

...ative Council enabled me to listen to the  
representatives concerning various issues, which  
of what people were thinking.

...ommittee on Financial and Economic Affairs (we  
shop") made me understand the size of our economic

...r gave me a complete picture of what was taking place  
and of Egypt's problems in general.

...of the Consultative Council taught me how to be a good  
sessions, listen to debate, and respect other opinions.  
...y person who holds a number of political offices, each  
...ence, realism, knowledge, and ability to the other office  
...s available in a person who remains in his post a long time.

...ork and Home

...think politics has taken up part of our time. Let us move to  
...de of your life. Could you give us your opinion about women  
...politics, and about the call for women to return to the house or  
...time for half a salary?

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[Question] Didn't you object to her continuing to work, particularly after  
you assumed the office of minister?

[Answer] I did not object at all. Why should I object? Is working a crime  
to be gotten rid of when we assume public office? I am honored that my wife is  
a working woman and has undertaken advanced studies. Knowledge increases a  
woman's standing and makes her more in tune with her husband's responsibility.

The Problem of Young People: They Want To Understand

[Question] As a university professor under whose hands many generations have  
been educated and who has been in touch with many different kinds of young  
people, can we say that family, state, and society have performed their role  
in protecting young people from falling into the morass of extremism and  
terrorism? Can one acknowledge that despair about a tomorrow that will not  
realize their modest dreams is the reason for the regrettable incidents that  
have occurred in the family and the nation?

[Answer] Twenty-five classes passed through my hands. The percentage of  
extremism and deviance in them was small. However, I admit that we all are  
responsible and have fallen short when it comes to young people. Some people  
are exploiting the circumstances of their confusion and anxiety to align them  
with extremism and terrorism. As a university professor, my job is not just

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pessimism enters any person's life, especially a young person's, it will be  
impossible for him to work or realize any dream for himself. We start from  
today: don't you agree with me that it is better than yesterday and that  
yesterday was better than what preceded it? And as a natural result of the  
development of things, tomorrow will be better, God permitting. I am not  
speaking theoretically, but from the actuality of figures and reports.  
However, young people must be bold with their solutions and views. Why do  
young people wait for the government to appoint them to jobs, make no efforts,  
and then say, "The salary is not enough for me."? Haven't they asked  
themselves why it is not enough? Having assumed the responsibility of  
appointing every [university] graduate to a job, the government cannot raise  
salaries. If things changed and the number of enterprises increased, as we  
are doing today, it would be possible to raise salaries by creating many new  
job opportunities. And young people hold on to [government] employment! Why  
do they want to live in Cairo? There are new cities, the deserts, the  
projects for young people which the state is financing with loans on easy  
terms. These are all new paths, but they need a youthful spirit capable of  
ambition and risk. But if a young person does not work boldly at the beginning  
of his life, when will he understand it?

Of course, I do not deny that young people have special problems, particularly  
as regards housing. According to studies, we need 100,000 housing units built

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...all his endeavors failed. On the eve of the 1983 elections for the local  
authorities he announced the establishment of ZALASH--Young People for Qiryat  
Shemona--as a candidate in the election. The masses did not break down his  
door. 'Asur pledged his support to the town hall winner, Likud candidate  
Professor 'Azran. Then came the turmoil of the Knesset elections. Once again,  
a big opportunity for people like 'Asur to put a little color in their drab  
lives. He attended the meetings of various parties, and at each one of them he  
requested the guest politician to reveal what he planned to do for Qiryat  
Shemona. When the head of Yahad, Ezer Weizman, came to town, 'Asur addressed  
him "as one graduate of the Real School to another." He then initiated the  
appearance of Lisa Perez on the Likud's election broadcasts. The Likud thought  
they had a winner there. When the newspapers found out the story about Lisa's  
mother, Ehud Olmert was furious with 'Asur, who had been responsible for the  
Likud broadcasts.

Prisoners of the Jewish underground will be pleased to hear that one of the  
first persons to come out in their support was Shim'on 'Asur. Shortly after  
their detention an announcement appeared in the town's weekly newspaper,  
calling for contributions in behalf of good friends in trouble. The  
announcement invited readers to send their donations to Post Office Box Number  
One in Qiryat Shemona. What aborted that fund raising campaign was that the  
post office box belonged to city hall.

'Asur, who at the time worked in the social services department of the city,  
was soon put in his place, and the underground prisoners had to look to other  
sources for help. Shortly after that, the mayor was once again required to  
deal with 'Asur's initiatives. That was after 'Asur had informed newsmen who  
were surveying the town that from then on he was the city hall's spokesman.  
But the appointment existed only in his head. He had always been attracted to  
the press and media, and he had taken a class in public relations. At that  
time he was not yet city spokesman. The job was given to him anyway, about a  
year later.

