALIZE ITS ECONOMIC LIFE, TO BECOME SELF-SUSTAINING AND TO BALANCE ITS BUDGET, IT WILL REQUIRE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A LARGE OUTPUT OF MACHINE-MADE GOODS FOR EXPORT. THE SHOP AND FACTORY, THE MINE AND THE MILL MUST IN LARGE MEASURE SUPPLEMENT THE FIELD, THE FARM AND THE ORCHARD. THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF ISRAEL LIES, APART FROM TOURISM, SHIPPING AND AIR TRANSPORTATION, IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

INDUSTRIALIZATION IS REQUIRED ALSO FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. AN ECONOMICALLY SOUND, INDUSTRIALLY STRONG COUNTRY, POSSESSED OF THE CAPACITY TO PRODUCE MUCH THAT IS REQUIRED IN AN EMERGENCY, HAS A BETTER CHANCE OF SURVIVAL IN THE MODERN WORLD. LESS DEVELOPED AND ECONOMICALLY WEAKER NEIGHBORS MAY BE DETERRED FROM ATTEMPTS AT AGGRESSION, KNOWING THAT THEIR WOULD-BE-VICTIM HAS A STRONG HEART, AND THE FINANCIAL ABILITY TO ENDURE.

FINALLY, ISRAEL NEEDS SECURITY. IT IS SURROUNDED BY IRRECONCILABLE NEIGHBORS WHO ARE REPEATEDLY AVOWING THEIR INTENTIONS OF DESTROYING IT. THEY ARE MAKING OPEN PREPARATIONS FOR IT. AS A RESULT, ISRAEL HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO ALLOCATE A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF ITS NATIONAL BUDGET TO DEFENSE. THIS, OF COURSE, HAS TO BE SO UNTIL THE DANGER AND THE THREATS ARE REMOVED. PRIME MINISTER BEN GURION WARNED HIS NATION RECENTLY THAT ISRAEL MUST BE PREPARED FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHE MIGHT ANY DAY HAVE TO FACE A STRUGGLE FOR LIFE AND DEATH. IT IS A PITY THAT LARGE SUMS OF MONEY THAT COULD SO READILY AND WOULD SO EAGERLY BE APPLIED TO THE PEACEFUL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PIONEERING LAND, MUST GO DOWN THE DRAIN OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES.

TIME AND AGAIN, ISRAEL HAS ASKED FOR PEACE WITH ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS -- AND HAS DECLARED ITS READINESS TO ACCEPT TOTAL REGIONAL DISARMAMENT. IN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH THE KNESSET ADOPTED IN '59, AND AGAIN IN '61, IT IS STATES: "UNTIL GENERAL DISARMAMENT IS ACCEPTED AND CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL PROPOSE TO ALL ISRAEL'S ARAB NEIGHBORS -- EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAQ, JORDAN, SYRIA AND LEBANON -- AN AGREEMENT LEADING TO

FULL DISARMAMENT AND THE ABOLITION OF THE ARMED FORCES IN ISRAEL AND THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ARAB STATES, ON CONDITION THAT CONSTANT AND UNHAMPERED CONTROL OF THIS AGREEMENT IS ASSURED, AND THAT THE BORDERS AND SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL THESE STATES ARE NOT AFFECTED. "

