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ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY.

On Israeli's 8th anniversary, President Ben Zvi and Premier Ben Gurion take the salute at a big military parade at Haifa. A hundred thousand people line the route of the parade from the slope of Mount Carmel to the shores of the Bay of Acre. They give particular applause to frontier units which have been in action on the Gaza strip.

But the festivities aren't all military - later on, there's dancing in the streets, of Haifa and other Israeli towns and villages.

As darkness falls, young people form torchlight processions - a spectacular end to the day. Though many problems are still unsolved, Israel celebrates her birthday with confidence.