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Israel Is

By Dr. Samuel M. Silver

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the Jewish land resurrected. On our first trip to Israel I finally saw what I've been singing about most of my life -- the soil of Judea revitalized. It happened to be chamisha asar bishvat when, the aid of one of those stalwart Israelis who serve as guides to the tourists, I came upon Balfour Forest in the hills of Galilee. Like thousands before me, I stopped and planted a sapling on a steep slope being made verdant by the Jewish National Fund. Chamisha asar bishvat, or tu bishvat, is the new year of the trees. In Israel, though it is the month of January, it marks the beginning of the spring season. The holiday was a fitting

time to plant a tree. It was in 1917 that his majesty's government approved of a Jewish state in Palestine. The architects of that fifty year period, despite travail and tragedy, have been glorified in song and in oratory. A land has been rejuvenated. A language has been re-born. No matter how many times you have heard the story, you feel the excitement of it when with your own eyes you behold the farms, new settlements, new kibbutzim and new forests. So small is Israel that on some maps there isn't room to write its name. But even the sight of the first two letters reminds you of the miracle of it all. Israel is.

**REPORT FROM
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 From INFORMATION Supplied By
Senator Chic Hecht
REPORT ON U.J.A.

In San Francisco attending the 12th annual Western Region Leadership Conference was a great experience and lasting inspiration. It was the first time in my life that I ever had the opportunity to discuss freely the many problems confronting Israel with such a distinguished array of individuals. The program began Friday with a luncheon presided over by Albert Spiegel, 1967 General Chairman, United Jewish Welfare Fund. Dr. Meir Rosenne, Consul of Israel in New York spoke and other comments on "Tasks of Immigration" and "Jewish Global Needs", were brought out by other speakers. Saturday a luncheon was presided over by Jack Weiler, National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, Mrs. Harry Jones of the Womens Division spoke extremely well on the topic of the woman in fund raising. Charles J. Bensley, President of the Israel Education Fund, spoke on the current educational problem facing Israel. The problem basically is the difference in mentality of the Western and Eastern Jew. There is also absent in many Jews the desire to further their education. Vocational schools, nurseries, kinder-

gatens, day homes for retarded children, deafmute training were all brought out in some detail. Saturday afternoon the conference was broken up into seminars. It was my good fortune to join the young leadership group. The speaker was the Hon. Avraham Harman, Ambassador of Israel to the United States. The Ambassador spoke freely off the cuff. Sunday morning a breakfast was held with young Jewish leaders, Lenord Bell, Chairman, U.J.A. National Young Leadership Cabinet, stressed the need for young Jewish couples to become interested in Israel. He was very concerned about the future leadership of Jews in America. This Fall he will be in Las Vegas to personally speak to as many young Jews as possible. We must all make it a point to be with him for one evening. The time and place will be decided later. Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, Executive Vice-Chairman, United Jewish Appeal, made the concluding address. He is one of the finest speakers that I have ever heard. He spoke on Israel's internal and external problems and how they affect the 1967 campaign.

TELL TALES

*"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"*

BY JACK TELL



Israelite Blasted

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Tell,
 I was very much surprised to receive this notice from you, considering our past relationship. I understand that my recent remarks at an organizational meeting have caused you to try to modify the news so as not to include my name. You certainly have a right to your actions, just as much as I did in expressing an honest opinion, even though your omission is a distortion of the news. I, on my part, would not retrace my statement for any amount of publicity from you, nor could I in good conscience support a dishonest practice, especially out of charitable funds. I am, however, surprised that even you had the gall, after cutting my name out every release, to expect me to support your paper, and even more, to suggest the buying of gift subscriptions. You may be assured that I shall at no future time be interested in doing anything to promote your paper, or be instrumental (by my subscription) in condoning your business practices.

(signed) Mrs. Wila (Joseph) Kohn

Dear Mrs. Wila (Joseph) Kohn:
 Before publishing the above letter in answer to my printed form for renewal of subscriptions, which was mailed to the thousands of readers, I first appealed to your husband, our Cantor, to investigate the facts and determine whether your vile accusations were true. Your husband, who obviously was more concerned in getting the names of the women who had reported your remarks to me, than he was in investigating to clear my name, promised he would look into the matter and let me know. I have not heard from him. Therefore, distastful as it is, I am forced to air in public, before not only the entire Jewish community, but also the very many Gentile advertisers and subscribers to the Israelite, a matter which could very well have been settled privately. It is with sincere regret I expose friction within our own Faith, which can give no end of delight to anti-Semites, Birchers and all other enemies of Judaism, who this paper has been fighting since its inception.

As you very well know, Mrs. Kohn, you are not alone in your efforts to discredit both myself and the Israelite. Since this paper started more than two years ago, there have been a few, thank God very few, including some high ranking members of our Temple, who have resorted to every type of underhanded method and means to put the Israelite out of business. This is not uncommon with English-Jewish newspapers. In last week's Heritage, an excellent L.A. publication celebrating its 13th birthday, publisher Herb Brin tells of opposition he first encountered.

To determine why apparently "good" Jews would seek to eliminate (as in our case), the only means of communication among an entire Jewish community would necessitate delving into the personal character of each of

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With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours
 (Name withheld)

(Editor's Note: Thank you Rabbi, for your kind words. Nothing could encourage me more. You will continue to receive the L.V. Israelite as long as I am publisher, Jack Tell.)

(I am happy to report that the returns from our letters to re-subscribe have been coming in for beyond all expectations, for which I am grateful. I regret to inform all who have not subscribed, their names will be removed from our list as of March 1 in order to conform with Postal regulations, J.T.)

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