BUT THESE FRIENDLY OVERTURES HAVE BEEN MET AND ARE DAILY BEING MET WITH SNARLS AND JEERS ON THE PART OF THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS WHO DEEM THEMSELVES VERY TALL AT THE MOMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE PRESENTLY RIDING HIGH ON THE SHOULDERS OF POWERFUL GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE NOT THEM IN MIND AT ALL. THESE GOVERNMENTS ARE PURSUING THEIR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS AND WILL DROP THE ARABS UNCEREMONIOUSLY WHEN IT SUITS THEIR PURPOSES. AS LONG AS THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS RECEIVE POWERFUL BOMBERS AND HEAVY TANKS FROM THE EAST, AND MOST GENEROUS FINANCIAL AID FROM THE WEST -- PLUS ASSURANCES AND ENCOURAGEMENTS GIVEN THEM BY HIGH-PLACED OFFICIAL VISITORS WHICH FEED THEIR VANITY AND THEIR PRESTIGE -- THEY CAN WELL AFFORD TO THREATEN ISRAEL, TO BE INSOLENT AND INTRANSIGENT. AS LONG AS THE UNITED STATES AND THE REST OF THE FREE WORLD CONTINUE TO TAKE LIGHTLY NASSER'S THREATS TO DESTROY ISRAEL, AND DISREGARD EGYPT'S VAST MILITARY BUILD-UP, WHICH IS FAR IN EXCESS OF ITS REAL SECURITY NEEDS, BUT IS CLEARLY AIMED AT ISRAEL, THE TENSE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL CONTINUE TO RISE.

WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT OUR GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON IS AWARE OF ISRAEL'S SECURITY NEEDS. THAT IS CERTAINLY TRUE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAS DONE VERY LITTLE ABOUT IT. OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FRIENDLY BUT NOT VERY HELPFUL IN RESOLVING THE ISRAEL-ARAB TENSIONS. IT HAS MADE AND IS MAKING HUGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO EGYPT'S ECONOMY BY WAY OF GRANTS AND LOANS, WITHOUT REQUIRING, AS A PRIOR CONDITION, THAT EGYPT'S COSTLY MILITARY EXPENDITURES, WHICH ARE CLEARLY DESIGNED FOR AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST ISRAEL, BE DISCONTINUED. INDIRECTLY, OUR FINANCIAL AID TO EGYPT IS BEING USED TO BUY GUNS, PLANES AND TANKS TO BE USED AGAINST ISRAEL.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY TOURED THE MIDDLE EAST. HE VISITED LEBANON, CYRUS, IRAN, GREECE AND TURKEY, "TO RE-AFIRM, WE ARE TOLD, AMERICAN SUPPORT OF THESE REGIONS AND TO DRAMATIZE AMERICAN STEADFASTNESS TOWARD THEM." A VERY COMMENDABLE MISSION, TO BE SURE, TO WHICH NO ONE CAN TAKE EXCEPTION. BUT ISRAEL WAS NOT INCLUDED IN HIS ITINERARY, BECAUSE "SUCH A VIST", WE WERE TOLD, "MIGHT BE 'MIS-INTERPRETED' BY THE ARAB STATES!" MIS-INTERPRETED? BUT HOW? THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ALSO AFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL AND IS DRAMATIZING AMERICAN STEADFASTNESS TOWARD IT TOO? BUT IF SO, WHY NOT? WHY SHOULD NOT OUR GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF ISRAEL, WHOSE LEADERS AND

PEOPLE HAD HELPED TO BRING IT INTO EXISTENCE, TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THIS FACT AT THE SAME TIME THAT IT IS DOING SO FOR THE OTHER STATES IN THE MIDDLE EAST? HOW LONG WILL THE FEAR OF POSSIBLE "MIS-INTERPRETATION" TIE THE HANDS OF OUR GOVERNMENT, AND KEEP IT FROM UNDERTAKING FORTHRIGHT AND HELPFUL ACTION, OF A NON-MILITARY NATURE, TO BE SURE, -- AND MANY SUCH AVENUES ARE OPEN TO IT -- WHICH WOULD REDOUND TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLES IN THAT REGION, ISRAEL AS WELL AS THE ARAB STATES? SUCH FORTHRIGHT DIPLOMATIC ACTION, MR. KENNEDY, ON THE EVE OF HIS ELECTION, PROMISED TO TAKE. NO ONE DOUBTS MR. KENNEDY'S GOOD INTENTIONS, AND HIS FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS ISRAEL. BUT ONE WONDERS WHY HIS STATESMANSHIP HERE HAS FLAGGED AND FALTERED? IT DOES LITTLE GOOD TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISITS TO ARAB STATES WHICH DELIBERATELY BY-PASS ISRAEL. THIS SERVES BUT TO ACCENTUATE A DIVISIVENESS WHICH THE ARAB LEAGUE WOULD LIKE TO PERTETUATE. WHAT IS NEEDED TODAY IS NOT A TACIT ACCEPTANCE OF ARTIFICIAL FENCES, BUT THE COURAGEOUS BUILDING OF BRIDGES.

