

DOUBLE 1956 TOTAL

300 Immigrants a Day Enter Israel

By ROBERT TUCKMAN  
HAIFA, Israel (AP)—A new wave of Jewish immigration is bringing newcomers to Israel's shores at a rate of 300 a day.

The 1957 total is expected to reach 100,000, nearly double the total last year. Most come from Eastern Europe, North Africa and Egypt.

Their reasons are the old ones of oppression in their native land and hope of better future in their new one.

Since Jan. 1, 8,000 Egyptian Jews have arrived. Immigration authorities expect the flow to continue at the rate of 1,400 a month.

Immigration ships dock here two to three times a week. A steady stream also come by plane.

What happens to an immigrant on his arrival?

The Jewish Agency is responsible in concert with the government for immigration, absorption and settlement.

When the ship docks, Jewish Agency representatives interview immigrants and determine where to send them. The immigrant receives housing and his initial household requirements. And two Israel pounds (\$1.10).

The day after arrival, the immigrant is enrolled in a labor exchange. He is assigned to a job according to his skill, age and health.

About 60 per cent of the arrivals are assigned to new communities in underdeveloped sections—mostly in Galilee in the North and the Negev in the South. The "development towns" serve as centers for the agricultural hinter-

land, providing such services as tractor stations and stores. Many have industries connected with farming.

Twenty per cent of the immigrants are sent to agricultural settlements.

The remaining 20 per cent are either taken in by relatives or sent to the central coastal plain—the developed or urban part of Israel—where they are settled with Jewish Agency help. Those in the latter group are largely professional men.

Portland May Get Another Video Station

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Communications Commission Wednesday received a request by the Tribune Publishing Co. of Tacoma, Wash., that television Channel 2 be assigned to Portland, Ore.

The company, publisher of the Tacoma News Tribune and Ledger and operator of TV Channel 11 in Tacoma said it VHF Channel 2 is assigned to Portland the Tribune Publishing Co. will immediately apply for a license to operate the channel in Portland.

The Tacoma firm said applications are now on file with the FCC for assignment of VHF Channel 2 to Longview, Vancouver and Aberdeen but contended the need for an additional VHF station at Portland outweighs the needs of the smaller cities.

Gates Opposes Single Service

NEW YORK (AP)—Secretary of Navy Gates says he is opposed to a single combined military service for the nation.

At a dinner of the Pennsylvania Club last night, Gates termed the single-service plan "probably the most utter nonsense that has ever been foisted upon the American public."

With such an operation, he added, "perhaps the United States would be led into devising a single strategy, and we need alternate strategies."

The club awarded Gates its Benjamin Franklin Trophy for "outstanding service."

**Hit by Elevator**  
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)— Archie Vick, 64, stuck his head into the elevator shaft at the Gold Proof Elevator Co. to see if the lift was coming down. It was. It hit him. Hospital officials said he was not seriously hurt.

BUSINESS MIRROR  
1st Quarter Profits Show Decline Trend

By SAM DAWSON  
NEW YORK (AP)—American business did better on profits in the first three months of the year than many had expected. But the number of companies showing declining net income after taxes was clearly on the increase. And the over-all gain above the year ago period was much smaller than in the two previous years.

The first 491 corporations to report first quarter profits split this way: 279 made more than a year ago and 212 made less. There were 14 companies operating at a loss, four of them railroads. This was the same total as had red ink reports a year ago.

The 491 had combined net earnings of \$2,997,302,621. This was a gain of 7.6 per cent over the \$2,783,043,406 the same 491 reported in the first three months of 1956.

A year ago American business as a whole showed a 12 per cent gain over the 1955 first quarter, which had been up a spanking 27.2 per cent over the first three months of 1954.

During the first three months of this year American corporations declared cash dividends of more than 2 1/2 billion dollars, up 2 1/2 per cent from the 1956 quarter.

In many cases where companies reported increased earnings this year, they added that their sales had climbed even faster. Despite rising prices in many instances, operation costs, transportation and taxes had gone up even more.

Most of those reporting declines from 1956 also stress the profit pinch from higher costs.

What has been happening to profits in relation to sales is

Grants Pass Radio Permit Is Granted

WASHINGTON (AP)—A radio station grant was issued Wednesday by the Communications Commission to Grants Pass Broadcasting Co., Grants Pass, Ore., to operate on 1270 kilocycles, 1 kilowatt, daytime.

The commission also granted a TV translator station to the Redmond, Ore., Junior Chamber of Commerce on channel 73 to re-produce programs of KOIN-TV, Portland, Ore.

The Federal Trade Commission and the Securities & Exchange Commission, Reporting only on manufacturing companies, the agencies show these had both record sales and record profits last year—with inflation of prices counting for about half of the gain.

Profits as a percentage of the sales dollar slipped to 5.3 cents in 1956 from 5.4 cents the year before. The rate of profit after taxes in relation to stockholders' equity in the companies slid to 12 per cent in 1956 from 12.3 per cent the previous year.

EXCITING POSSIBILITIES?  
Chemicals Produce Mutations in Ducks

By GARVIN HUDGINS  
PARIS (AP)—A team of French biologists has managed, through chemical injections made after birth, to bring about radical mutations in 12 ducks.

The experiments reported yesterday aroused considerable interest in scientific circles here. They mark one of the few successful attempts to bring about changed characteristics in anything other than micro-organisms.

One of the scientists working on the project, Prof. Jacques Benoit of the College of France, said future possibilities of the experiments could be exciting but he cautiously refrained from predicting how they might be applied to human beings.

"One could hope to introduce beneficial characteristics in humans," he said, "but the changes

produced could also be harmful." It still is not known whether the new characteristics produced in the 12 ducks can be handed down to succeeding generations. Eggs from the changed ducks now are being incubated. A prime objective of the experiments is to see whether sex cells can be changed enough to modify hereditary characteristics.

The injections, Benoit said, produced changes in the size of the ducks, altered the shape of their heads and bodies and the way they walked and changed the color of their beaks and feathers.

The ducks involved were 8-day-old Pekins, three males and nine females. Desoxyribonucleic acid, a vital chemical of life that controls heredity, was extracted from the blood of ducks of the Khaki Campbell species. The acid—nick-

named DNA—then was injected into the abdominal cavities of the Pekin ducks. When the injected ducks matured, they showed the changed characteristics which distinguished them not only from others in the Pekin species but also from ducks in the Khaki species.

Beaks turned from a normal yellow to a dark green color. Feathers changed from yellowish white to snow white. While mature Pekin ducks weigh up to about 6 1/2 pounds, the treated ducks, when mature, weighed about four pounds.

Benoit and his associates reported the results of their experiments to the French Academy of Science and explained their work in an interview.

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