

# Israel Arms in Fear of Arabs

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TEL AVIV, Israel, Feb. 23.—Israel wants peace but she is getting ready for war.

No informed person here believes Israel of her own accord will go to war again with the Arabs, but the Israelis appear definitely worried the Arabs might suddenly decide to renew the conflict.

The government says it is "gravely concerned" over "heavy rearmament" of the Arab States.

And, the government adds, that has clearly left Israel "no choice but to increase its own defense capacity to the maximum of its ability."

The government claims the view of Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, that the Arab countries are receiving arms from Britain only for the maintenance of internal law and order, is unfounded.

A recent government statement said that if what Acheson said were true, then Israel would like to know, for instance, why the Egyptian Government "requires destroyers, submarines, dozens of jet planes, large quantities of the heaviest types of tanks and artillery and tens of thousands of automatic rifles."

The Israel statement said the flow of British arms—which Britain maintains she supplies under treaty obligations—to Arab countries "may clearly facilitate renewed aggression against Israel."

The Israelis, too, don't put much stock in Acheson's assurance that if a new Jewish-Arab conflict was threatened the United States would exert full moral pressure to prevent such a "tragic" development. They point out the United States is assenting to the "large-scale rearming of countries which make no secret of their intention to resume the fight."

Israelis are unanimous in the belief this little country needs a



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long period of peace to solve its great immigration problems and establish a firm, economic foundation, but because the "heavy rearmament" by the Arabs is so disturbing, the Israeli armed forces have gone to work to build up their own fighting power.

The Knesset (Parliament) is expected shortly to approve the conscription of women for two years army service, instead of the present one year.

Parliament also is expected to pass legislation under which army recruits 20 years old would start serving two years in the regular army.

Thus far, such recruits have had about three months basic training and then worked in agricultural settlements for nine months. Their second year has been devoted to regular army training.

Israel is registering for army reserves all demobilized men up to 49 and all demobilized women up to 34. Another registration is to include all persons over 29 who have not had army training.

The Israeli air force is opening recruiting centers for all wishing to learn highly skilled trades in various branches of the air force.

# Farley May Oppose Dewey in N.Y. Race

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The New York Times says that a "distinct and sizable" movement is developing to have James A. Farley run for Governor of New York on the Democratic ticket next fall.

The Times also reports a growing feeling among Republicans that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey again will allow himself to be nominated by the Republicans for reelection.

An Albany, N.Y., dispatch by Leo Egan says the Farley boom appears to have started in up-state rural regions, where the former postmaster general and Democratic national chairman always has had strong organizational ties.

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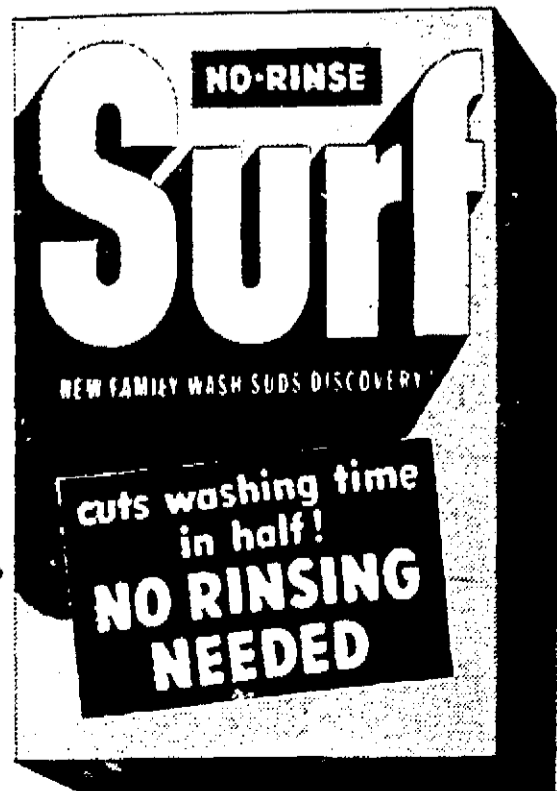