IT DID CONSIDERABLE HARM WHEN OUR COUNTRY VOTED IN THE UNITED NATIONS AGAINST A RESOLUTION WHICH ~~CALL~~ED FOR DIRECT ISRAELI-ARAB MEETINGS. ON THE EVE OF HIS ELECTION, PRESIDENT KENNEDY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO DO HIS BEST TO HELP BRING SUCH MEETINGS ABOUT. IT DID CONSIDERABLE HARM WHEN OUR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS JOINED IN CENSURING ISRAEL FOR RETALIATING AGAINST AN UNPROVOKED

BORDER ATTACK BY SYRIA WITHOUT A WORD OF CENSURE FOR SYRIA.

THE CLEAR THREAT TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY WHICH IS INVOLVED IN THE VAST ARMS BUILD-UP OF THE ARABS, ESPECIALLY OF EGYPT, CANNOT BE COUNTERED BY BACK-DOOR REASSURANCES WHICH ARE GIVEN TO THE JEWS OF AMERICA ON THE EVE OF AN ELECTION. THEY HAVE NO EFFECT WHATSOEVER ON THE ARAB LEADERS AND THEY DO NOT ALLAY THE STRONG APPREHENSIONS WHICH ARE FELT BY OUR PEOPLE.

ISRAEL ASKS FOR NO SPECIAL PREFERENCES, ONLY EQUAL DIPLOMATIC TREATMENT, AND A FRIENDLY INITIATIVE TO BRING ABOUT A REASONABLE IMPROVEMENT IN AN AREA WHOSE CONTINUED TENSIONS MAY WELL LEAD TO WAR.

ISRAEL, OF COURSE, HAS NO OIL TO OFFER, ONLY FRIENDSHIP -- A COMMODITY WHICH THE RECENT EXPERIENCES OF OUR GOVERNMENT IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD MUST HAVE SHOWN CANNOT BE PURCHASED FOR A PRICE.

IN SAYING WHAT I HAVE SAID, I TRUST THAT NO ONE WOULD INTERPRET MY REMARKS AS BEING UNFRIENDLY TO OUR GOVERNMENT. SOON AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, I ADDRESSED MYSELF TO OUR PEOPLE IN THESE WORDS:

"IN THE YEARS TO COME THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE MANY ISSUES ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAY TAKE POSITIONS WHICH WILL NOT BE ENTIRELY FAVORABLE TO THE STATE

OF ISRAEL. INsofar AS THESE POSITIONS WILL APPEAR TO US TO BE UNSOUND, UNJUST, OR ILL-ADVISED, OUR PEOPLE SHOULD MOST DECIDEDLY OPPOSE THEM. THEY SHOULD NOT ACCEPT OR CONCUR IN ANY FOREIGN POLICY OF OUR GOVERNMENT, WHETHER IN RELATION TO ISRAEL OR FOR THAT MATTER TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO THEM TO BE JUST AND GOOD FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. GOVERNMENTS FROM TIME TO TIME ADOPT UNWISE FOREIGN POLICIES WHICH THEY LATER REVISE AND CORRECT. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ARE ALWAYS FLUID AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. HOWEVER, WHEN WE CRITICISE OUR GOVERNMENT FOR WRONG POLICIES TOWARD ISRAEL, WE SHOULD NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE BASICALLY FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE WHICH HAS PERSISTED THROUGH THESE MANY DECADES AND YEARS. WE SHOULD NOT INTERPRET ALL ACTIONS OF WHICH WE DO NOT APPROVE AS STEMMING FROM ILL-WILL OR MALICE. WE SHOULD BUILD UPON THE HISTORIC ATTITUDE OF FRIENDSHIP, RETAINING THE RIGHT TO REASON :WITH THE RESPONSIBLE HEADS OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND TO PERSUADE THEM WHENEVER ~~WE~~ WE BELIEVE THAT A DIFFERENT COURSE IS INDICATED. "

