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### Is Religion Internal

Recent reports tell of the questioning by the President of the Religious Zionists of America of Moshe Dayan's authority to criticize Israeli rabbis for not having solved the issue of mamzerim (illegitimate children). This results from two such people who wanted to marry and were not allowed. But the matter goes somewhat beyond that. The RZA President, Dr. Bergmann, complained that help for Israel is generally accepted from American Zionists but when "we want a say in religious matters and demand that religious questions be resolved according to Halacha, we are told not to interfere in Israeli internal affairs."

It would seem that General Dayan is within his rights. The age-old idea that the Jewish religion which kept Jews together in the diaspora and was everybody's business would no longer seem to hold. Religion in Israel has effects beyond basic questions; it goes into social, cultural and political matters. And the solution to a question of this nature, because of its ramifications, should properly reside within the responsibility of local authorities. One of the main charges against the Israelis by the Arabs, and one which is taken up by people outside the Middle East, is that Israel is a religious state. There is of course a strong secular sector as anybody can see on the beaches on Saturday, or in the cars rolling on the highways or even people who do not profess to religious experience. These people must also be considered, and by their own elected officials.

There is sufficient room in the United States for the promulgation of religion. And here too, Jews would reject the concept practiced by the Religious Zionists while they might very well profess to either the Conservative or Reform variations, or none at all.

### Time Magazine

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

When Time Magazine was extremely popular it was exceedingly obnoxious.

The writing, to me, has always been irresistible. Through the long decades I couldn't stop reading it because the language and the style were glittering. The same is true of its sister-magazine, Life.

But all through those years Time Magazine was as reactionary as all get out. I still think it was to a great extent responsible for the Cold War, for Henry Luce told his minions to make Russia out to be the worst of all enemies.

Russia is a problem, as is Communist China. But what this nation had to learn was that we

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Israel has sent a Torah scroll to the tiny Jewish community on Taiwan. Most of these Jews are refugees from Europe, via Siberia.

More than 500 Arabs are full-time students at Israel's institutions of higher learning.

must live with the Communists and defeat them not on the battlefield but on the field of service to the disadvantaged of the Third World.

Now we have learned that. And so, at long last, have the Lucemagazines.

Another thing about Time that ikkled me. (Ikke means "rubbed me wrong.") In the old days whenever it dealt with a Jewish subject, it made Jewishness out to be exotic, bizarre or odd, exactly as Henry Luce thought it was. And Time time and again pretended to give us reportage on Israel, but it never was reportage. It was "distortage."

In the old days Time was also superciliously omniscient. It blithely pontificated about everything. It was a "know-it-all."

Now Time is more humble. The style still glistens. But it is much more liberal. And it shows, if not partiality to, at least understanding of, the Jewish point of view. And Judaism comes out looking sensible, not odd.

The only trouble is that Time-Life are now not as prosperous as they used to be, being heavily competed with by Look and Newsweek.

Darn it. When she was most influential, she was detestable. Now that she has become tolerable, she's slipping. I hope the Lucepapers will, to use one of their favorite words, up their readership.

Dear Editor,

New phone calls to Moscow have revealed that the widow and son of Peretz Markish have once more been denied exit permits by the Soviet Government. The world famous writer was tortured over a period of four years in the notorious Lubianka prison and murdered on the night of August 12, 1952, together with 23 other leading Jews. Esther and David Markish do not want to remain in the land which holds so many bitter memories for them.

As soon as he applied for an exit permit, David, a talented writer in his own right, was deprived of his livelihood and has been reduced to portering in a Moscow bakery to earn enough to keep body and soul together. Mrs. Markish begged for Western intervention to go to Israel.

We appeal to you as a journalist of conscience to campaign for their release. Urge your readers to write directly to the Kremlin and, of course, to persuade their Congressman to communicate with the Kremlin.

We further appeal to you to memorialize the murder of the 24. The event was unknown at the time of its occurrence on August 12, 1952. It took years for some of the facts to emerge and we still do not have the identity of all 24.

Thus the ghastly deed slipped into history without proper recognition.

No one heard the cries of these men during "the black years." In 1971 we know the names of at least some of those rotting in prisons and labor camps. THIS time we shall bring their names before the public, day in, day out. We hope to help in saving their lives, diminishing their torture and eventually obtain their release.

Sincerely yours,  
 Jacob Birnbaum  
 National Director  
 (Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry)

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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sufferers. Pres. Eisenhower was one of those afflicted. Dr. Lyons became most adept in performing surgical skills in this direction and among the profession his name and talent is spread wide and far.

But it is not for these attributes alone we so greatly admire Dr. Lyons.

An illyostomy or colostomy is a very personal affliction. Patients are not prone to discuss their predicament with others. There is a large fear in many, coupled with a tremendous reluctance, in agreeing to the operation, although medical advancement has proven almost 100% success in bringing relief for those at certain stages of the ailment.

The fear and reluctance stems from mental contemplation of personal care and individual self-treatment necessary following the surgery.

There must have been thousands who chose to suffer and die, rather than endure an operation that would have relieved them and given full expectancy.

That is where Dr. Lyons emerged as the brightest man on earth for many hundreds of thousands more.

Two decades ago, Dr. Lyons formed and served as mentor for the first QT Club. A dozen or so patients in the Q ward and T ward of Mt. Sinai Hospital formed the nucleus for the group. The purpose was to exchange ideas and means of coping with their common affliction. They met each Friday. Dr. Lyons attended to counsel and answer questions. He admitted to this writer he learned more about the ailment than from medical books.

It became apparent that the largest percentage of those in the group were young, in the prime of life, honest, decent citizens and more than anything else, high above average intelligence.

Not too long after, committees were formed to investigate various aspects. The hospital committees spoke with and assured patients feeling sorry for themselves following the operation. Imagine the cheer and comfort brought to those staring at the ceiling, wishing they were dead. Suddenly, in walks a happy, young, delightful stranger, who explains and demonstrates why life is worth living. From the depths there comes a new lease. Encouragement inevitably is followed by excitement and in a little while there is a new QT member to give comfort and solace to others.

That was the beginning of the accomplishment over and above, by Dr. Lyons.

About ten years ago we investigated and approximated there were more than 5,000 QT Chapters all over the world. Today we estimate there must be 10,000 clubs.

That is why so many are indebted to a man who could very well have been satisfied with performing the surgery, collecting his fee and using his spare time for diverting activity.

Dr. Lyons' hobby is furthering the welfare and prolonging the enjoyment of living for those he saved with a surgeon's knife.

Is it any wonder we love the man?

His letter follows:

Dear Jack,

Your column on "Honest Freedom of the Press" was both perceptive and candid. Separating the contents of the Pentagon papers from the acts of obtaining and publishing was clearly accomplished in your article. And it took integrity for a newspaperman to make your stand. A pat on the back!

I hope that your lovely family is doing well-- in all departments. I see that the health food restaurant is now kosher. I think that the L.V. natives and tourists are missing a good thing if they miss out on visiting Tell Health Store and restaurant. Regards to all. Love to Bea. Stop maltreating the baby!

Yours,  
 Albert Lyons

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The restaurant he refers to is our son's "Food for Thought" in Commercial Center, and his reference to "maltreating the baby," concerns our unqualified love and affection for granddaughter Robyn, J.T.)