

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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It is a great pleasure for me to be with the Pioneer Women - an organization I have known and respected over the years.

The Pioneer Women in the United States and in other nations around the world are entitled to call themselves "nation builders."

Through your work and your dedication you have helped build and strengthen the state of Israel. Not with arms, not with billions in cash -- but through devoted work in helping to build a strong family structure in a young nation.

Your tools have been education, social services and a host of other people-oriented activities.

Israel is strong today because the Israeli people have invested heavily in the human resources of their great country. This is the only way to build a nation.

The Pioneer Women have made a great contribution to the cause of a free and strong Israel through their commitment to the family -- to the mothers and the children of Israel.

Isaiah Said:

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

The desert has been made fertile again.

A way has been made in the wilderness.

A people have grown strong and rich in spirit.

With God's help, with the spirit of a people yearning for freedom and with the aid of those around the world who believe in freedom, Israel has prospered. And Israel has survived against almost insurmountable odds.

Those who have been associated with the Pioneer Women can look back with pride and a great sense of achievement in the work of this fine organization. Throughout its 49 years as an American organization, the Pioneer Women have played an essential and lasting role in the foundation of the Jewish state.

Today Israel faces two serious problems.

The first is remaining strong and prosperous.

The second is building a lasting peace with her neighbors.

It is clear that the Yom Kippur War took a heavy toll on Israel.

The mobilization of young men reduced economic productivity.

The cost of the war ran into billions. The loss of expensive military equipment meant that Israel would have to deplete its precious reserves of foreign currency to buy new weapons for its self-defense.

I am pleased that the United States came to the aid of Israel with supplemental military aid amounting to \$2.2 billion and that \$1 billion of that sum was in the form of grant assistance.

This aid was badly needed to keep Israel strong to maintain the balance of power and to convince the Arab world and the Soviet Union that we would not desert our friends.

Israel may need more assistance in order to preserve its fragile economy and maintain its military strength.

We will soon be considering our foreign aid bill. I want to assure you that the Congress will take a very close look at the President's request for aid to Israel for this year. There are some very strong indications that the sum may be insufficient.

Of one thing I am sure. There is no better investment for peace and stability in the Middle East than a strong and prosperous Israel.

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The United States is now playing a key role in helping to fashion a lasting peace in the Middle East.

Secretary Kissinger's skill and his persistence have brought about a successful troop disengagement on the Egyptian front. I have every hope that he will obtain a similar agreement on the Syrian front.

After there has been a troop separation on all fronts, the very arduous task of a final and permanent settlement in the region must begin.

These will prove to be the most difficult and most important of all negotiations.

To be successful, many things must occur on all sides -- it will be a complicated process, indeed.

But I am certain that one of the most important factors in building a lasting peace in the Middle East will be the commitment of the United States to the security of Israel.

And I say to you today that despite our improved relations with the Arab world -- relations which I endorse and approve -- the American commitment to Israel needs to be strengthened.

-- The people of Israel need to know that the United States will never desert them and allow them to stand alone in any international forum -- be it the United Nations or any other body.

-- The people of Israel need to know that America will not be bullied or pressured by economic blackmail from any nation.

-- The people of Israel need to know that the American people believe that the national security of Israel can never be the subject of any negotiation.

The Congress of the United States knows of Israel's needs and will respond with compassion and understanding.

The President and Secretary of State have given our support to Israel during her hour of need. But at a time of fragile peace, our commitment to a friend isolated from other nations as a result of unprecedented economic pressures -- must never waiver.

This is the only path to successful negotiation.

This is the only path to lasting peace.

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L THE PIONEER WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN
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THEMSELVES "NATION BUILDERS."

L THROUGH YOUR WORK AND YOUR DEDICATION YOU HAVE
HELPED BUILD AND STRENGTHEN THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

L NOT WITH ARMS, NOT WITH BILLIONS IN ^{money} ~~CASH~~ -- BUT THROUGH
DEVOTED WORK IN HELPING TO BUILD A STRONG FAMILY STRUCTURE
IN A YOUNG NATION.

h YOUR TOOLS HAVE BEEN EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND
A HOST OF OTHER PEOPLE-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES.

h ISRAEL IS STRONG TODAY BECAUSE THE ISRAELI PEOPLE
HAVE INVESTED HEAVILY IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES OF THEIR
GREAT COUNTRY. h THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO BUILD A NATION!

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THE WORLD WHO BELIEVE IN FREEDOM, ISRAEL HAS PROSPERED *will continue to do so.*

L AND ISRAEL HAS SURVIVED AGAINST ALMOST INSURMOUNTABLE ODDS.

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h TODAY ISRAEL FACES TWO SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

L THE FIRST IS REMAINING STRONG AND PROSPEROUS.

L THE SECOND IS BUILDING A LASTING PEACE WITH HER

NEIGHBORS.

October war

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AMERICAN PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY
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✓ THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE HAVE GIVEN OUR
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