FOR THE TIME BEING, AND UNTIL THE RIVAL POWER BLOCS IN OUR WORLD CEASE PLAYING FOR THE FAVOR OF THE ARAB STATES, ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO LOOK TO ITS OWN DEFENCES. IT WILL AND MUST DO ITS UTMOST TO BECOME STRONG AND SELF-RELIANT. IN THIS IT WILL BE HELPED BY THE REMARKABLE ENERGY, COURAGE AND SACRIFICIAL LOYALTY OF ITS OWN PEOPLE, AND BY THE ASSISTANCE OF FELLOW-JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO HELPED TO RE-BUILD THE HISTORIC HOMELAND OF OUR PEOPLE AND WHO ARE RESOLVED TO INSURE ITS FUTURE GROWTH, STABILITY AND SECURITY.

THE BONDS WHICH WE BUY ARE A TOKEN OF OUR FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL, AND ARE EVIDENCE OF OUR EAGER AND CONTINUING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMON HISTORIC ENTERPRISE.

ISRAEL, MY FRIENDS, HAS SERVED US WELL. "THE PEOPLE THAT WALKED IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT. THEY THAT DWELT IN THE LANDS OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM DID A LIGHT SHINE." IN THE DARKEST HOUR OF OUR HISTORY, THE REBIRTH OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL SHED A BRILLIANT AND COMFORTING LIGHT UPON OUR PEOPLE EVERY-WHERE. FROM THE FAR CORNERS OF THE EARTH, THE DISPERSED AND THE SCATTERED, THE DESPOILED AND THE BROKEN REMNANTS OF OUR PEOPLE WERE ENABLED TO COME TO ISRAEL AND THERE FIND HAVEN, REST AND A RE-BORN HOPE.

ISRAEL HAS GIVEN OUR PEOPLE A SENSE OF UNITY HITHERTO
UNKNOWN, AND A SENSE OF PRIDE OF WHICH THE GALUT (EXILE)
HAD ROBBED US. ON THE VERSE OF THE PSALMIST: *היהללנו עיר*
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THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ONE TO ANOTHER. "

WE HAVE BECOME MORE FULLY AWARE OF OUR STRONG BOND
OF PEOPLE-HOOD, OUR GROUP SOLIDARITY, AND WE DO NOT RUE IT
NOR EXPLAIN IT AWAY. WE HAVE GRATEFULLY RE-DISCOVERED THE
PRIDE OF OUR HERITAGE AND DESTINY. OUR CHILDREN ARE FACING
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Address by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
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Saturday evening, January 12, 1963
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The major development needs which must be met during 1963 with the help of Israel Bonds are the completion of the irrigation pipeline which will bring water from the Sea of Galilee to the Negev; the intensification of agricultural development in the Negev and the expansion of new development towns and industrial enterprises in the Negev; the construction of housing for new immigrants, who are expected to enter the country in the same large volume as in 1962; the continued work on the construction of the new port at Ashdod, which will be the Negev's outlet for trade with the West and a vital link in Israel's drive to increase exports; and the expansion of transportation facilities, especially roads and railways in the Negev.

