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EDUCATION

Israel "Alma Mater" to African, Asian Leaders

➤ THE NEWLY developing nations in Africa and Asia have come to look upon Israel as "teacher and university," Dr. Abba Eban, Israel's Minister of Education and former Ambassador to the United States,

said in Washington, D. C.

"For hundreds of the young leaders of the new states, Israel is 'Alma Mater,'" he said.

More than a thousand Africans and Asians this year are attending institutions of learning in Israel to develop the knowledge and skills that will aid them both in developing and governing their countries. In addition, more than a thousand of Israel's scientists and technicians are working by official invitation in almost all of the newer nations. Their projects are to advance energy resources, improve agricultural production and livestock, develop new products for export and for domestic use to increase national economy, and aid in improving the educational levels of the populations.

This "aid to education" to the new countries has been a part of Israel's national policy for almost a decade of its 15 years as a sovereign power.

The growing demand for Israel's talent and know-how has placed a strain on the resources of this tiny Middle East democracy.

To meet the internal and external demands for this specialized manpower, important departures have been undertaken in Israel's scientific institutions and universities, notably in its famed Weizmann Institute for Advanced Scientific Research. This center, formerly devoted exclusively to the purest basic research, now will have an Applied Research Institute and a graduate school, Dr. Eban revealed.

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