

Excerpts of Remarks by
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I speak of Latin America and its future and the
role of the United States and Israel in Latin America.

For too many decades, Latin American affairs were
given low priority by our government. And our people tended
to think of the southern region of the hemisphere as a
"land of manana -- tomorrow".

But our national mood and our government's policy
has now changed. In the past few years, the United States
has recognized the critical needs of Latin America, the
tender balance in which it hangs -- between freedom and
communism -- and the need for new policies and programs
now exemplified by the Alliance for Progress.

Yes, we are giving attention to Latin America
today. But I wish to share a few questions with you about

whether or not we are giving Latin America the right kind of attention.

Under the Alliance for Progress, we have stepped up our economic aid to Latin America, and we have strengthened our insistence that our aid be coupled with social and economic reform in the Nations to the south.

Last month, we saw examples of the results -- magnificent new housing developments, solid plans for long-range development, new capital for industrial growth and progress.

I agree that long range development and industrial loans are important.

But we need new emphasis -- new attention for -- the human resources of Latin America.

The Alliance for Progress must become identified more with education. The United States -- and other advanced

nations of the west -- must become known not just as bankers but as teachers.

What is needed most in Latin America today is an inflow of trained people, ready to teach the skills so desperately needed and wanted by the local citizens, ready to guide and build the human resources of the nations to the south.

I think you will understand why I stress so strongly the need for direct training programs in Latin America today.

Israel itself has built a magnificent record in recent years in this type of effort.

During the past five years, as you know, Israel has extended technical assistance to many countries of Africa and Asia. And more recently, Israeli technicians have traveled to Latin America and are now working on foreign aid projects in Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, and

Colombia.

Israel recognizes the critical need of the peoples
of Latin America for educaion and new skills -- and has
acted responsibly and successfully to meet that need.

I was immensely pleased to note this month's
announcement that Israel now plans to train 200 Latin
American students in modern agricultural techniques in
the coming year.

Once again, Israel is showing that it understands
-- and is responding to -- the most urgent need of the
Latin American area -- rural development.

Too few people in the United States understand
that most of the nations of Latin America are still
predominately rural nations, geared to agricultural
economies. Too often we act as though we want to build a
Latin America which mirrors the United States of the sixties
--throbbing with industrial activity.

Of course, we do want to spur industrial development in Latin America. But our first step must be to help pull the Latin American farmer -- who represents a majority of the people in most of the Latin American nations -- out of a primitive state in which the ways of ancient ancestors in tilling the soil are still used today.

Agricultural development, rural development, must go hand in hand with industrial and long range development.

The Latin American people -- particularly the vast majorities in rural areas -- need new skills, new training, NOW.

And that is what Israel is offering. And I salute once again the willingness of the Israeli people to share the fresh skills they have learned in the past decade and a half of building a thriving nation out of a bare earth.

The new frontier - The Galilee -
the Galilee Development Plan

Villages, Reclamation
Pameli
Irrigation

(negot)

262,500 acres

Cost ~~27 1/2~~ million - 6 yr

Arab & Jew together
- 6 -

\$30,000,000

must be done

U.S. & Israel

The success story of Israel is a shining example,
a beacon of hope to the nations of Latin America -- and to
other relatively small nations or underdeveloped nations
throughout the world.

We need Israel
Loyal ally -
Friend
Partner

Israel offers to the nations of Latin America
something the United States cannot offer.

Our own country, frankly, is too big, too prosperous,
too advanced to offer the people of the small and struggling
nations of Latin America a sense of complete identification.

The average citizen of many Latin American nations
likes and respects the United States. But there is a degree
of detachment in their attitude toward the programs and
policies the United States urges on them.

They may say: "Yes, that is a fine program. And
I am sure it works for the big and power United States.
But we are different. We are small and poor."

Israel can give the people of Latin America a dimension of hope which is not confined to the power of dollars and supplies.

The average citizen of many Latin American nations can look to Israel, hear of its success story and say:

"Israel was a small nation, a poor nation just a few years ago. Now it is thriving and prosperous. Maybe we can do the same."

That is why I emphasize the success story of Israel. We must tell it again and again to all the peoples of the world.

Let us never forget the real goal of the United States internationally.

Our ultimate hope is for peace and freedom throughout the world, of course.

But in the final analysis, peace and freedom are

the conditions which are needed to open the way to the
ultimate objective.

~~And through our present policies, we seek -- as~~
the President has said -- to help others help themselves to
freedom, security and progress.

But these are steps toward our central goal of
a world of nations which are free of the chains of tyrants
and poverty, nations which achieve full utilization of the
natural resources, capital and human talents and energies
to enable each citizen to live a good and productive life.

*Pres. Kennedy will not let
Israel Down -*

*Congress President are
Friends of Israel*

*① Prime Minister Eshkol - non-Aggression
appeal for peace*

*Peace with strength - ② Middle East - disarmament
waste of Arms - in middle East -*

Jews of America - Start Singer because of Israel

The future of Israel is close to the heart of the American people. The security of Israel is a matter of vital concern to the government of the United States. The social and political progress ~~so evident~~^{of} in Israel provides an inspiration to other countries who today are struggling to make for their freedom meaningful.

While it is true that the people of the United States and our government have given generous aid to Israel, what is more important is the fact that this aid has been well used. Aid to Israel, like aid to Western Europe, has produced results. The Marshall Plan revived Western Europe and has made it prosperous and strong. Financial aid by individuals, groups, and our government to Israel has helped create a free democratic state, a strong and faithful friend, and a mature and responsible nation. If every dollar of foreign aid that we have extended to other areas of the world had been used as effectively and as constructively as

in the instance of Israel, then today the Congress of the United States would not be engaging in cutting our aid program, in criticizing our foreign aid - but rather in praising it.

We owe a particular debt to the Jewish National Fund.

It was the JNF which long ago saw the importance of land reform. Yes, the importance of land and the people. If the countries of Latin America had practiced what the JNF has advocated for these many years, our Latin American neighbors would be well on the road to a stable and prosperous society.

The JNF ~~was~~ dedicated to the creation of a society in Israel based on justice and freedom. It pioneered the Point Four - technical assistance program - long before President Truman proclaimed it as a national policy of our government. The JNF pioneered foreign aid for the under- developed areas, and it proved that timely assistance can

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produce constructive results. And it was the JNF which
recognized that land - land owned by the people - is the
keystone and the basis for creating a ^{strong and free} social system, ~~where~~
~~the people living on the land may create social values.~~

Declare
War
on
Desert

Yes, we owe much to the JNF for what it has done in
educating our own people to the importance of aid to the
underdeveloped, of conservation and protection of the land,
and of a better understanding of the relationships between
political freedom and the land in the possession of the
people.

But the JNF also has told us the importance of
technical assistance, of education as the way and the means
of developing a modern society. The lessons of the JNF
have inspired our country and others to undertake great
programs of economic aid, scientific and technical assistance,
education, and land reform.

Israel help in many
countries of Africa & Asia

Now Israel - Latin America -

Israel sets example of Training, of Education - Human Resources
Reclamation, Conservation, Irrigation - Reforestation - Agri-Techniques
Human Power

Israel is
People's
Will -
+ Modern
Technology



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