

Abba Eban Visits Southland Feb. 6

Abba Eban, new Foreign Minister of the State of Israel, will make his first appearance in Western America in his new post as guest speaker at the State of Israel Dinner to be held Sunday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, it was announced this week by Avshalom Caspi, Consul General of Israel, and Joseph D. Shane, Area Israel Bonds General Chairman.

Hundreds of dignitaries and leaders from all walks of communal, business, political and religious life will attend the gala affair in honor of Victor M. Carter who has been named chairman of the Southland Israel Bond Board of Governors, after a record-shattering four years as general chairman.

Shane will serve as dinner chairman at this historic event, which will also mark the first major community function since he was installed as general chairman.

Eban, who was Ambassador to the United States when the Israel Bond campaign was first launched in 1951, played an important role in getting the drive under way.

His appearance here in his new capacity, coinciding with the 15th anniversary of the bond program, is regarded as highly significant.

During that period, the Israel Bond campaign has been the major channel of economic aid for the development of Israel. Proceeds of the drive have helped finance the expansion of industry and agriculture, the

building of irrigation pipelines, the exploitation of natural resources, the construction of roads, harbors, railways and houses for new immigrants.

The testimonial dinner will call attention to Carter's forceful and inspiring leadership for four successive years, during which the Los Angeles campaign shattered the record for every previous year and attained a record high of sales for the advancement of Israel's economy.

Terming Eban's visit for the occasion a tribute to Carter's role in the upbuilding of Israel, Shane stated:

"It is obvious that the testimonial dinner planned for Victor Carter met with the very warm approbation of the Israel Government as evidenced

by the fact that on the very day he assumed his new post as Foreign Minister, Mr. Eban cabled his acceptance of our invitation, and stated that he would be pleased to add his tribute to that of the entire community in recognition of Mr. Carter's great service to mankind."

The black tie dinner will be preceded by a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. Admission is open to all 1966 Trustees, Guardians and Sponsors of Israel (investors of \$1,000 or more in Israel bonds in the current year.)

Reservations can be placed at the Israel Bond office, 636 N. La Brea Ave., Los Angeles, WE. 3-8261. Shane emphasized that early reservations are imperative.



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ment of the historic development was simultaneously made in Israel at a ceremony at the official residence of President Zalman Shazar.

The privately - financed multi-million dollar Center will be dedicated to applying scientific methods to the isolation and destruction of the causes of war. As part of its comprehensive anti-war program, it will give an annual \$50,000 Truman Center Peace Prize. Thirty-seven founders have already contributed \$100,000 each toward construction and maintenance of the Center through the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Speaking from the platform of the Truman Library here, where the ceremony was held, Mr. Truman said that the "first order of business confronting mankind is

to abolish war as a way of continuing relations between governments" and to "prevent violence as a means of reducing just grievances within the evolving nations and communities. "It is obvious, the former President went on, "that is we do not abolish war on this earth, then surely one day war will abolish us from the earth." At the same time he voiced "hope that the Center for the Advancement of Peace will bring to each and every one of the founders the enduring satisfaction of having participated in an undertaking designed to save us from ourselves."

Even as Mr. Truman was addressing the distinguished audience, President Shazar of Israel told a gathering of highest-ranking Israeli figures at his official residence that it was most fitting to name the peace center after Mr. Truman. In a cable to

the former U.S. President, President Shazar said: "In setting up this Center, so fittingly bearing your name, the people of Israel see an opportunity once more to express out deep gratitude for your historic role in the birth of the State of Israel and of the warm friendship we fell for you and Mrs. Truman. May the Truman Center advance the study and teaching of these immortal ideals which saw the light of day in Israel long ago, and which you have done so much to preserve and further in our own time."

President Johnson, in a tribute to Mr. Truman said he came "back to Independence to be with one of the world's most persistent searchers for peace." Mr. Johnson in his address dealt

with major domestic and foreign issues, renewing his invitation to the aggressors in Asia to meet at the negotiating table.

Dr. Eliahu Elath, president of the Hebrew University who came from Israel for the ceremony, said the Truman Center will carry on studies and research in all facets of international relations.

Representing President Zalman Shazar of Israel at the ceremony was Avraham Harman, Israeli Ambassador to Washington, Premier Levi Eshkol was represented by Ambassador Arthur Lourie.

A highlight of the event was disclosure of the receipt of a message from Pope Paul VI.

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