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Emanuel Neumann, 60th birthday, 1953.



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DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN

Zionists throughout the world are celebrating this month the sixtieth birthday of Dr. Emanuel Neumann. The Zionists of the United States will take especial pride in celebrating this auspicious event, for it was here that his noble career made itself supremely manifest.

The history of our movement in the last generation cannot be written without recurrent reference to the significant contributions of Dr. Neumann. In the great and searching years between the two world wars and in the years culminating in the establishment of the State of Israel, in which our generation experienced things which surpassed all terror and exceeded all hope, Dr. Neumann was an inspired leader, guide and champion of his people.

Undeviatingly he stood by the political vision of Theodor Herzl and was its eloquent spokesman and defender in the national and international assemblies of our movement. In the decisive years which led up to the triumph of our cause in the United Nations, Dr. Neumann was among the key men who planned strategy and tactics both in Flushing Meadows and in Washington. He was the keen analyst, the sound scholar, the gifted draftsman of our vital statements and pronouncements.

To whatever office he was summoned - and he occupied the most exalted and responsible in our movement, whether as President of the Zionist Organization of America, member of the American Zionist Emergency Council and the Executive of the Jewish Agency or other important commissions or bodies, some of which he himself established - he brought rare gifts of heart and mind, sound judgment, responsibility, courage, and utter selflessness which inspired confidence and built strength for our cause.

It is not given to many lives to be all of one piece as has been the life of Dr. Neumann, without sharp breaks, detours or sudden shifts and conversions. His was the steady unfoldment of a rich, creative personality around a single, central, dynamic ideal. This ideal still directs his splendid career, for at sixty Dr. Neumann - his



spirit vibrant, his mind luminous, his enthusiasm undiminished - is still advancing from strength to strength. He is continuing unabated his invaluable services to his people in Israel and to the new tasks of arranging the mosaic of its life in the Diaspora in conformity with the new pattern which the establishment of the State of Israel is steadily evolving.

