

# Israel Absorbs Enormous Influx Of Immigrants

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Sde Eliyahu, Israel (AP) — This little communal farm settlement on the Transjordan frontier is waging one of Israel's biggest peace-time battles.

It is the job of absorbing immigrants.

Once as exclusive as a college fraternity, Sde Eliyahu (Field of Elijah) today is becoming a melting pot of nations. Its members call the change-over a "quiet revolution."

Typical of the hundreds of other collective farms in Israel, Sde Eliyahu, in the hot Beisan valley, is welcoming the immigrants to relieve its serious manpower shortage and to help the new Jewish state solve one of its most critical problems.

At the end of the Palestinian war, its land area was doubled when it assumed responsibility for cultivating 750 acres abandoned by Arabs.

**No Easy Task**

But the job of absorbing foreigners, most of them untrained, is no mean task. They've arrived from France, Holland, Italy, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yemen and Tripoli.

The social impact of this influx was described by one of the old-timers as a "severe case of social indigestion."

Collective settlements like Sde Eliyahu where everyone "works according to his ability and receives according to his needs" make up the core of Israel's farm economy. In war-time they served as springboards for offensives and outposts on the defensive.

"Until recently our kibbutz (settlement) accepted members who had received intensive training and who could assimilate easily into our social structure," 33-year-old Eliezer Goldman, a New York Yeshiva university student, said. He is the only American here, and is general secretary, one of the top positions in this community.

**Ready for More**

"Today we are prepared to absorb more people," he said. "Those who can't adapt themselves to the hard life—and we expect this number to be large—will drop out automatically."

A large number of immigrants have come and gone already but the large majority have remained. In one year the settlement's population increased from 150 to 250. This compares favorably with the overall hike in Israel's population of 28 per cent.

"We have no big problems," smiled Goldman, the father of three children. "Our main trouble is finding a room and a bed for everyone. Unmarried people are living in tents—second-hand U.S. army tents."

He stressed, however, that except for the housing problem, villages are more capable of absorbing Israel's immigrants than the urban areas.

In the settlement everyone eats in a communal dining room, uses a communal shower room, reads communal newspapers and works with communal tools. Most of the farm machinery was made in America.

**Unified Politically**

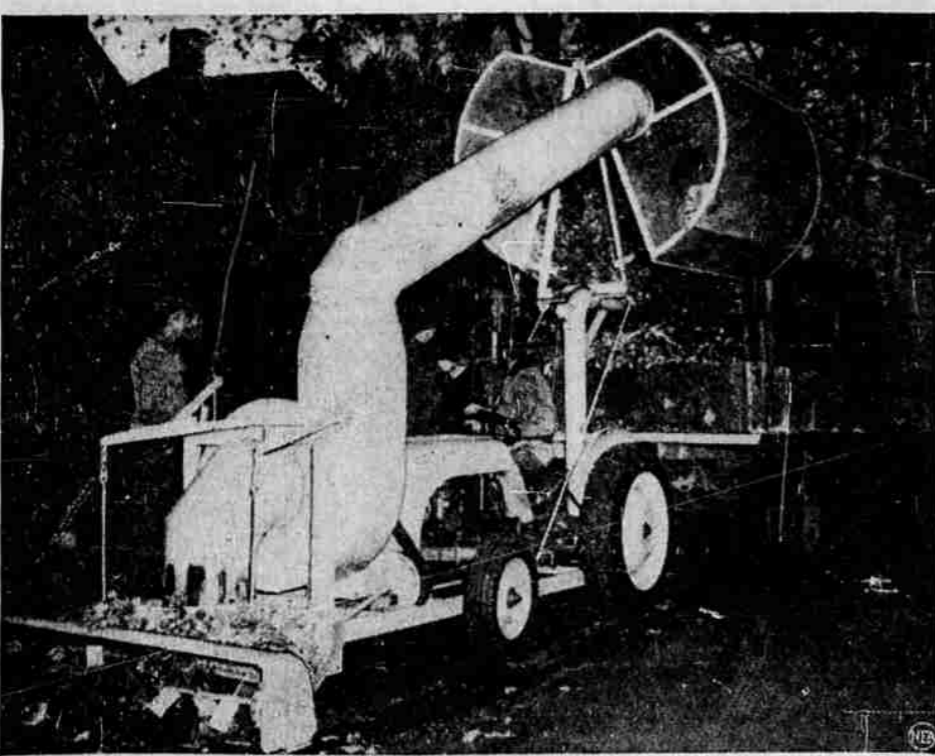
The cultural level of the immigrants varied tremendously. But the long 54-hour week and the challenge to make this place a permanent home in a generation is helping rub out the differences.

