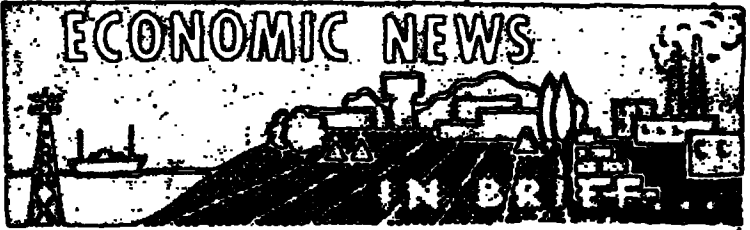


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Israel made an interest payment of \$1,148,478.98 to the U. S. Export-Import Bank this week on its two outstanding loans totalling \$125,000,000. Simultaneously, an Israel Embassy spokesman in Washington announced that \$75,000,000 of loan funds have already been invested in approved industrial and agricultural projects. Payment on the principal will begin next year and will continue for twelve years. The interest rate is three and one-half percent.

The French Chausson bus-building company will establish a bus assembly plant in Israel if 300 vehicles purchased from it prove satisfactory under local conditions after a six months' trial. Michael Bar, Controller of Road Transport, told a press conference in Tel Aviv last week. Two trial Chausson buses have already arrived, and others are expected shortly. Payment for the 300 buses on order will be effected by export of locally-assembled Kaiser-Frazer cars to the extent of one-third of the total. Credit for five years has been advanced by Chausson on another third, while the balance will be paid from funds of a French gov-

ernment loan. Negotiations for the purchase of another 300 bus chassis from Britain are in progress. Within the next six months, 400 new buses should be in use on Israel roads, said Mr. Bar.

Thirteen families have already signed up as initial settlers in a new all-American moshav (cooperative agricultural village), now being built on the coastal plain near Tel Aviv. The new moshav will eventually accommodate 60 farm families from the U. S. and Canada, and is sponsored by the Jewish Agency, Israel government and Histadrut. Designed especially for families with a small amount of capital, the plan provides a three-and-a-half room modern house and a seven-and-a-half acre farm equipped with two cows, poultry, tractor and all other needed tools. Settlers will be expected to invest \$8,000 cash or half the cost of \$10,000, with the other \$5,000 to be lent on a long-term mortgage by the Jewish Agency. The Jewish National Fund is providing the land on a hereditary leasehold. An experienced instructor will be stationed at the moshav to help amateur farmers adjust themselves to their new life.

Forty additional textile and clothing points were released to Israel consumers at the start of this month, according to an announcement of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Goods will be placed on sale gradually, with the Ministry announcing from time to time which products have reached the market. Already available are undershirts, stockings, diapers, woollen clothing for children and adults, jackets and coats, silk cloth and all types of knitted goods.

One Year of Progress On the Economic Front

By JOSHUA H. JUSTMAN

NEXT week in Washington, American Jewish and Israel leaders will sit down together to review the progress of Israel's economic development. The occasion is "The National Economic Conference," to be held at the Shoreham Hotel from September 20 to 23, under the auspices of the American Financial and Development Corp. of Israel which directs the sale of the Israel \$300,000,000 bond issue in the U. S.

It is just a little more than a year since an historic economic mobilization conference was held in Jerusalem at the King David Hotel at the initiative of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. At the Jerusalem meeting, some 50 leaders of American Jewry adopted a four-point plan aimed at raising one billion dollars in the United States to make possible the immigration and absorption of several hundred thousand additional Jews into Israel by the end of 1953, and bring Israel closer to the goal of economic self-sufficiency.

One month later, in Washington, a National Planning Conference was attended by the largest and most representative group of American Jewish leaders ever assembled. This gathering recognized that Israel's struggle on the economic front arises directly from her program of unlimited immigration. And it agreed that since immigration is not solely Israel's concern, the burdens of economic stabilization must be shared.

A three-year program to raise \$1,500,000,000 to meet the economic needs was accordingly mapped out—with Israel itself to provide one-third of the total. It contained four points:

- (1) An intensified philanthropic campaign led by the United Jewish Appeal;
- (2) The initiation of an Israel government bond issue in the U. S.;
- (3) Intensification of private investment in Israel;

(4) Development of inter-governmental aid by the U. S. government.

