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HUMPHREY SALUTES ISRAEL'S

FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS

MIAMI, March 2 -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) said here tonight that the more advanced nations of the West should "follow Israel's example of sponsoring programs of direct technical assistance and training in underdeveloped countries of Latin America."

Humphrey's remarks were prepared for an address to a State of Israel Bonds dinner-meeting in Miami.

The Senate Majority Whip noted that in the past five years, Israel has extended technical assistance to almost 80 nations in Africa and Asia.

"Israel has already shown what a small country with limited funds can do in the field of foreign aid," Humphrey said.

"Now, that Nation is sending technicians to Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia and Venezuela. Israel's most recent program is to train 200 Latin American students in modern agricultural methods during the next year.

"In all of these activities, Israel is again demonstrating that trained manpower is as essential to the economic and social development of a country as the large development loans which are now being given by larger countries and international lending institutions.

"Israel is leading the way in a demonstration of the value of human resources."

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Humphrey said that the United States and other economically-advanced nations "should give new and priority attention to assistance which helps develops the skills so desperately needed by the people throughout Latin America."

And he added a challenge to Latin America itself:

"If Latin American nations are to achieve political stability and economic progress, they must mobilize their own resources as Israel has mobilized heres."

"They must install efficient, honest governments. They must overhaul their tax and agrarian systems. They must encourage private enterprise. They must devote more resources to education and health."

Humphrey said that the dual purpose of increased skills and local reforms is the central aim of the Alliance for Progress.

"The Alliance got off to a slow start," Humphrey said. "But now it is beginning to move and is bringing real hope for substantial progress in Latin America."

Humphrey, who visited eight countries of Latin America earlier this winter, said that "much remains to be done to make the Alliance effective," but he added:

"Local officials throughout Latin America now recognize completely their own obligations under the Alliance for Progress. And our own American officials working on Alliance programs in Washington and in Latin America are cutting through the normal bureaucracy and today are giving the Alliance the drive and the effective administration it needs."



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