The many articles that he had written over the years for the older MEYDA  
SHEMONA had failed to evoke the desired sentiment. About 6 months ago, 'Asur  
did the deed. He established his own newspaper. One of the writers for the new  
paper, Yhi'el Za'frani, had already mentioned Kibbutz Sede Nehemya's sailing  
projects in its pages. "Canoes, flies, and dogs," he had penned. There had  
been reactions, but only local ones, which was not enough. On another  
occasion, 'Asur used his newspaper as a vehicle for a campaign of signatures  
for a petition to totally exempt the inhabitants of Qiryat Shemona from income  
tax. He explained to the readers that in fact they were entitled to it. This  
also failed to elicit reactions from the outside. And so he came to the "final  
solution," "terrorists," and "if one is coming to kill you." This time 'Asur's  
newspaper decided to hit hard. The media did well by him, including a long  
report on Mabat.

The article about the plots of the kibbutzim was not signed. That perhaps made  
it easier for the mayor of Qiryat Shemona to say what he thought about its  
author. "He is mad", 'Azran said.

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ISRAEL

NEAR EAST

NEW PUMPING STATION AT DEAD SEA

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[Text]

Sdom - The Dead Sea works will shortly build a new  
pumping station, in order to bring an adequate  
supply of brine to its extensive evaporation pans.  
Nearly \$ 12m. are to be invested in the venture.

This step has been made necessary by the  
continuing decline in the Dead Sea's level. During the  
last decade that lake's surface has dropped by 36cm  
(about 22 inches) a year, on the average; because of  
drought conditions, the drop has been even more  
rapid in recent years.

Many observers believe that this trend is the  
result of human intervention. During the last few  
decades most of the water in the Jordan and Yarmuk  
rivers has been diverted to irrigation projects in  
Israel and in Jordan, sharply reducing the volume of  
runoff that finally reaches the Dead Sea. Still, some  
scientists doubt whether that is the right or the only  
explanation: evidence found along the Dead Sea

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shore indicates that the water level moves up and  
down periodically over the centuries.

Whatever the explanation, the fact remains that  
most of the Dead Sea's shallow southern basin is now  
high and dry. No open water is left anywhere south  
of the Lissan "tongue", still shown on most maps as a  
peninsula that nearly bisects the lake. The mineral  
rich brine is now only to be found in the large  
northern basin, which is up to 400 meters deep.

Some years ago the Dead Sea Works already set  
up a pumping station on the shore of that northern  
basin, and built a canal that connects it to its  
evaporation ponds and processing plant. Now those  
pumps are to be replaced, because their output no  
longer suffices for the company's increased  
production of potash, and mainly because of the  
dropping lake surface. The project is to be completed  
within twenty months.

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LEBANON

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HIZBALLAH STATEMENT DECLARES 'MILITARY OPTION' AGAINST 'U.S. REGIME'

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[Article: "Hizballah: True Salvation Is Through Decision Against  
America's Regime in Lebanon"]

[Text] "We hope for true salvation only by adopting the option of a  
military settlement against America's regime in Lebanon."

This is what Hizballah announced in the statement it issued and in which  
it held that continued vacillation toward the Maronite-Zionist  
escalation and disregard of the causes of the "starving out" could lead  
to irreparable loss.

The statement said:

"Muslims and oppressed people, members of the Hizballah community:

"In the midst of this delicate and sensitive stage through which the  
Lebanese scene is passing while waiting for the parties to settle their  
choices, the heroic Islamic confrontation with the Zionist foe and its  
agents in the valley of the martyrs in South Lebanon's Kafra-Yatir  
region comes to confirm by the blood of mujahidin that the correct  
option that will unify the oppressed, terrify the foe, and lead to  
liberating the land from the occupation and its agents is the option of  
Islamic resistance that our masses have embraced, affirming their  
readiness to sacrifice everything on its basis.

"As we salute the stand of these heroic mujahidin of Islam in Hizballah  
and their brothers and families in resistance, who in recent days showed  
unprecedented bravery and courage in confronting the Israelis and Lahd's  
forces, we call on everyone to imitate our people and translate their  
slogans and statements into practical actions in the holy war and  
heroism in the field.

"We assert that continued vacillation toward the Maronite-Zionist  
escalation and disregard of the abominable methods they are using to  
starve out and besiege our people and threaten its daily bread with the

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