Last week, at a press conference in New York, Israel Ambassador Abba Khan estimated that in its first year, the four-point program would have secured for Israel, in the U. S., the sum of approximately \$250,000,000. While this may fall short of the goal, it must be considered an achievement of great magnitude. On the eve of next week's meeting, which is to be followed by a national conference of UJA, it is worth recounting in detail how the first year's record was achieved.

UJA Not Affected

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of this first year is the fact that the launching of the bond drive did not hurt fund raising by the UJA. What is more, the UJA actually expects to surpass the \$60,000,000 mark it reached in 1950. Thus has been dispelled the fear expressed at the Jerusalem meeting that the bond issue would conflict with the Appeal campaign. It proves, moreover, that American Jewry has grasped the real meaning of the bonds, their specific character and purpose.

In a recent statement in Tel Aviv, Israel's Treasurer, Eliezer Kaplan, announced that up to now the bond drive has yielded about \$75,000,000, more than half of which has been paid. He said he expected that between \$70,000,000 and \$80,000,000 in cash would be paid up by the end of 1951, in addition to further pledges. Since the bond drive began only last May (it took many months to set in motion the

complicated machinery necessary for the conduct of such an enterprise), what has been achieved in the result of only four months of actual campaign work, and affords every prospect that the bond drive will ultimately reach its goal.

Inter-Governmental Aid

Earlier this year, leading members of both House and Senate became sponsors of a \$150,000,000 Grant-in-Aid to Israel. While this proposal was not taken up by Congress as a separate bill, it was met, though partially, through the allotment to Israel included in the administration's overall Mutual Security Program (which is still under debate). Allocations approved up to now express a deep appreciation of Israel's needs, as well as of Israel's achievements. This is shown by the fact that the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and the House itself—despite their decision to cut a considerable sum from the proposed foreign aid bill—proposed and endorsed an increase of \$30,000,000 specifically earmarked for resettlement of new immigrants in Israel. (Originally, the administration requested \$125,000,000 for the Near East, without any earmarking, although it was understood that Israel would receive \$25,000,000 in economic aid.)

Although the 30 percent cut in the entire economic aid program originally did not exempt any area and thus would have affected Israel, along with all other nations, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee raised the proposed allotment for the Near East from the reduced amount of \$122,000,000 to \$150,000,000. This sum included \$50,000,000 for resettlement of Jewish refugees in Israel, \$50,000,000 for resettlement of Arab refugees, and \$50,000,000 for economic aid to Middle Eastern countries, of which it has been estimated Israel will receive \$18,000,000. Thus Israel will receive approximately \$70,000,000 as its share of the Mutual Aid Program.

Under the inter-governmental aid heading, one should also mention the \$30,000,000 supplementary loan Israel received in December from the U. S. Export-Import Bank, which was earmarked for agricultural development.

Investment

The extent of the development of Israel through a combination of local and foreign investment can be measured by the establishment within the last year of such enterprises as the Kaiser-Frazer assembly plant, the Jerusalem Shoe Co., the Amcor Philco refrigerator plant, the Phillips light bulbs factory and the new steel pipe mill at Acre. Under construction are two major tire factories by the General Tire and Rubber Co. and the Alliance Tire & Rubber Co., a \$3,500,000 paper mill and a number of other large-scale enterprises.

Between April 1, 1950, and March 31, 1951, total private investment in Israel amounted to \$153,070,000, of which 35 percent came from foreign countries. Of this, 18 percent represented capital from the United States. (Other leading countries were Belgium, France and Italy. The American total came to \$27,020,000), while other foreign sources provided \$38,550,000.

The plants which are being and have been built are expanding Israel industry both qualitatively and quantitatively. They are advancing the organization of industry to higher levels than existed previously and they indicate that despite many difficulties, Israel economy is both widening and solidifying its foundations.



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First Half of 1951 Brought 45 Percent Rise in Exports

By a Special Correspondent

TEL AVIV.

