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THE LATE ALBERT EINSTEIN AND DAVID BEN-GURION

Editorial
A Welcome Guest

David Ben Gurion is no stranger to the American Jewish community.

In fact, he has been one of us ever since that day fifty years ago when he married an American girl, thus striking roots in a soil to which, we suspect, he holds an attachment second only to that of Israel and his beloved Sdeh Boker, a retreat which was to see him emerge into new dimensions.

Historians have called him the architect of Israel, a radiance which is to be his eternally. In Sdeh Boker and its silence he saw other horizons and took on the posture of a sage, writing, thinking, probing, advising, chastising and lifting knowledge before the people as the beacon of their hopes and of the world.

There he beheld the land and saw that there were values of immediacy even in a country striving for survival. There he went back to the tomes, the Greek and the Hebrew, and to the mystic writings of men of other faiths. The nights are long and silent in the desert and it is said those who listen encompass new visions.

Ben Gurion, it is said, has come to our shores to be of help in the cause of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization

We have had other occasions to spread out the red carpet for Ben Gurion. It is the mark of his greatness that he is ever exciting, ever fresh and colorful.

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holocaust, there is no alternative.

The Bible has been the practical basis of his efforts to build the 18-year old nation from a virtual wilderness to a thriving country which excites the admiration of even its worst enemies.

Ben Gurion maintains that, if practised, the teachings of the Bible could well help end man's inhumanity to man.

"What doth the Lord require of you?" Ben Gurion quotes from the Book of Micah; "But to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with Thy God."

Ben Gurion, who led Israel during its turbulent years as Prime Minister and also as Defense Minister, related, that, through the many crises he faced in his colorful, political career, he had drawn the major source of spiritual energy from the teachings of the Old Testament.

"It not only helped me to deal with the crucial problems of the day," he said, "but also inspired me on a political level."

A lifelong Bible scholar, the stocky, white-haired Patriarch discussed passages from it that have helped sustain him and also which helped form the philosophical basis for his life.

In an exclusive animated interview after I visited one of his bi-weekly Bible Symposia in Jerusalem, the dynamic Ben Gurion told me of his preoccupation with the Bible

**REPORT FROM
 CARSON CITY**
Our Senators' Voices

From Senator Helen Herr we are advised that at the close of the seventh week, many highlights of this session stand out, with the workload being much heavier than any of her past eight sessions.

To progress, we have to spend more money on education, mental health, etcetera. Therefore, our big problem is the best method of raising more money to pay for these progressive programs.

As to my personal programs, I introduced and am working for facilities for the mentally retarded and mentally disturbed child. These are needed facilities long overdue. As I always have been interested in Juvenile problems, my Committee and I have been appalled at the number of juvenile delinquents, directly or indirectly, in trouble from the use of narcotics. We feel

the public and law enforcement people should be aware and adopt a very "get tough" attitude on anyone convicted of selling narcotics to minors.

Sen. Chic Hecht, member of the State Institutions Committee, concurs with Sen. Herr on the narcotics problem. He was a fore-runner of the resolution to judges to enforce the current laws on the selling of dope, which gives second offenders mandatory life. The laws are in the books, but are not being enforced as stringently as possible, according to Hecht.

All that is needed to create the five-man Supreme Court is approval by the Assembly, according to Sen. Jim Gibson, who pointed out the present three-man Supreme Court has not been altered since Nevada became a state 102 years ago, with a population of about 25,000.

and why it encompasses his whole being.

"The Bible was created in our ancient homeland and I have a deep love for it," he said. "These Bible sessions each fortnight are the happiest two hours of my life. They're something I really want, and not something I MUST do."

"There is a psychological and biological attachment as well," he explained. "A human being is not only a body but also a spirit, and the Bible is the greatest spiritual factor in shaping one's character."

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