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## Jews in Arab Lands

The plight of Jews in Arab lands, forgotten in the furor over the plight of Soviet Jewry, has once more been pushed to the fore with the reports that Iraq's Jews again face mass arrests and possible executions.

Despite statements of the Iraqi government that all Jews arrested for attempting to leave the country illegally have been released from jails and that no Jews are now being held, Jewish leaders remain uneasy.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel has rejected the Iraq government's claim stating that, according to reports being received in Israel, dozens of Iraqi Jews have been arrested and that those Jews who had been arrested in December and released now face the prospect of re-arrest and trial.

It should be important to American and world Jewry if even one Jew is being held in an Iraqi jail. But even if no Jews face trial in Iraq now or in the immediate future, it is important that Jews throughout the world never forget that those in Arab lands live a precarious existence.

In some Arab lands Jews are not permitted to travel more than a short distance from their homes, are not permitted to work or own property and are at the mercy of their Moslem neighbors. They face arrest at the government's whim and many Jews have been beaten and tortured.

The plight of Soviet Jewry should remain the prime concern of world and American Jewry. So, also, should the plight of those Jews who live in Arab lands.

LONDON (WNS)--Norman Bentwich, an early Zionist leader in Britain, who worked closely with Theodor Herzl and was a leader in Palestine during the 1920's and '30's, died here at the age of 88.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--More Soviet Jews arrived at Lydda Airport, including several more Georgian SSR families who had signed the famous letter to Premier Golda Meir asking for her aid in emigrating to Israel.

WASHINGTON (WSN)--Republican Rep. Seymour Halpern of New York has accused Sen. J. William Fulbright, Dem. of Arkansas, and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of increasing the danger of a Middle East war by his accusations that Israel was resorting to "Communist-baiting humbuggery" in order to manipulate American policy in its interest.

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## PAUL'S PRICE

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some information which could be expanded into a real "hatchet job." A gentle hint to those individuals and purse strings are loosened. Its one of those perfect examples of a "word to the wise." You all know what we mean.

How did we come to these conclusions about a member of the reputable Fourth Estate profession? Here are the facts.

In 1968, Price was candidate for County Commissioner. We naively supported him at the time, believing it was in the best interest to have a newspaperman in politics. It was a big mistake which we realized after Paul was defeated. Some of our best friends did their utmost to talk us out of backing Paul, but we were obstinate in our opinion. We did not understand how Paul could be so disliked by people who count. We were told that Paul would take a "red hot stove," but we refused to be swayed even though it was hinted we were on Paul's payroll, which we weren't of course.

What opened our eyes about Paul was what happened after the election. While most candidates, whether they won or lost, would be pulling in their belts and going about the business of paying off their campaign obligations, what did Paul do? He took a leave of absence from his job at the Sun and, with his wife, went on an extended tour of Europe. Where did the money come from for the trip? It probably was unspent campaign contributions. He was so loaded he could go off and enjoy himself for more than a month. How about that?

Now he's running again, this time for City Commissioner. We have ample reason to believe that Paul couldn't care less about a job as public office holder. He needs it like a hole in the head. The only thing he'll prove is that you have to lose once in order to be a two-time loser. So why is he running?

Two reasons stand out in our mind.  
 First: You can't get campaign contributions unless you are in a political race. And with Paul its the contributions that count. We wonder where he is planning to go after this election.

Second: A strange circumstance has popped up this time, which lends credence to the contention that Paul is, and has been, "on the take." He refuses to suspend the writing of his daily column.

This means two things; that he doesn't care in the least to be elected, because no one could vote for a man who takes unfair advantage of competitors in the same race, could they? And Paul has to keep the column going to favor someone in the other two races. The deal is in for him to support a commission or mayoralty candidate, or one of each. We'll know in the next few weeks, when Paul shows his hand. He'll have to make his move before the election, in order to keep his end of the "payoff." Then we'll know who has Paul "in their pocket."