LA TE last month the Israel Treasury released figures summing up the first half of this year's foreign trade—and although the balance still shows a considerable deficit, imports had gone down, even if only slightly, and exports had gone up significantly—by more than 45 percent as compared with the same period last year. Moreover, the import drop had been achieved despite an ever-increasing population. Following are the detailed figures: (in Israel pounds):

	Jan.-June 1951	Jan.-June 1950
Imports	51,608,364	51,534,370
Exports (including re-exports)	11,166,917	7,806,872
Import in excess of export	40,441,447	43,727,498
Exports as a percentage of import	21.7%	15.0%

In examining the composition of the imports, one finds that the category headed "food, drink, tobacco" went up to 25.3 percent of the total from 21.9 percent. This was to be expected in view of the population increase and the severe drought last winter, which seriously damaged several major crops. Imports of raw materials also rose, from 15.3 percent to 20.6 percent, while those of finished goods dropped significantly—from 61.3 percent to 53.9. These figures are evidence that the emphasis on reserving foreign currency allocations for productive purposes wherever possible has paid off.

To the credit side of the balance must also be added the sum of imports without pay. From Jan. 1 to June 30, 1951, these totalled 1£10,890,048, broken down as follows:

Gifts to individuals	4,637,720
Capital Transfer	4,246,237
Capital Transfer by immigrants	925,092
Personal effects of immigrants	1,045,379

When the final balance of payments is struck

at the end of the year, other income from such sources as the national funds will need to be taken into account. This category of figures was not included in the Treasury's release.

Suppliers

Israel obtained an almost equal share of her imports from America and Europe, as the following table shows:

	Israel Pounds	Percentage
America	26,467,862	28.0
Europe	26,234,886	29.7
Africa	1,925,964	7.5
Asia	1,734,482	3.3
Australia	182,237	0.3
Unspecified	1,267,533	10.3
TOTAL	51,608,364	100.0

The largest single country among the list of suppliers was the U. S., which shipped 1£18,110.00 worth of goods. Britain supplied 1£4,891,000; France, 1£2,850,000; South Africa, 2,460,000; Italy, 2,089,000; Belgium, 1,415,000; Switzerland, 1,280,000.

The export breakdown gives food products top place, reflecting the continued pre-eminence of citrus. The detailed figures follow:

	Jan.-June 1951	Jan.-June 1950
	Israel Pounds	Percentage
Food, Drinks		
Tobacco	6,064,977	61.9
Raw materials	38,892	0.6
Finished goods	4,042,526	37.5
Animals (not for slaughter)	100	—
Unspecified goods	6,734	—
TOTAL	10,773,228	100.0

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Reserve Bond Funds For Production Only; First \$50 Million Allocated

Special to Israel Speaks

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12 — Expressing Israel's determination to achieve economic independence, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan today told the Cabinet that \$50,000,000 already received as a result of Israel bond sales in the U. S. will be invested only in productive enterprises.

Mr. Kaplan presented a detailed report on expenditures and allocation of the first bond proceeds. Outlining investments of \$30,212,000 for expansion of industry and mining development of electric power and increase of agricultural production, he listed the following allocations in detail:

\$13,080,000 for industry and mining including the exploitation of large peat deposits in the

Huleh area and the first steps in the mining of phosphates, kaolin, glass sand, copper, manganese and bituminous limestone;

\$10,100,000 for the development of electric power, including the purchase of two generating units to keep pace with industrial expansion;

\$12,128,000 for agriculture providing for new irrigation projects plus loans for enlarging the production of vegetables, fish and other food products;

\$5,734,000 for transport and communications, including the extension of railways and new harbor developments at the Kishon River and Haifa;

\$6,220,000 for housing in industrial areas to provide for workers in the newly established factories;

\$2,940,000 for expansion of existing hotels and new hotels for increasing the tourist trade.

Conference

Mr. Kaplan said he was making his report to call attention to the First National Economic Conference for Israel, to be held in Washington next week. At this time, he said, "It is significant and essential that the people of Israel as well as the American public receive a report on the expenditures and appropriations of the first fifty million dollars received for the economic development of the country and for the economic absorption of the new immigrants."

"The fundamental purpose of the bond issue," Mr. Kaplan continued, "is to provide the capital resources for investments in productive and constructive enterprises. As seen from the above summary of the first appropriations and expenditures of the bond proceeds, the government of Israel is determined, in spite of the current and pressing emergency needs, to invest these funds in the expansion of industry, the development of electric power and the increase of agricultural production to achieve economic independence for our rapidly growing population."

