Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador To U. S. Speaks in Kresge Of His Nation's Goal

by Sam Hall

Abba Eban, Israel's ambassador to the United States and chief Israeli agent to the United Nations, spoke Tuesday afternoon, March 20, in the Kresge Auditorium on Science and Diplomacy-A Challenge in the Middle East." His talk was given under the auspices of the MIT Lyceum Series Committee.

Ambassador Eban began his talk in a jocular vein by declaring "as a general great much," any disagreement with the words of proude.

which his host, Donald Engleberg, the program chairman, had introduced him.

Engleberg riled the Ambassador's many accomplishments on a diplomatic, scholastic, and social scale.

Eban said that the academic atmosphere of Kresge was very congenial to himself having been on the faculty of Cambridge University in England.

Two great forces are at work, according to Ambassador Eban, in molding the world of today. These are the forces of nationalism and the force of the scientific revolution. In a fashion unique to herself, Israel has combined these modern forces with the old Hebrew Culture, which eschews the concept of an isolated universe governed by a merciful Intelligence and the belief that these will always exist for a new significant signpost pointing forward and up.

This combination of vigorous worldliness and heritage ensures Israel to stand out amidst the anxiety of the Middle East, and has allowed her to make the tremendous strides that she has made during the one decade of her existence.

In the past ten years Israel has tried to her population to one of a million and a half thriving people. She has brought to her prize men from all parts of the world, some of them out of the worst agony that mankind has ever known, in a immigration and assimilation that is in itself remarkable. She is victorious the land, which had become desert and leaves through centurias of sepa- rately still life occupation, to its origi- nal grace by irrigation, cultivation, and reforestation.

Israel has firmly established her security as a nation among hostile neighbors, and in so long ago, any question that but Israel has come to prominence and recognition among the nations of the world, who now step forth willingly and readily to insure her integrity. Recognition of Israel's responsibility as a nation, according to Mr. Eban, has inscribed itself in the fact that some for purchase from other nations are now freely avail- able to her for defense, alleviat- ing the shortage of war materials that once periled her and as augmenting its security even more.

Mr. Eban said that if, in 1949, six hundred and fifty thousand poorly armed and fed Israelis could defeat the combined might of the Arab world, how much more potent is the Israel of today against any threat of aggression.

The scientific revolution has done much to reduce the handi-cap of Is- rael's limited size and shortage of re- sources. The great source of power to be found in the atom and the availability of synthetics and similar means in making self-sufficient and giving her the opportunities for development which are so necessary for a young country.

Israel stands out as an example for the many new nations rising in the world today, so that they for in- stitution and inspiration. These new countries are required by Russia's totalitariansim and have not yet- answer to emulate the United States, and is thus quite fortunate that they can learn from Israel how fractured development can be accomplished with modest means. Israel is now en- gaging in a very active technical and medical exchange with emerging nations in all parts of the world.

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