

ISRAEL'S BIRTHDAY
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rate of 500 a day.

In the spirit of the ancient Maccabees whose heroism preserved Jewish freedom, these intrepid farmers secured their borders and hostilities ceased. But the land they had successfully defended had become a barren battlefield - with the forbidding desert, the treeless hills, the rocky soil and malarial marshes. This was the legacy inherited by the modern Israelites. However, significant we may consider the events of 1948, they were only the prelude to the real battle that was to follow - the battle to transform the land and build on it a self-reliant, free nation.

Poor in natural resources, Israel counts its real wealth in its human resources. In nineteen years, Israel has taken in over 1,250,000 immigrants, or twice the number of Jews in the country when the State was born. Ordinarily, we think of immigrants as people who leave their home to come to a foreign land. In Israel, the immigrants were the survivors of the Nazi terror in Europe and the victims of oppression in North Africa, the Middle East and other areas. Israel's immigrants were all coming "home."

Most of them had never worked on the soil or performed physical labor, but in Israel they became farmers, builders, mechanics, miners, fisherman - and defenders of the land. For most of them, Hebrew had been the ancient language of the Bible and of prayer. But in Israel they leaned to use it as the living language of a reborn people in their own homeland.

To the 300,000 tourists who were drawn to Israel last year, the mystique of this vital land and its vibrant people was to be found not only in their extra-ordinary achievements, but also in the elan with which they had hurdled many obstacles and hardships. Vast engineering projects like the National Water Carrier to bring water from the Sea of Galilee in the north to the Negev desert and the new deep-water harbor at Ashdod, pilot desalination plants producing fresh water from the Red Sea, thirty new development towns with their own new industries -- these are some of the visible sparks as Israel shapes its future on the anvil of development.

Its people have worked hard because they realize that true independence can be a mirage without economic independence. Over the years, Israel has buttressed its house of freedom and democracy with the steel and concrete girders of economic development.

To obtain the tools of development - the indispensable financial resources of nation-building - Israel created a unique financial instrument whereby people could invest in

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Israel's future. In May, 1951, Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben - Gurion, came to the United States to launch the first Israel Bond drive.

During the sixteen years since the inception of the Israel Bond program, Las Vegas has played a significant role in providing large-scale economic resources for every phase of Israel's progress and development.

These development funds have helped to strengthen democracy and promote human dignity. They have been a pivotal factor in providing jobs and building homes for the immigrants. Industrial production has been expanded from \$400 million to \$2 billion 330 million. New irrigation projects have increased agricultural production to the point where today Israel produces 85 percent of its own food requirements and a number of new industrial crops have been introduced. Harbors, road, railways and electric power plants have been built and enlarged.

Israel's sleeping giant, the Negev desert, is slowly being awakened from centuries of neglect by the twentieth century trumpets of construction and development. Its latent mineral deposits are being exploited for processing and export. Beersheba, where Abraham and Isaac dug their wells, is now a thriving center of industry. Dimona, one of the development towns established in the Negev, has already become an important textile producer. The expended facilities of the Dead Sea Works at S'dom are extracting increased quantities of potash and other minerals, mainly for export, and also as the source of basic chemicals for the projected Arad Chemical Complex. At Timma, near Elath, the copper ore from King Solomon's mines is being processed at a modern refinery. The enlarged port of Elath serves as Israel's gateway for trade through the Red Sea with the countries of Asia and Africa.

As Las Vegas joins in celebrating Israel's nineteenth anniversary, there is a deep sense of satisfaction in the knowledge that is confidence in Israel has been well placed and that its people have participated through Israel Bonds in one of the most exciting and successful experiments in democratic achievement and development in modern history. But the people of Israel still have a way to go. They still have to solve problems and perform more miracles of achievement before they reach their goal of economic independence.

These nineteen years have yielded an ever deepening bond of interest between America and Israel. Americans feel a sense of pride and accomplishment in having shared in bringing the State of Israel into being. There is the deep satisfaction in the knowledge that Israel has put American governmental support and economic aid to highly productive use. Furthermore, Israel's impressive progress offers an outstanding example of the effort to rein-

force the spirit and vitality of democracy in every corner of the free world. Thus, by enlisting individual Americans, American financial institutions and American labor unions as investors in the development of Israel, the Israel Bond program is also helping to strengthen the cause of democracy everywhere. The furtherance of this high purpose is a by-product, a plus factor, of Israel Bonds.

On the international scene, Israel has become a showcase of modern progress under freedom. Almost every developing country in Africa, Asia, Latin America and elsewhere has been attracted to Israel as to a lodestone for guidance and technical advice on economic, social, health and cultural development. Small in size - great in significance - this is Israel after only nineteen years.

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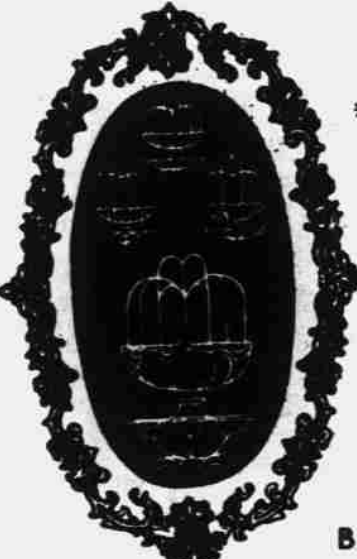
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