What we have accomplished in the last 15 years is well known to you, and really requires no rehearsal on my part before such an audience as this, composed of the leaders of our Israel Bond campaigns throughout the country. The amazing industrial and agricultural progress of the young, pioneering nation would have been nigh impossible without the stimulus which Bonds for Israel provided. The phenomenal growth of the country, the development of the Negev, the large-scale irrigation and housing projects, the many new towns

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Israel has accomplished so much, incredibly so much! By its faithful allegiance to the free world, the development of its educational system and its institutions of higher learning, its advanced social legislation, the aid which it has extended to less developed nations in Africa and Asia, and the maintenance of peace, in the face of boycott, blockade and the contrivances of its unreconciled neighbors, it has revealed to the world the ground-tone of its chosen way of life, its fundamental purposes and dominant interests as a nation. All this which is in such full accord with the noble traditions of our people has filled us with inestimable pride. It has been for us a rarer gift than the gold we gave to make its foundation strong. Our children have re-discovered the pride of their heritage, and honor has come back to dwell in their hearts. Everyone who has had a hand in helping to bring Israel into being and in assisting in its growth -- as we have assisted through Bonds for Israel -- may feel proud and grateful and deeply satisfied.

And now, we must think of the future. Israel knows that its historic task is far from being over -- and we know that our task is far from being over.

Great demands were made upon us in the years which gave us the second World War, Hitler and the re-birth of Israel -- a cup of staggering and a cup of salvation. It was a time when the light was never divided from the darkness. We saw our people in two kinds of camps -- the concentration camps of torture and death and the Mahabarot, the temporary camps in Israel, the gateway to new life and freedom. In one part of the world we watched the homes and towns and all that our people had built in a thousand years consumed by fire and sword and laid waste in ruins. In another part of the world we watched the ruins of a thousand years being re-built, and what had been wasted and ravaged being re-claimed by the toil and labor of our people. No such apocalyptic horrors were ever visited upon our people, and seldom has such Messianic glory shown upon it. From the shadow of death, light was brought forth. The graves were many. There were millions of our martyred dead. But an ancient prophecy was being fulfilled: "Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel."

The days to come will continue to make great demands upon our loyalty and perseverance, on Israel's part and on ours. Israel will not be able to escape the political tensions and pressures of the world of which it is a part. Grave, unsolved problems -- internal and external -- still remain. Danger lurks upon its borders.

There is much work still to be done! Israel must be made strong, strong enough to withstand pressures, strong enough to absorb those who will wish to go there, or those who will have to go there, strong enough to fulfill its destiny. As Israel faces mounting defense needs, we must help to finance a greater part of her economic development needs.

We who live in this gracious land, have been a privileged generation in that we have been the chosen tools in the hands of God for the salvation of His people. We have tried faithfully to match our hour. We were given an historic assignment and we set about executing it to the best of our abilities. We have done well but we must now find and develop new forces within the Jewish community in America to continue the effort in the days to come. The young generations must be accustomed to the burden and privilege of our historic responsibility.

Let us bear in mind that these are dangerous, eruptive and unpredictable times for all peoples and that they are likely to continue so for some time. Passions are running high in our world. Dark tides are sweeping all around us. We all prayerfully hope that the forces of reason will come to prevail and the desperate efforts of nations to preserve peace will succeed. But in the meantime, the cold war is bearing down most heavily upon our defenceless people in many parts of the world. In North Africa, in the Middle East and in Latin America, our people are its principal victims, and even in the free countries of the west, the conflict with communism is exploited by groups of neo-Nazis as an excuse to wage war upon Jews. Violent times are especially dangerous for minority groups, and even more so for the Jewish group, which historically has suffered most in periods of social, political or economic unrest.

Many Jews are today abandoning these lands of intolerable conditions and dark prospects. Many of them are coming to Israel in the hope of finding there the peace and dignity which the world denied them. As long as the need is there, and our brothers are turning to Israel as their one haven and hope, as long as the State of Israel remains surrounded by implacable foes determined upon its

destruction, and as long as the young State has not attained its goal of security and stability, we cannot and shall not relax.

A long road lies ahead, but a glorious road of promise and achievement. The last 15 years have shown us what we can do, and how seemingly insurmountable obstacles can be overcome, and how vision, courage and determination in a people win through in the end. Encouraged and inspired by the past, we shall march resolutely into the future.