One Paris university graduate who had hidden away in a church in the French capital during the Nazi regime was asked by the correspondent to name the new French premier.

"I don't know and I don't care. Mr. Ben-Gurion is my prime minister now," he said.



**ATOMIC "ASH-CAN"** — British scientist Robert Barker, 26, places the core of the "aspatron" into the copper container of the portable "atomic pile" which he invented. The young physicist claims the ash-can-type apparatus can produce radioactive isotopes as good as those made in a huge, full-size atomic pile.



**NEW RAKE FOR OLD LEAVES**—This mechanical rake leaves little to be desired when it comes to that yearly chore of clearing away mountains of fallen leaves. Invented by Harry Clements of LaPorte, Ind., the machine scoops up not only leaves, but sticks, stones, bottles and bones as well. The machine will sell for \$3200.

## Mexican Indians See First Movie

By Robert Prescott  
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San Bernabe, Mexico (AP) — The Indians in this tiny and isolated Mexican village have just seen their first movie, and they earned it.

Although San Bernabe is only 14 miles from Mexico City, it has no electricity, no town water supply and no roads. Most of its inhabitants never have been more than a few miles from home.

Only one automobile, a jeep, ever had penetrated through the black lava beds and rocky ridges encircling San Bernabe.

The villagers were curious about the "outside world." When they heard that U.S. embassy sound and camera trucks were showing free motion pictures to Mexicans living in semi-frontier areas, they asked to be counted in, too.

**Decide to Build**

The embassy was willing. But its technicians couldn't drive a truckload of delicate sound movie equipment across the lava "badlands."

"Then," announced the village mayor, "we'll build a road."

He ordered his townspeople to drop all other work. For three weeks 200 men, women and children chipped and dug rocks and cleared brush. When the embassy truck headed for San Bernabe with the U.S. state department version of a double-bill program, a well-graded road, hewn in many places out of solid rock, was ready.

A guard of honor met the American projectionists at the beginning of the road and escorted them to the village square, where every villager and Indian from miles around had been waiting patiently for hours.

**Part of Program**

The coming of the motion picture to San Bernabe was part of a U.S. state department educational program which is showing Spanish-language sound films to some 900,000 Mexicans every month. Started by the United States during the war, the project now is being carried out by the Mexican, British, and U.S. governments, but most of the films are American.

The programs, lasting from one to two hours each, generally include a short film on an educational or sanitary subject, another about the United States, and another that is pure entertainment. For a large percentage of the Mexicans in the wilderness audiences, it is the first glimpse of a movie, and most are completely awed.

In one town, after the showing of a health film featuring care of the teeth, every tube of toothpaste in the stores was bought by morning. Most of the purchasers never before had used a toothbrush.

The embassy uses trucks, jeeps, motor launches and mules to bring motion pictures to thousands of Mexicans who otherwise never would see them.

**Book Review Eases Death of Author**

Atlanta (AP) — Shortly after Miss Jessie Pearl Rice completed her biography of educator J. L. M. Curry, she went to the hospital and was told she was about to die of cancer.

On her deathbed she told her friend, Betty Bandel, that death wouldn't be so bad if she could know that her book was favorably received.

Miss Bandel consulted with book editor George Hatcher and reviewer Jouett Davenport. There wasn't time to print a review of the book but Davenport wrote one—a favorable appraisal—and sent Miss Rice a proof. She died a few hours after reading it.

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## Five Vets Build Playground In Catskill Mountain Area

Greenville, N.Y. (AP) — Five war veterans with an idea and a cheerful attitude toward hard work have come up with an enterprise here in the Catskill mountains that is attracting considerable attention in resort circles.

The "boys," Al, Ed, Ritter, Little Joe and Joe D., were brought up in the same small town, Little Ferry, N.Y. When the war came, they were scattered, in the army, and navy, on the war fronts from Anzio to Okinawa.

