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SPEECH NOTES FOR THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN, KETURA PROJECT CEREMONY.

26/6/73.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, MY LORD MAYOR, MR. BRIDGLAND, MR. MARMOR, MR. HELMAN, MR. HINES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

ISRAEL'S STORY IS ONE OF STRUGGLE AND TRIUMPH - AGAINST FOES INTENT ON HER ANNIHILATION AND AGAINST A LAND THAT IS AS HARSH AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL.

THE SUCCESS OF MODERN ISRAEL IN MAKING THE DESERT FLOURISH HAS EARNED ADMIRATION AND ENVY AROUND THE WORLD AND NOWHERE MORE SO THAN IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

WE SHARE MANY OF THE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AGAINST WHICH THE ISRAELI PEOPLE HAVE BATTLED WITH SUCH VIGOR, TENACITY AND IMAGINATION.

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IT IS THEREFORE MOST APPROPRIATE THAT THE MONEY RAISED THROUGH THIS APPEAL IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA WILL BE USED DIRECTLY TO MAKE A DESERT GROW AND FLOURISH AGAIN.

IT IS A BOLD AND NOBLE PROJECT - MONEY CAN'T BE BETTER SPENT THAN IN BRINGING NEW LIFE AND NEW HOPE TO A BARREN LAND.

I AM DELIGHTED AND PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND I AM INDEED GLAD THAT IT HAS WON SUCH A READY RESPONSE FROM THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY IN GENERAL AND OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR.