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behind imports, have increased markedly and captured new and promising markets. Industry and trade are expanding, the retical and applied science opening horizons for us. There are new heights in our economic, spiritual life, in the varied fields of cultural activity in our institutions of higher education, traditional learning, scientific research - institutions which now serve as magnet to so many from the Diaspora.

A potent factor in all this resurgence is the Aliya of newcomers from widely scattered lands, including that great Jewish Diaspora community which has for decades been virtually sealed and imprisoned. It is our blessed good fortune to behold the miracle of their Aliya in our day, Aliya out of oppression becoming Aliya out of choice, Aliya out of love becoming Aliya out of primal devotion to Zion. The most expert and perceptive among us are amazed and awestruck by the agonies which are the price for this mass Aliya of heroic individuals.

This is a movement that springs from the depths of our people's being, without organized education or training, without systematic Jewish knowledge of literary influences. For many among the new immigrants, the Israeli Absorption Center takes the place of Hachshara, the preliminary training for the new life. May their coming be blessed and the loyalty which overcome Nebuzaradan. May their flame not die down and their hearts be turned to Jerusalem - the heavenly Jerusalem and the earthly Jerusalem and all that both have made possible in this Fatherland of ours, and of our newcomers, this fatherland to which we trust they will make their own rich contribution to many a field.

Together with them we must be aware that they are only the vanguard and that innumerable others who remained behind, yearn for the Aliya which is not permitted them. Their choked cries come to us from prison cells and solitary confinement, from insane asylums and cruel exile both in Soviet Russia and the Arab lands - whether they demand the right to come to Israel or their voices are stilled by despair. We must heed the plea that lives in their cry, and in their silence we must not rest until their lives reach fulfillment here among us.

In the face of all this we are even more deeply grieved by the fact that the human needs we must deal with outstrip the efforts of our governmental, municipal and public institutions. At times, our constructive endeavors may even interfere with each other and intriguing hands have succeeded in setting brother against brother. Who can honestly take upon himself responsibility for determining whether priority should be given to the poor of the land or the brothers knocking at our gates? It is for us to plan so effectively, to insist so strongly, to muster the requisite strength so expeditiously, that we will be able, in brotherly love and jus-

tice, to provide for the basic needs of young families here and of newcomers as well.

It is all the more shattering and dreadful that at this very time those shortcomings, which from the beginning of our nation-building, persist of the margins of our society, have, as it were, taken their revenge; neglect and corruption and deceit in one place and another. It is as if the bitter warning of our greatest poet has come true when "In the ruin of the heart the Mezuza is unfit" then "Demons dance about."

There is nothing more vital or precious for our people than intensification of our sense of oneness. In the State of Israel, recipient of the love and aid of Jews everywhere, there are gathered together representatives of every Jewish Diaspora and every culture. The mighty tree of our freedom grows from the roots of a scattered people, it is watered by healing springs over all the world, its sap rises from the depths of an ancient heritage. This common source and summit of their lives is what we must help our sons and daughters to remember over and above differences of expression, origin, and culture. We must approach each other with tolerance and intense effort to narrow every

social religious, political gap. We must find oneness in the mystery of Israel's eternity.

In unity and in ardent quest of peace, let us enter this final year of the first quarter century of our reborn independence.

WASHINGTON (WNS) --The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved a bill and an amendment by the bill's original sponsor, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D., Me) to appropriate \$85 million to aid the resettlement of Soviet Jewish refugees in Israel or any other country that will accept them. The original bill limited the aid to resettlement in Israel only. The amendment was proposed to ward off criticism that funds were authorized exclusively for Israel. Sen. J. William Fulbright, (D., Ark) committee chairman, was reported to have cast the only vote against the measure.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- At the end of three-day official visit to Israel, Bolivian Foreign Minister Dr. Marion Gutierrez and Foreign Minister Abba Eban signed an agreement for mutual cooperation in the fields of economics, culture, science and agriculture.

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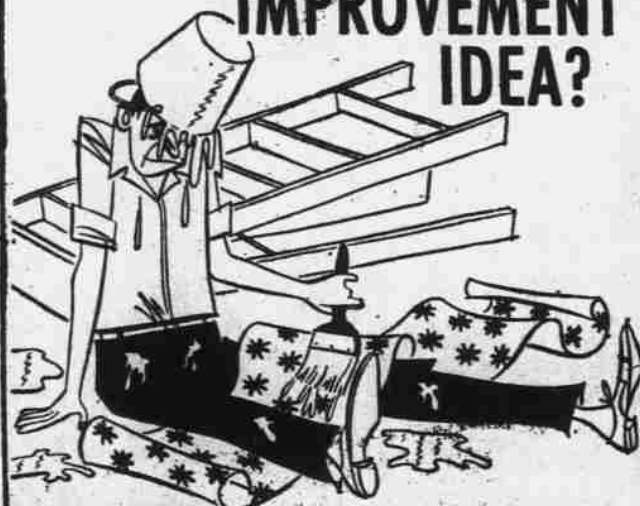
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