

AN AMERICAN MINISTER'S IMPRESSIONS OF ISRAEL

(This article taken from The Presbyterian Herald is printed here at the request of one of our subscribers).

Dr. E. E. Moser, formerly one of our missionaries to the Jews in Hamburg, has sent us an article by the Rev. Dr. O. Walter Wagner, an American minister, describing a visit he paid to the land of Israel last summer. From this we quote the following:

"Israel is performing a miracle in building here in the Middle East a stronghold of democracy for the free world. I use the word miracle advisedly. She is conquering waste lands and desert sand and grain, with cattle and sheep. She is estab-



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One of the oldest CBC School Broadcasts, "Adventures in Speech", now features one of radio's youngest personalities. It's seven-year-old Mary Henderson, Winnipeg public school pupil, who reads the exercises in this speech training program aimed at primary grades.

lishing a government based on the dignity of man, the basic freedoms, the right to a homeland, and upon peaceful co-operation with all the nations of the world.

"In eight years, little Israel has absorbed 800,000 refugees. She has integrated 350,000 Jews

from Arab countries. She has built 834 new villages across the land whose 517,146 inhabitants are tillers of the soil. She has erected housing units in fifty-one towns and cities to accommodate her 1,267,614 urbanites. She has collected 70,000 children, many of them orphaned, from seventy different lands of the Diaspora and settled them in seventy-nine children's villages, an effort without parallel in history. She has provided all the services of a just government, built schools, hospitals, health centres, established Embassies, created an army, opened factories and fisheries, dug wells and waterways, developed world trade—all this little Israel has achieved against almost insurmountable obstacles.

"I say 'little Israel' only when I think of her acres of land. She was cut to one-third of her rightful size as envisioned in the Balfour declaration. Today, she has but 8,050 square miles compared to the 2,622,200 square miles of her Arab neighbours. I think of insurmountable obstacles when I realize she began her dream of a new State without benefit of great capital. She had little modern machinery. She had only the determination to build a democratic homeland for her oppressed people. Through sacrifice and austerity, reduced standards of living and rationing, through hard, but willing, labour she used intellectuals, professionals and a people used to urban life and taught them first of all to be farmers, conquerors of arid desert lands, then builders of cities and founders of factories. She had to fight malaria as she drained the swamplands. She had to fight the Arabs as she sought to till the soil. She had to build industries without adequate capital and without modern machinery. She has been denied water rights in the north, and her ships have not been allowed to sail through the Suez in the south. Hemmed in by unfriendly neighbours she had to provide an army for defence, build trenches and air raid shelters, and plead for weapons adequate to protect her people, all the while the Communists supply arms to her hostile neighbours.

"Now, after eight years of great development, years in which she has successfully built a national loyalty out of vastly different cultures, she faces either the fulfilment of her dream or the destruction of her State.

"That Israel wants to fulfil her dream and share her success with the forty million oppressed peoples among her Arab neighbours no one can doubt. He has already developed plans for the irrigation of hundreds of thousands of acres of land in the Near East. This plan is presently stalemated by the Arabs. She is willing to discuss reparations for Arab properties now in Israel territory. This the Arabs ignore. She has shown how 800,000 refugees can be integrated into full citizenship and become producing people in an expanding economy, while the Arabs allow their 780,000 refugees to live in filth and degenerate in bitterness as pawns and political hostages of their feudal lords.

"Israel is truly a light in a world of darkness. Here the contrasts are vividly clear. Israel, a little nation, is performing a miracle of mercy for a millions-and-a-half oppressed people. Across the borders are forty millions of destitute, poverty-stricken people living in darkness and early death under an old feudal system. In an effort to be true to the insights I've received, I urge you to use your influence to let the light of this little nation shine! She is our best hope for peace for all the people in the Near East."

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AUCTION SALE

An Auction Sale of Farm Stock, Implements, Household Furniture, Etc., the property of Mr. Harold Little will be held on the premises East Half Lot 4, Concession 3, Cavan. 3 miles South West of Millbrook (Zion Line), on Saturday, April 6th, 1957, at 1.00 p.m. sharp. Terms Cash. Positively No Reserve. R. J. Payne, Pontypool, Auctioneer.

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Entered Into Rest

Freelove, Mrs. George. — Suddenly at St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough, Thursday, March 14, 1957, Minnie Bruce, beloved wife of George Freelove. Dear mother of Mrs. Kay Papineau, Detroit, Mich.; Bruce of Peterborough, and Harry of Millbrook.

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Tickets may be secured at Legion Hall or from Coulter, Dave Fowler, Peterborough. Admission \$1.00. Doors open 7 p.m. sharp. Geo. Howd

VISITED REFORM

On Wednesday of last week the Reeves, Deputy-Reeves, their wives, of Durham and Northumberland Counties, taken on an inspection of the new Millbrook reformatory. Between 75 and 100 attendees, entertained the ladies at a luncheon served buffet style in the administration building of the institution. We are of the opinion that all are satisfied with the place of abode.



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