

### MODERN ASHDOD

The development of modern Ashdod, on the Mediterranean thirty miles south of Tel Aviv, is one of Israel's most exciting new economic projects. Formerly an isolated beach, Ashdod, with the aid of funds from Israel Bonds and the World Bank, is fast becoming a bustling city.

It is the locale of a port which will open in 1965 and which will ultimately equal or exceed Haifa, Israel's largest port, in cargo capacity. The building of Ashdod goes hand in hand with a concentrated effort to open

up the Negev to mass settlement. Ashdod's harbor will serve as a channel for the flow of goods to the Negev and for the export of minerals and chemicals extracted from the Dead Sea and the Negev.

The impact of this new deep-water port on Israel's foreign trade will be of the greatest importance. Ashdod is expected to become a major gateway to world commerce. It will, in effect, become the port of Jerusalem, forty miles away.

Ashdod will also be of strategic value in the settle-

ment of the Negev. Construction of factories, homes, schools and shopping areas is taking place through the city. A railway line linking Ashdod to the main railroad system is under construction and facilities are being mapped for the tourist trade.

Ashdod's population is now nearly 25,000 and is increasing at about 1,000 a month.

It is the port itself that is receiving priority from the Israel Government. The total cost is \$75,000,000, of which \$27,500,000 will be provided by a World Bank loan. The remainder will come from Israel's Development Budget, more than one-third of which is derived from Israel Bonds.

The first stage, scheduled to be completed in November of this year, consists primarily of basic construction work on the beach and the building of a completely new harbor with massive protective breakwaters extending far out into the Mediterranean. Other stages of the project will include the enlargement of the harbor's secondary breakwater, construction of at least three more docks and the building of various installations, including a huge passenger and cargo terminal-wharf and a 5,000-ton floating dry dock.

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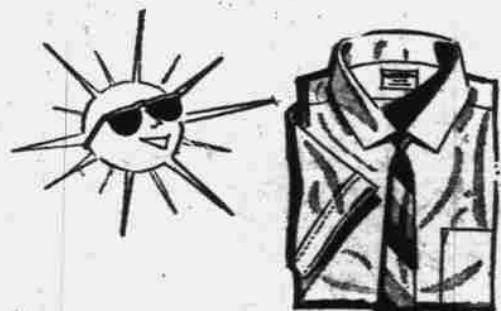
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