Bond funds will be made available, Mr. Kaplan added, to both private industrial enterprises as well as to cooperative groups. As a result of the bond drive, he said, Israel is now on the threshold of "a period of large capital investment for the primary purpose of improving our balance of payments and providing the tools and enterprises for the integration of hundreds of thousands of new immigrants."

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Washington Conference
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Coalition Word Due

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12 — The possibility of a broad coalition government including representatives of all major Zionist parties faded this week, when the council of left-wing Mapam decided to discontinue negotiations with Prime Minister Ben Gurion. It is understood that Mapam's demands for fundamental changes in foreign policy were responsible for the breakdown of the talks. In the light of Mapam's loss of popular strength, as shown in the elections, it was not expected that Mr. Ben Gurion would agree to major concessions on foreign policy—especially since 80 percent of the population voted for parties adhering to the government's orientation in world affairs. Disagreement on domestic economic issues was also a factor.

This development leaves Mr. Ben Gurion with the possibility of establishing his new Cabinet in alliance with the conservative General Zionists, a coalition which would command about 85 out of 120 votes in the Knesset, or of basing it on the moderate labor and centrist parties alone, with a narrower margin of about four seats.

Mr. Ben Gurion told the Knesset this week that he hoped to have an announcement on the formation of a new Cabinet "within a few days." The delay thus far has been due to the extensive inter-party talks which have been going on with Mapam, the General Zionists and other groups.

Meanwhile the outgoing Cabinet continues to function, meeting regularly and conducting the normal business of government. Since its members represent a majority in the Second as well as the First Knesset, its effectiveness has not been seriously impaired.

Food Picture Austere But None Go Hungry, Minister Declares

By a Special Correspondent

TEL AVIV—"There is no hunger in Israel," Minister of Agriculture Pinchas Lavon told the press in an interview here early this week. Local reports of a deteriorating situation reflect an effort to influence current inter-party negotiations on the new Cabinet, said Mr. Lavon, emphasizing that there has been little change in the food picture, except for a seasonal decline in the vegetable supply. Acknowledging that there are difficulties, the Minister declared that the individual diet of rationed and available non-rationed foods did not fall below 2,800 calories per day during August, and would not do so in September.

Concerning meat, Mr. Lavon reported that there had been three distributions last month and that a shipment of 1,500,000 cans of Mexican beef would be distributed this month. Each Israeli gets 25 eggs per month, he added, 15 fresh and ten in powdered form. The

autumn harvest will bring local vegetables to market in November, while canned vegetables and preserves have already been distributed for September. Large quantities of potatoes, on order abroad, will start arriving this month.

Reports Abroad

Mr. Lavon did not comment on reports which have appeared abroad (and have been widely reprinted in the Israel press) to the effect that Israel's food shortage is becoming critical. Such reports may perhaps best be explained as rising from a failure to understand that sacrifices in diet were undertaken by Israelis more than two years ago, in an effort to sustain the unlimited immigration policy at all costs. This policy has the overwhelming support of all sections of the population. There is austerity now, but there has been austerity since 1949, and the fluctuations for better or worse which occur from time to time do not basically alter this situation.

Under the government's three-year immigration plan, immigration for 1951 was projected at 200,000. But events abroad, particularly in Iraq, compelled a stepping-up on the immigration pace, with no fewer than 150,000 Jews entering in the first six months of 1951—30 percent more than had been expected. With 30,000 additional mouths to feed, food stocks have had to be spread thinner than

usual. At this moment, too, the country is feeling the full effects of last winter's drought, which caused damage to fruit, vegetable and field crops estimated at about \$25,000,000.

Another factor worth mentioning is the world shortage of steel, which prevents Israel from pushing ahead with its irrigation schemes to the extent planned. Considerable progress has been made, but the year's plan has not been achieved in its entirety. Nonetheless, important advances in agricultural production have been registered. Although the figures are not available for 1951, a comparison of 1949 and 1950 shows that per capita imports of food dropped from \$80.01 in the former to \$52.51 in the latter year.