Now is as good time as ever to refresh the memory of citizens of what happened two years ago. Incumbent Phil Mirabelli looked like a shoo-in for reelection as City Commissioner. Paul blasted Phil with column after column of denunciation, which led to the election of Dr. Coblentz, who proved to be a nonentity. The Israelite endorsed Mirabelli, who, despite his failings, we believed was the better man. Paul, whose mind runs in that fashion, accused us of being paid off, because Mirabelli advertised in the Israelite.

Then during last year's important elections for governor, district attorney, and assorted county, state and national elections, Paul suddenly decided to take off on a trip to Alaska. Here is a man who involved himself so deeply on one side or another during every other election, and disappearing from the scene. It had to raise eyebrows.

We could only surmise that one or another of the candidates at that time, felt he was "home" and he didn't need any help from Paul. So Price was paid to "get lost" during the campaign. It was that, or Paul couldn't make a "deal" with any of the candidates, and he decided to sit that one out.

Next time we'll tell you how Paul stood in the way of community enhancements. How he acted as spoiler for the proposed lottery, how he knocked the improvements to the appearance of our city, how he balked at the crosswalks for the Strip, and others. At the same time we'll show projects he supported for pay, like the Henderson Raceway.  
 Wait and see.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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and lasting friendships. With Harry and Kay it went deeper than that. They showed a reciprocal sincerity through the years, which developed into a true love, never matched before in our lifetime.

The Wallersteins encouraged us to start the Israelite. They cautioned us against pitfalls and aided us over stumbling blocks that were most precarious. They never failed. They were always there. But it wasn't only the Tells.

While we knew and believed we were Harry's best friend, we couldn't be so presumptuous to think for a moment he was ours. He had too many. The good Rabbi hit it right on the head when he said, at the services, "He was so good and kind to so many, and each thought they were his best friend. And all were correct."

Harry had a capacity to understand what was going on in our community. More than that he knew the answers to most of our problems, especially the small, intimate ones that affected each personally. And most important, he knew how to express his solutions intelligently, to the point, and without qualification. There were no generalities about Harry. If it were money you needed and deserved, he either gave it to you or showed you how to get it. He wasn't just a fair weather friend.

His advice was never self-serving or embarrassing. It came right from the shoulder. No comforting remarks just to appease. His help really helped. We know. We had come to him so often.

When the building of Temple Beth Sholom had to stop for lack of funds, Harry came up with the solution, a Gin Rummy Tournament. He saw the vastness of its potential and sold the idea to the hotels in Las Vegas. As a result the temple was completed and today is one of the few mortgage-free edifices in the country.

But Harry was far-sighted. When he made the deal with the hotels he insisted on including other religions and charities as beneficiaries. It was truly a community project and never once caused reflection on our temple or our people. That was Harry for you, he never failed to do the right thing.

It was during Harry's tenure as president of Temple Beth Sholom that Rabbi Aaron S. Gold was engaged. Harry journeyed to Philadelphia, heard and saw Gold, and came back with a favorable report.

Harry was the owner of Tinch Furniture, which did a large business with the Black community on the West side of town. For many years a trusted employee was a Black man, who made deliveries and acted as liaison. Recently when the Federal Government provided financial backing for members of minorities to start their own businesses, the Tinch employee asked Harry for advice on opening his own furniture store on the West side. While most others would have objected to the competition, Harry offered full assistance, even signing for credit for the man from manufacturers and wholesale distributors. That was Harry, not one in a million, but one in this world.

He's gone now and our heart goes out to his wonderful Kay. She, who knew him best and will miss him most, is another outstanding individual, as a person and a prime mover in community affairs. Like the good Rabbi said: "To have not one, but two in the same family," is the wonder of our times.

Kay, the happy and gay, the witty and outspoken, the immaculate and exact, will now have to carry on for the sake of her children, and grandchildren, and for all of us.

We hope God gives her the stamina to continue, to go with what she never lacked with Harry by her side, courage and understanding for others.

As for the memory of Harry, we'll never celebrate Passover again without a prayer for his soul and a request for him to be a "goota beta" for those he left behind.