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Israel has accomplished so much, ^{in the last 15 years} incredibly so much! ^{and not only} ~~materially~~
By its faithful allegiance to the free world, the development of its educational system and its institutions of higher learning, its advanced social legislation, the aid which it has extended to less developed nations in Africa and Asia, and the maintenance of peace, in the face of boycott, ^{and} blockade ~~and the contrivances of its~~ ~~unreconciled neighbors~~, it has revealed to the world the ground-tone of its chosen way of life, its fundamental purposes and dominant interests as a nation. All this which is in such full accord with the noble traditions of our people has filled us with inestimable pride. It has been for us a rarer gift than the gold we gave to make its foundation strong. Our children have re-discovered the pride of their heritage, and honor has come back to dwell in their hearts. Everyone who has had a hand in helping to bring Israel into being and in assisting in its growth -- as ^{you} ~~we~~ have assisted through Bonds for Israel -- may feel proud and grateful and deeply satisfied.

And now, we must think of the future. Israel knows that its historic task is far from being over -- and we know that our task is far from being over.

Great demands were made upon ^{our people} us in the years which gave us the second World War, Hitler and the re-birth of Israel -- a cup of staggering and a cup of salvation. It was a time when the light was never divided from the darkness. We saw our people in two kinds of camps -- the concentration camps of torture and death, and the Mahabarot, the temporary camps in Israel, the gateway to new life and freedom. In one part of the world we watched the homes and towns and all that our people had built in a thousand years consumed by fire and sword and laid waste in ruins. In another part of the world we watched the ruins of a thousand years being re-built, and what had been wasted and ravaged ~~being~~ re-claimed by the toil and labor of our people. No such apocalyptic horrors were ever visited upon our people, and seldom has such Messianic glory shown upon it. From the shadow of death, light was brought forth. The graves were many. There were millions of our martyred dead. But an ancient prophecy was being fulfilled: "Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel."

The days to come will continue to make great demands upon ^{even though, thank God, it will no longer be the same} our loyalty and perseverance, on Israel's part and on ours. ^{אנחנו לא נעזוב} Israel will not be able to escape the political tensions and pressures of the world of which it is a part. Grave, unsolved problems -- internal and external -- still remain. Danger lurks upon its borders.

There is much work still to be done! Israel must be made strong, strong enough to withstand pressures, strong enough to absorb those who will wish to go there, or those who will have to go there, strong enough to fulfill its destiny. / As Israel faces mounting defense needs, we must help to finance a greater part of her economic development needs.

We who live in this gracious land, have been a privileged generation in that we have been the chosen tools in the hands of God for the salvation of His people. We have tried faithfully to match our hour. We were given an historic assignment and we set about executing it to the best of our abilities. We have done ~~well~~ ^{not badly} but we must now find and develop new forces within the Jewish community in America to continue the effort in the days to come. ^{Our} ~~The~~ young generations must be ^{trained and} accustomed to the burden and privilege of our historic responsibility. ^{Young hands to take over the reins of leadership.}

Let us bear in mind that these are ~~dangerous~~, eruptive and unpredictable times for all peoples, and that they are likely to continue so for some time. Passions are running high in our world. Dark tides are sweeping all around us. We all prayerfully hope that the forces of reason will come to prevail and ^{that} the desperate efforts of nations to preserve peace will succeed. But in the meantime, the cold war is bearing down most heavily upon our defenceless people in many parts of the world. In North Africa, in the Middle East and in Latin America, our people are its principal victims, and even in the free countries of the ~~West~~, the conflict with communism is ^{being} exploited by groups of neo-Nazis as an excuse to wage war upon ~~Jews~~ ^{us}. Violent times are especially dangerous for minority groups, and even more so for the Jewish group, which historically has suffered most in periods of social, political or economic unrest.

Many Jews are today abandoning ~~these~~ lands of intolerable conditions and dark prospects. Many of them are coming to Israel in the hope of finding there the peace and dignity which the world denied them. As long as the need is there, and our brothers are turning to Israel as their one haven and hope, as long as the State of Israel remains surrounded by implacable foes determined upon its

destruction, and as long as the young State has not attained its goal of security and stability, we cannot and shall not relax. 237 21 3/6

A long road lies ahead, but a glorious road of promise and achievement.