They kept in touch, sketchily, through their families until it was over. Then they drifted, one by one, back to the old home town. Debating the prospects, someone came up with an idea. The principal industries of the region are farming and holiday resorts. Farming doesn't pay too handsomely around here, especially for five beginners with newly-acquired wives and children.

So they decided on a resort and pooled their resources. With their savings, which aggregated quite a lot over four years, their severance pay and contributions from their families, they were able to put up \$25,000 for a farm site of 22 acres which was poorly developed and had been taken in holidays on a modest scale.

**Done With Hands**

Breezy Knoll Acres, it is called. There was one cottage for boarders, a small main house and little else. No running water for guest facilities. No indoor toilets or baths—just outhouses.

The "boys" pitched in with their own hands, with a lot of energy and faith. Now there are five buildings; hot and cold running water system, and a casino, bar and dining hall that is one of the show-places of the Catskills.

The latter wouldn't be out of place on Park Avenue. It is in modern decor, two-toned plywood, with subdued, indirect fluorescent lighting. The big hexagonal bar can handle 100 people. There is a great stone fireplace which is a center of attraction on chilly evenings. Big picture windows overlook the landscape.

They did all this themselves, without outside labor. Two of them were war wounded, but not crippled. They put up the buildings, did the decorating and painting, dug the ditches, laid the drainage and water system—their own water from bored wells—and all the rest of it. Next

**Room for Play**

For recreation, there is a baseball-softball diamond, tennis courts, basketball, handball, shuffleboard, quoits or horseshoe pitching, etc. Programs of movies, hikes, hot dog roasts, hayrides, costume parties and dancing are promoted. Horseback riding and bicycling are available.

The energetic five developed the farm for trucking, supplying their own vegetables. They acquired a herd of 19 milk cows and some pigs. Chickens yet to come.

Worship of this enterprise spread and now the "boys" have a waiting list for the summer season.

The place now is valued at \$125,000, but the "boys" claim they are just getting started. Of course, there's that \$50,000 first mortgage, but says Little Joe: "We're young yet."

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## Man Who Bought Hitler's Auto Makes Big Profit

Chicago (AP) — Christopher G. Janus, who bought Adolf Hitler's personal armored automobile, is getting a big kick out of using the car in a way "I'm sure Hitler would not have liked."

Already the powerful automobile, which has toured the country in exhibitions, has grossed more than \$100,000 and benefited 40 charities and worthy causes.

"My aim in putting the car on exhibition," Janus said, "was in addition to recovering my investment, to have the car do some good."

"I felt the more good it did, the worse Hitler would have liked it. In fact, most of the things I did, I'm sure Hitler would have not liked."

Here are some of the ways in which money earned by the car was used:

**Greeks Aided**

For six poor Greek students, whose families were murdered by the Nazis, to go to Athens college, an American institution in Greece.

Clothes for displaced persons in Bay City, Mich.

Three Jewish boys sent to a camp last summer in Palestine, Ill.

Recruiting aided in the U. S. army and air force in New York.

School books for poor children in Montgomery, W. Va.

Rehabilitation of war veterans in several hospitals, and a wedding gown for a needy Greek girl whose parents were killed during the war.

Helped to build a barn on a poor boy's farm in Macon, Ga., and a bank in Montezuma, Ga.

Uniforms for the Lions Boys club in Miami, Fla.

**Upkeep Is High**

Janus said the car still runs well, but averages only 3½ miles to a gallon of gasoline.

"We have spent more than \$2,500 for repairs," he added.

Some of the charities have exhibited the car on an admission basis, while others asked for donations. All aid has been offered without regard to religion, race, color or creed.

Janus said he is greatly amused at the numerous threats and warnings he has received from people all over the world.

"They say that Hitler's ghost is lurking in the car and one day will get even with me," he observed.

## Elk, Bison Steaks Offered to Public

Lawton, Okla. (AP) — Those who might relish a juicy hunk of braised elk or a sizzling buffalo steak can find it here.

The Wichita mountains wildlife refuge for the past 15 years has slaughtered and sold bison and elk considered surplus. The federal refuge last year grossed \$18,000 from sale of meat, hides and by-products of the slaughtering.

