



## Nine Years Ago This Month UN Created Small Nation of Israel

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Jerusalem — (U.P.)—Nine years ago this month the United Nations carved the nation of Israel out of Palestine, and Jews the world over gave thanks that once again they had a homeland.

The name Israel literally means "God strives." So far, it has been an uphill fight against often discouraging odds. But the determined little nation thrives and grows stronger on adversity.

Some call it morale. Israel's leaders have found an almost perfect formula for blending the spirit of its young people with the wisdom of its elders.

Others call it the pioneer spirit. Some 900,000 persons have streamed into the nation from all parts of the world since Israel was formed nine years ago after years and even centuries of Zionist efforts to provide a national home for the Jewish people.

Another 100,000 are expected this year, which will swell the population to about two million in an area the size of New Jersey, although much of it is made

up of barren, rocky hills and arid, unproductive desert.

**Israel's Goal Is Peace**

Shalom—the Hebrew word for peace—is used throughout the land for both "hello" and "good-bye." Everyone from top government officials to the man and woman trying to make a garden out of a rocky knoll contend that peace is their most desired and elusive goal.

In fact, there has seldom been a moment of peace in Israel since it was born May 16, 1948. Its Arab neighbors observed the occasion by bombing the land from the air.

The Arab armies, swelled by the ranks of Palestine refugees dispossessed from their homeland closed in on Israel's borders and threatened full-scale war. Gradually, the Israelis pushed the Arabs back, but border clashes with Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt continue to the present day.

The Israeli education system is one of the finest anywhere in this part of the world, but every young man and woman in Israel must serve in the Army, Air

Force or Navy as soon as he leaves school.

**Israel Struck Back**

Israel's antagonism with its Arab neighbors mounted rapidly when Egypt blocked Elath, its only port on the Gulf of Aqaba and in 1950 barred Israeli shipping from the Suez Canal.

Last October the little nation struck back with two lightning moves into Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza strip.

It took considerable pressure from the United Nations to force Premier David Ben-Gurion to recall his efficient little Army, but by that time Israel had regained freedom of transit in the disputed Aqaba Gulf and had wiped out strong Egyptian command bases in the Gaza strip.

The Israeli government now lists eight points it seems necessary to assure peace in the area.

First, it hopes its representatives can sit down at the conference table with representatives of the Arab states to discuss all matters about which there are disputes.

The Israelis say they are willing to negotiate minor adjustments at its borders as long as there are no major concessions of territory.

The nation wants to benefit by its geopolitical position as the hub of Middle East communications, permitting the Arabs to establish land and air communications on the north-south, east-west line across Israeli territory in return for similar concessions in the Arab nations.

**Seeks Cooperation**

Government leaders say they are willing to grant Jordan the free use of port facilities at Haifa on the Mediterranean.

Israel is willing to pay compensation to Arab refugees while ruling out the return of these persons to their former homes. To do this, government officials say they are willing to accept the offer of a loan from the United States.

The country seeks cooperation with the Arabs on plans for sharing the waters of the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers to irrigate the Negev Desert.

And it is willing to maintain the present status of the divided city of Jerusalem, with Jordan holding the old city and Israel keeping possession of the modern city outside the ancient walls.

"Peace between Israel and her neighbors is possible on the basis of equality and mutual benefit," Ben-Gurion recently stated. "Neither Israel nor the Arab states should have to ask for concessions from the other party for peace because peace is its own reward."

While pleading for peace on all sides, Israel continues to dig in for war. She hopes someday to be dug so deeply into the Middle East that no one can dislodge her.

## Neuberger Suggests More Time Outdoors

Harper's Ferry, W. Va.—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) suggested Saturday night that congressmen follow the example of President Eisenhower and spend more time outdoors.

He said congressmen and the country both would benefit if congress held some of its sessions under the sky in a stadium or amphitheater during the spring.

Neuberger said President Eisenhower "is outdoors a great deal, either on the golf course or shooting birds."

"Why shouldn't members of the Senate and House inhale some pure ozone once in a while?" he added.

In a talk before a Hiking club here at the end of a 10-mile hike, Neuberger said senators on Capitol Hill live in a kind of "a rabbit warren, and even must go through mole-like corridors underground in passing from building to buildings."

## Department Agrees To Abolish OSI

Washington — (U.P.) — The Commerce Department has agreed — at least tentatively — to abolish its controversial Office of Strategic Information.

The agency has been under congressional fire for alleged efforts to censor non-secret information about the government.

Sen. Spessard L. Holland (D-Fla.) and Rep. Dante B. Fascell (D-Fla.), announced Saturday assistant Commerce Secretary George T. Moore has notified the Senate he will not ask at this time for restoration of funds for OSI eliminated from the Commerce budget earlier by the House.

Holland is chairman of a Senate appropriations subcommittee handling the Commerce funds. Fascell is a member of a House Freedom of Information subcommittee which has led the attack on OSI.

## Committee Drafts Law for Boating

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Merchant Marine committee Saturday was drafting for early introduction legislation to tighten safety standards in the mushrooming pleasure boat field.

Committee sources said it is hoped staff members can whip the proposal into shape to get it passed at least by the House before Congress adjourns. Senate action probably will be delayed until next year.

The legislation grew out of long committee hearings into the rapid growth of pleasure boating since World War II. The committee took testimony of more than 300 witnesses—from water skiers to operators of ocean liners—on needed revision in the 17-year-old motor boat act. With 25 million Americans annually taking to the water in one type of craft or another, committee members concluded that immediate action is needed to bring federal and state laws up to date.

## No More 'Quickie' Divorces in Florida

Tallahassee, Fla. — (U.P.) — From now on, it will take twice as long to get a "quickie" divorce in Florida.

Gov. Leroy Collins Friday signed into law his proposal setting a six-month resident requirement before divorce proceedings can be filed in the Sunshine state. Under the old law, only 90 days' residence was required.

The measure is part of the governor's program to end the state's reputation for handing out "quickie" divorces. Another part of the legislation has hit a snag.

It would provide a "cooling off" period before divorces become final. The House insists on a 30-day period and the Senate refuses to go along with less than 60 days.



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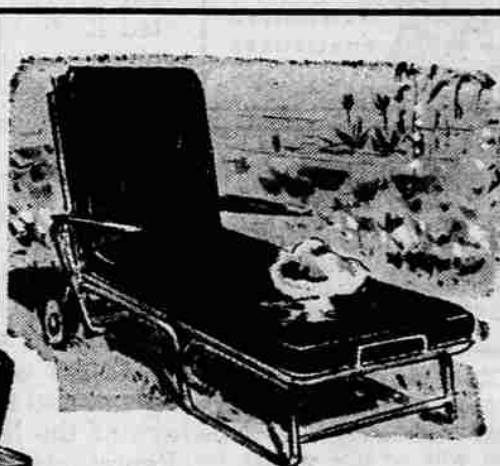
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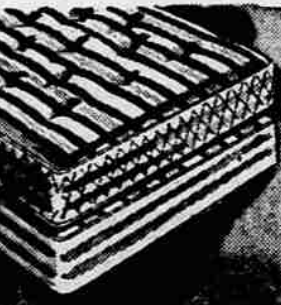
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