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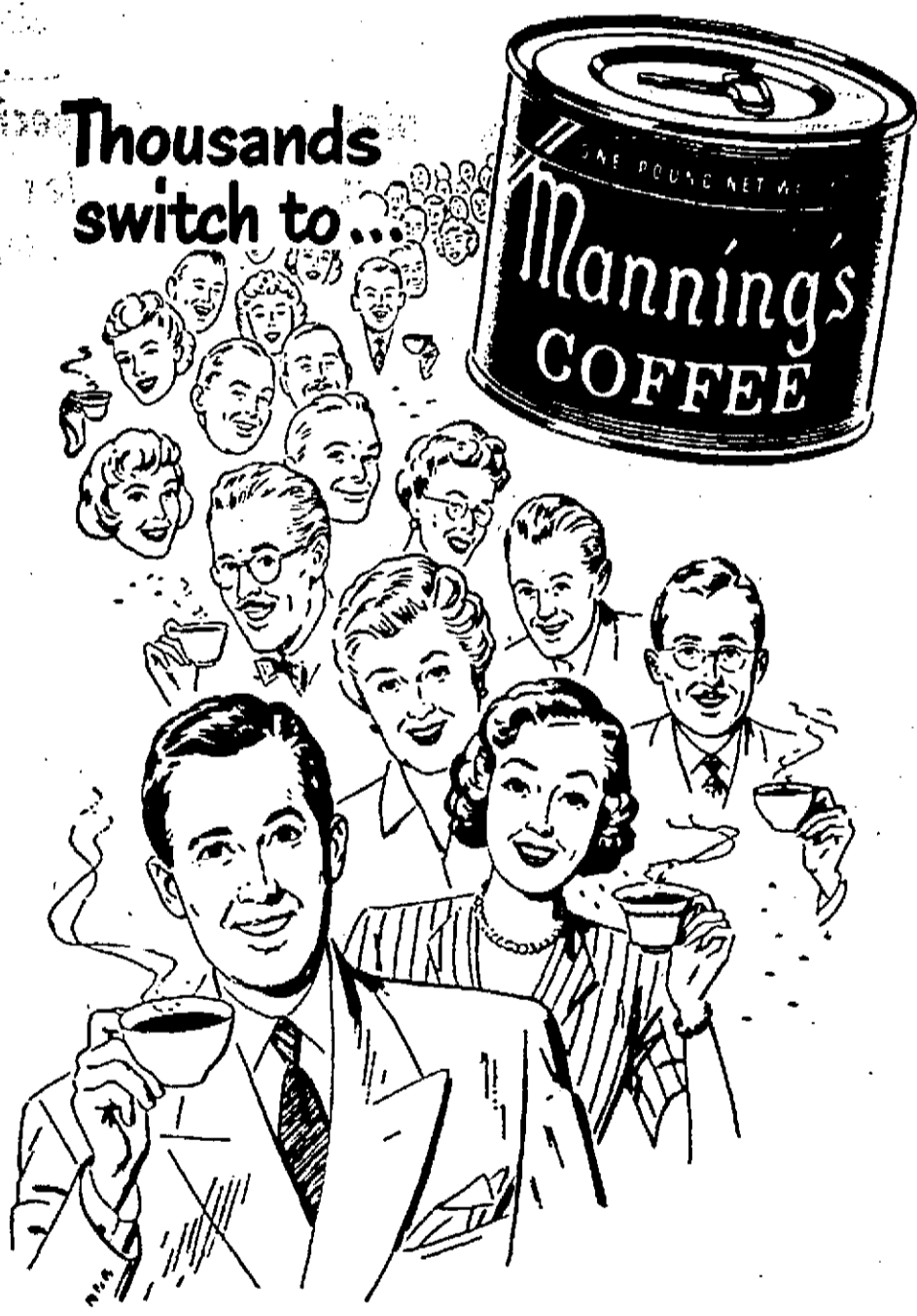
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