An estimated 160 bison and elk will be butchered and sold this year. Bison sells at \$75 for one-half carcass and \$150 for a whole carcass, dressed, ready for shipment and delivered to transportation facilities. Butchered elk prices are \$42.50 and \$85.

The usual buffalo carcass weighs from 240 to 500 pounds. Buyers' requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis during the slaughtering season each fall. Markets, shops, public eating places and clubs may buy one carcass each. Individuals can get one-half a carcass.

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## Oversized Berries Resemble Lemons

Parkersburg, W.Va. (AP) — A farmer who claims to have developed strawberries as big as small lemons hopes some day to grow them the size of grapefruits.

The horticulturally-minded grower, Frank Fuels of nearby Stockport, O., says he turned the trick by enriching his soil with a home-made fertilizer formula and a process of selection.

Fuels said the berries in his crop measured 2½ inches in diameter instead of the usual one-inch variety yielded before the discovery. They were "extremely sweet, very solid and highly adaptable to deep freezing."

## Scientific Test Improves Health

Rochester, Minn. (AP) — Dr. Russell M. Wilder of the Mayo Foundation here says a scientific experiment in human nutrition has improved the "quality and quantity" of life in Newfoundland.

Wilder was one of nine medical scientists from Canada, England and the United States who made the study. It covered the entire population.

The experiment consisted simply of fortifying margarine with vitamin A and enriching flour with vitamins, thiamine, riboflavin and niacin, Wilder said.

Outward signs of malnutrition became less prevalent in Newfoundland in 1948 than they were in 1944, when the experiment began.

"Much of the apathy and listlessness so characteristic of the 1944 population disappeared," Wilder said.

The death rate from all causes fell from 12.1 to 10.5 per thousand people. Deaths from tuberculosis decreased sharply in the first two years of the experiment. It fell from 135 per 100,000 to 101, he said.

"Infant mortality rates dropped in the first three years of the test from 102.3 per 1,000 to 61," Wilder reported.

The bearing of these data on the significance to public health of the bread and flour enrichment program of the United States warrants emphasis."

Wilder said enrichment helps control the normal function of the nervous system, strengthens the body tissues to resist infection and promotes growth generally.

Aluminum bathtubs are being made in Norway, it is reported; they are glazed with a type of enamel which resists cracking or chipping.

## Cripple Answers Jury Duty Call

LaGrange, Ind. (AP) — When Mrs. Fred Booth, 54, received a summons to appear for jury duty, she went to court to fulfill her citizenship obligation.

But Judge Donald Hunter promptly excused her, although she didn't ask to be excused. Hunter said she needn't have showed up in the first place.

For Mrs. Booth was carried into court by her husband, who explained she had been crippled by arthritis for 27 years and cannot walk a step.

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## Chinese Shell American Ship

Washington, Nov. 28 (AP) — State department officials reported that Chinese nationalist warships off Shanghai today shelled the American freighter Sir John Franklin.

The vessel was hit 12 times, they said.

The Sir John Franklin, owned by the Isbrandtsen Co. of New York, was fired upon while trying to run the nationalist blockade of Shanghai. The vessel was en route from Hong Kong to Shanghai.

The state department announcement, based on a report from the U.S. consulate in Shanghai, said the attack occurred at 5 p.m. today, Shanghai time (4 a.m. EST).

The Sir John Franklin was the latest in a series of Isbrandtsen ships to run into trouble off Shanghai. The company's Flying Trader was shelled and damaged November 15 as it left Shanghai.

## Scientists Study "How Hot Is Hot"

Waco, Tex. (AP) — How hot is 100 degrees?

In the interest of science, the Baylor university department of physics conducted an experiment. Dr. Herbert D. Schwetman did the checking and found it was: 100 in the sun — same as the official weather bureau reading. 98 in the shade.

114 on an aluminum surface exposed to the sunlight.

And 140 on a stone ledge exposed similarly.

**NOT DIRTY ENOUGH**

Camp Hill, Pa. (AP) — Two Jersey City sellers of top soil were urged by a justice of the peace to supply dirtier dirt. Customers of Joseph M. Ingentio and Michael J. Morley complained that the "high grade" earth they bought from the two men was no more than plain garden variety soil. The men were fined \$25 apiece.

**CROW IS EPICURE**

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