Also overlooked in reports abroad are certain staples of the Israel diet which are unrationed and continue to be available in adequate quantities. These include frozen fish, leben and lebeniyah (sour milk products). Perhaps everyone dreams of the day when he can dig his knife into a thick steak, and undoubtedly everyone grows increasingly tired of the austerity diet. But Israelis have chosen to invest in machinery which will enable them to raise their own food supplies—rather than eat their capital and there is no doubt that most of them will keep on feeling this way.



MOSEH NAKAN, 30, came to Israel seven months ago with his wife, his two-and-a-half year-old son, Joseph, and his 60-year-old mother. Israel immigrants, the family came from Baghdad via the Tiberias-Cyprus-Lydda airlift. Two months after his arrival, Moshe got a job with the Israel Railways as traveling inspector and train guard, a post similar to one he had held in the Iraq State Railways for eight years. Working on both passenger and freight trains on the Haifa-Tel Aviv and Jerusalem-Tel Aviv runs, he earns 1200 (\$180) per month.

At present Moshe and his family live in a hut in Mishaneh Ha'emar (a transit camp) near Haifa, and it was here that his second child, a daughter, was born four months ago. They are on the waiting list for a place in a permanent housing development. Moshe's Arabic is fluent and he also knows a little Hebrew and English. He is now studying Hebrew intensively after working hours, and later hopes to have time for a small vegetable garden. He is happy to be living in his own country as a full-fledged citizen and regards the new freedom as far outweighing discomforts such as his present lack of permanent housing.

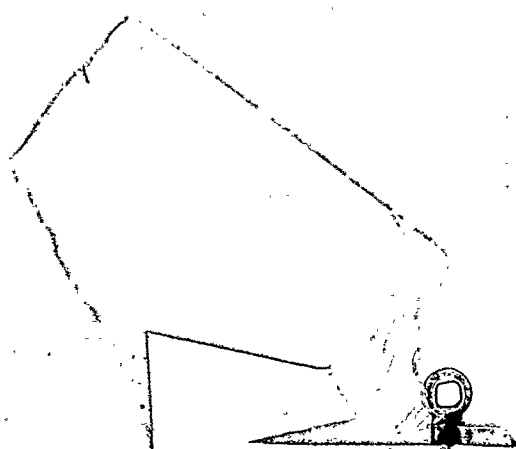


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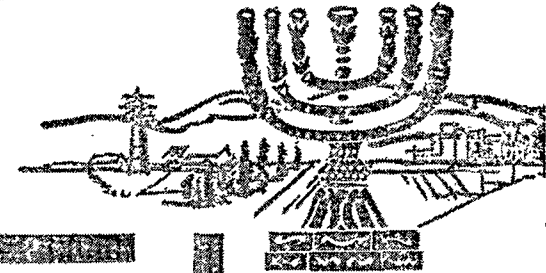


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The \$600,000,000 Bond Issue of the State of Israel being floated in the United States is part of a Three-Year Development Plan aimed at a large-scale expansion of Israel's economy, increasing industrial and agricultural production, reducing imports, and making possible the absorption of 600,000 more immigrants by the end of 1953.

The cost of this program is estimated at one-and-a-half billion dollars; one-half billion to be provided by the people of Israel; one-half billion to be raised through the Israel Government Bond Issue; the balance to come through private investments, contributions to the United Jewish Appeal and other philanthropies, plus grants-in-aid.

3. What type of Bonds?

Israel Bonds are of two types: (1) Interest-bearing Coupon Bonds, which mature fifteen years from the date of issue; (2) Savings Bonds, which mature twelve years from the date of purchase and are worth 150% of face amount at maturity. Both types are "Dollar Bonds"—payments of interest and principal will be made in the legal tender of the United States.

Interest-bearing Coupon Bonds are issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500, \$10,000, \$50,000, and \$100,000. Savings Bonds are issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000. All Israel Bonds sell at face value.

5. Who may buy Israel Bonds?

The \$600,000,000 Israel Bond Issue is offered to all Americans as an

13. When should I buy Israel Bonds?

As soon as possible. The earlier the Independence Issue is the greater will be the material benefit both to the purchase State of Israel. Buying out of current cash and out of current reserves help in our own country's fight against inflation. State needs capital now to expand its economy for the new era expected within the next three years.

14. Who handles the sales of Israel Bonds in the U. S.?

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