The last 15 years have shown us what we can do, and how seemingly insurmountable obstacles can be overcome, and how vision, courage

and determination in a people ^{do} win through in the end. Encouraged

and inspired by ^{an accomplished} the past, we shall march resolutely into the ^{unpredictable} future,

confident that the Guardian of Israel will establish the work of our hands.





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From the office of
JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ
Vice President

September 18, 1963

Dear Friend:

First of all, I should like to express my best wishes to you and your family for a very happy and healthful New Year.

I am writing to bring you a brief report on the National Fall Planning Conference of our Board of Governors and Community Chairmen which was held in Washington, D. C. during the past weekend.

Meeting four months after the beginning of the redemption of the first Israel Bonds, the conference was imbued with a high degree of optimism generated by the heartening results of the current campaign. The leaders from the United States and Canada rejoiced at the news that we have sold \$34,050,000 so far this year, or more than \$5 million over and above the amount that was sold in the same period in 1962. I am happy to report that we have had record sales this year in almost every section of the country and particularly in the big cities, and there has been a surge of new confidence in Bonds as a result of the start of redemption and Israel's consistently impressive economic growth.

The 18% increase which we have had during the first 8 months of 1963 puts us within reach of a new and dramatic level of accomplishment for Israel's development. The High Holidays, as you well know, usher in our Fall campaign which is traditionally the most productive phase of our annual effort. If this substantial rate of increase is maintained during the balance of the year, we shall succeed in breaking through the \$60 million barrier for the first time in the history of Israel Bonds and even come very close to reaching the \$70 million mark.

In our deliberations on the objectives of the Israel Bond program and the position of Israel today, we were blessed with addresses of unusual impact.

Israel's problems of economic development, integration of immigrants and security were brilliantly analyzed by Josef Almogi, Minister of Development and Housing. He pointed out that instead of sharing in the welcome lessening of tension in other parts of the world, the Middle East was experiencing an intensified hostility on the part of the Arabs towards Israel. "We continue to be the only country in the world whose neighbors daily threaten to destroy her, and as long as such a situation exists we have a solemn obligation and moral right to maintain and strengthen our deterrent power in order to insure peace," Mr. Almogi said.

In stressing the degree to which Israel relies on Israel Bond proceeds, Mr. Almogi emphasized that they were indispensable to the future development of the country. He declared that the redemption and settlement of the Negev and the Galilee are "the supreme economic and national tasks facing the people of Israel and vital to its security."

The Israel Cabinet Minister urged wider response to the Israel Bond campaign, saying, "Israel Bonds are the bond between our needs and the possibility of achievement. They are the bridge between pioneering work and pioneering capital. The Israel Bond drive can drive out the wilderness and drive in human life."

Referring to Israel's achievements since statehood, Ambassador Avraham Harman said: "We are not satisfied and we are wrestling with time which is of the essence. We have time to build a secure future only if we use it well and wisely. Our chief hope lies in the fact that there is a restless impatience among the people of Israel to go beyond their present achievements. During this period of no war and no peace they are seeking to build the kind of civilization that will preserve the Jewish way of life."

Ambassador Harman described his recent visit to Arad, the new Negev development town. "During my visit to Arad I could feel confident that the struggle against the desert will succeed in the years to come." He said that Israel Bonds were an outstanding example of the unbroken and unbreakable partnership between American Jewry and the people of Israel. "I congratulate you on your successful efforts which give the Israelis new confidence," he declared.

Abraham Feinberg, President of the Israel Bond Organization, told the conference that the Jewish people could not have survived nor could the State of Israel have come into being "if we had not been optimists in times of great danger and crisis." Today the development of Israel has demonstrated that the Jews are realists as well as optimists and that the mixture of the two has proved to be a very indispensable formula in the building of the Jewish homeland, he declared.

