

# TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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and \$36 million in grants for arms purchases from the U. S.

In a report prepared by the Agency for International Development, in May 1973, the following information is listed, clearly indicating the wide discrepancy between U. S. aid to Arab states as compared to U. S. aid to Israel.

From 1946-1972, the 14 Arab states had received \$1.92 billion in loans and \$2.33 billion in grants. In military assistance, they received \$394 million in credits and \$309.1 million in grants. In the same period, Israel received \$1.07 billion in economic loans; \$420.6 million in economic grants; \$1.12 billion in military sales and nothing in military grants.

## SOVIETS INCREASE HARASSMENT

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Soviet Union is apparently using the war in the Middle East as a cover for the escalation of harassment of Jewish activists according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Richard Maass, chairman of the NCSJ, said that "persecution during the past month has become the norm for many Soviet Jews."

Maass charged the new Soviet repression began with the Arab terrorist attack on Soviet Jewish emigrants aboard a Vienna-bound train in Czechoslovakia and increased after the outbreak of war in the Mideast. One Soviet Jew, Peter Pinchasov of Derbent on the Caspian Sea, was sentenced to five years in a forced labor camp. Pinchasov, a carpenter, was reportedly charged with having done some freelance carpentry several years ago, and act considered illegal in USSR.

He was arrested after he and his wife and six children received visas and were preparing to leave for Israel.

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of the most dynamic leaders American Judaism has ever had.

He was a native of Chicago, a former Rabbi in Toronto. For 30 years he led the congregational union, now to be known as the Union for Reform Judaism, bringing the number of affiliates from 300 to more than 700.

Eisendrath was the spiritual son of the two Wise Men who gave Reform its status in the U. S.: Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise and Rabbi Stephen Wise.

Like Isaac Mayer Wise, Eisendrath built well. He administered efficiently, creating a network of regional offices designed to serve with greater efficiency. Under his regime the Reform movement gave birth to a youth movement, an educators' group, a temple administrators organization, and a cantorial ensemble.

Like Stephen Wise, Eisendrath trumpeted the prophetic message of civil equality, of social justice, of the need for all Jewish groups to work together. Among his eulogists were Dr. Nahum Goldman and Philip Klutznick who are also laboring to weld Jews together over denominational lines.

Like Stephen Wise, Eisendrath was the vigorous Zionist, pleading the cause of our brethren in the Holy Land, converting many Reform Jews to the banner of lovers of Zion. Having doffed the mantle of the presidency of the union (and having draped it around the shoulders of his successor, Rabbi Alexander Schindler) he had assumed the presidency of the international Reform movement known as the World Union of Progressive Judaism, which is now headquartered in Jerusalem.

Eisendrath leaves a throbbing monument of a Reform movement, with its center in New York City, seeking to strengthen the ties of Yiddishkeit throughout the world and the ties of Judaism to humanity at large.

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## Oil Blackmail

The threat that Arab oil-producing states would cut off oil to the U. S. for supporting Israel has always been exploited by people in this country who want a more pro-Arab foreign policy, not the least among them the oil companies. This argument has taken on a heightened intensity with the emergence of the energy crisis and the Arab curback in oil to the United States.

Out of this there have emerged some rumblings that an oil shortage would lead not only to a backlash against Israel by the American public but also against Jews. Americans deprived of either the full use of their automobiles by a gasoline shortage or warm homes this winter might blame it on the Jews. Even more serious is that an energy shortage could lead to a recession or even a depression that would awaken anti-Semitic feelings throughout the nation.

This possibility should not be taken too lightly. Yet it is important for the American Jewish community to remind their gentile neighbors that even if there were no Israel there would still be an energy crisis. The Nixon Administration must be commended for not giving into the Arab blackmail as have some major Western European nations. But at the same time it must be criticized for not being prepared for a crisis -- everyone knew what was coming-by taking steps earlier to conserve energy and speeding up efforts to find alternative means of energy.

As for the Arab embargo, United States Sen. Walter Mondale (D, Minn.) has suggested that the U. S. does not have to supply the Arab countries with food if it holds back oil we need. And Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, has called for a complete economic boycott of the Arab states to break their embargo. Europe is not helpless either and also has numerous options at hand not the least of which is the large amount of Arab funds in European banks.

Arab blackmail must be stopped now or its demands will only be increased. The West should have learned long ago that it can not buy safety by selling out small countries.

## Eisendrath

by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

I join the world in lamenting the death of Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath.

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