Despite external dangers and critical internal problems during the past fifteen years, he emphasized that Israel never faltered in its firm and unwavering devotion to the principles of democracy and that its people have never been denied the right to express their will as free citizens in the affairs of their country.

Mr. Feinberg drew attention to the importance of the 1964 opening of the Negev irrigation pipeline to the future development of the southern desert. He said: "When the first valve is opened on the new irrigation pipeline from the Sea of Galilee to the Negev, the desert will be in retreat and many thousands of new settlers and immigrants will be able to move into the empty spaces to start a new life there."

"Tonight," he said, "we celebrate redemption as a milestone that has removed the last question mark of doubt concerning Israel's economic future and the effectiveness of the Israel Bond program."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the Board of Governors, reported on his recent visit to Israel which he said is "growing and developing at a remarkable pace." He said that Israel's rapid rate of economic growth was stimulated by the purchase of Israel Bonds and that the participants in the Israel Bond program give evidence of their confidence in the stability of the State and their great pride in its growth and development.

However, he observed that Israel's achievements have had to be made in the face of continuing Arab threats. "The Israelis are continuously aware of this problem but they are not in any way alarmed by it or deflected from the tasks in which they are engaged." In the course of his address Dr. Silver said: "There is no unemployment in the country -- in fact there is a labor shortage. What impresses one is the tempo of the country's progress, the speed of construction, the elan, the dynamism. What today is a dream, a project, a prospectus, is reality tomorrow.... The country is rapidly reaching a point of economic self-sufficiency.

"Some day statesmen will arise in the Arab world who will see the wisdom of putting an end to boycotts, embargoes and threats and of working out a condition of peace between their countries and Israel which will redound to the benefit of everyone concerned. When that time comes they will find the State of Israel, the Israeli ready to meet them halfway," Dr. Silver declared.

The final session was presided over by Samuel Rothberg, National Campaign Chairman, who declared that the new settlement program in the Galilee in the North as well as the large-scale development effort in the Negev represented the two most important elements affecting the future of Israel. He called upon the community leaders from the United States and Canada to express to the people of Israel, through Israel Bonds, their readiness to give the pioneers the tools to do their job.

The reports of the community leaders at this session were compared by one of the speakers to a "Merrill Lynch seminar" because of the tone of optimism concerning the future of Israel and the soundness of its Bonds.

Mrs. Jan Pearce, National Chairman of the Women's Division, focussed attention on the key role of women in the Israel Bond program, and pledged her Division to a more intensive effort in the coming months in behalf of this vital source of economic development capital for Israel.

"We are impelled in this effort by a dream," she said, "the dream of a State of Israel fulfilled, a State of Israel which has achieved a high measure of self-sufficiency."

At the first session of the conference, Aryeh Manor, Israel's Economic Minister to the United States, reported that Israel has achieved a reputation as an "economic miracle" in many parts of the world. However, he pointed out that Israel must now make a determined effort to establish a place for itself in the markets of the world in the face of the new trade situation resulting from the establishment of the European Common Market. He added that Israel will achieve economic viability in the not too distant future if its economic development continues to receive large-scale support from the sale of Israel Bonds.

Meeting on the eve of Rosh Hashana, the conference was keenly aware of the fact that with all of the favorable reports of economic gains, the essential link of blood and history between American and Canadian Jewry and Israel was the central and paramount factor in their sense of responsibility and solidarity with the builders of the State of Israel.

We have high hopes for the rest of 1963, thanks to your devotion and participation. With your continued close cooperation, I am sure that we shall realize them to the full.

Again, Happy New Year and kindest regards,



Cordially yours,

Joseph J. Schwartz
Vice President

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I shall be pleased to attend the Tenth Anniversary National Economic Planning Conference for Israel which will be held in Washington, D. C. at the Shoreham Hotel from Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18, 1960.

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I shall be glad to attend the planning meeting of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond organization to be held at the Savoy Hilton Hotel Saturday evening, January 12 at 7 P.M. and Sunday morning, January 13.

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