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DUTCH FILMMAKER JOHN FERNO, WHO HAS MADE SEVERAL DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT THE LAND AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, CHATS WITH SIR LAURENCE OLIVIER, NARRATOR OF "TREE OF LIFE." THE UNITED JEWISH HAS PURCHASED RIGHTS TO THE LYRICAL EVOCATION OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND THE FILM IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE IN 52 AND 26 MINUTE VERSIONS FROM FILM LIBRARY, U.J.A., 1290 AVE OF AMERICAS, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10019.

U.S. Pressure?

There is a feeling increasingly expressed in Israeli newspapers that the United States has pressured (or is about to) Israel into major concessions to the Arabs. Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has publicly declared that the U.S. does apply pressure whenever Israel does not accept the American viewpoint. Some Israelis have been claiming an "erosion" of American support for Israel and have expressed the fear that if Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's step-by-step approach to the Middle East negotiations does not succeed he will blame Israel for its failure.

Yet, Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, while in Israel recently, denied there had been any decrease of American support for Israel and challenged Israeli newsmen to show examples of "erosion." Israeli leaders, who have recently visited the United States, including Premier Yitzhak Rabin and former Premier Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, have assured American Jewish audiences of their belief in American friendship and their confidence in Kissinger. Kissinger himself has expressed the belief that his step-by-step approach can succeed and this is constantly being reiterated by the State Department.

What is the average person to believe? There is probably truth in both arguments. The U.S. is a firm friend of Israel but the economic situation here and the need for oil could erode U.S. support for Israel. The next few months will be crucial.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ
A World-Union Press Feature

Arab Past Piracy

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- "To many Americans, the exorbitant price of Arabian oil smacks of extortion. But it's trivial compared to what the Arabs demanded the last time they had us over a barrel."

Thus writer Robert Wallace discloses how it had happened before in a feature article appearing in the current January 1975 issue of the Smithsonian, the official magazine of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Entitled "The Barbary Wars raged over tribute demands by Arabs," the illustrated article goes on to state that "the hard truth is that the infant United States, during and after George Washington's Presidency, paid massive

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tribute to the Arabs again and again."

Author Wallace notes that "we gave the Day of Algiers a tribute that amounted to more than one-sixth of the annual budget -- equivalent to some \$41 billion today. We delivered gold and silver coins right to the docks of the Arabs because they sneered at our paper. 'Millions for defense, but not a cent for tribute!' is a traditional American battle cry that rings with stirring defiance. Actually it was only a banquet toast.

"At last we ended the problem," Wallace says. "We used a method unthinkable today: military force.

"Our antagonists were the Arabs of Algiers, Tunis and Tripoli, three of the Barbary states on the Mediterranean coast of Africa," the Smithsonian author continues. "From the 16th century they lived by piracy, capturing ships of Christian countries and enslaving the sailors. The Arabs called their actions war and declared it and ended it at whim. Even England, France and Spain bought peace with annual bribes, and so saved themselves the trouble and expense of accepting the war challenge....

"At one time the Barbary pirates held as many as 25,000 European slaves -- in a single raid in 1798 they took nearly a thousand captives from an island off Sardinia...Unhappily, Europe was far too divided by commercial rivalries and wars to spare time and money to chastise Barbary. It was more advantageous for a strong nation to pay tribute -- in England's case perhaps \$280,000 a year, plus personal gifts to the various deys, beys and bashaws -- than it was to carry out the normal palliative of the day -- to mount a punitive military operation....

"In the 1780s Thomas Jefferson, outraged at the blackmail, tried to end it by forming a coalition of injured nations, each of whom was to contribute one or two armed vessels to a police squadron. He enlisted such small nations as Portugal, Malta and Denmark (it appeared that the major powers would not interfere with the operation). But a dithering American Congress failed to provide a warship to fill Jefferson's part in this early day NATO task force and it fell through...."

Writer Wallace goes into depth in showing how the U.S. continued to pay tribute to the blackmailers until the year 1815 when "President Madison concluded that we had had enough. Madison sent over a fleet commanded by Stephen Decatur...who cowed the Arabs and ended the tribute forever.

"Or so he thought then," author Robert Wallace concludes.

The above historical record only goes to show that history repeats itself. May it repeat itself in full. As the energy crisis continues to threaten the security of the U.S., and the Western states, President Ford, in agreement with the Congress, might well follow President Madison's example and state that "we had had enough" and act accordingly.

TELL TALES

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untruthful?

Jarlson is another kind of story.

Alan deems it important for the public to know who did or did not answer a phone in the Canadian home of John Meier, who has been declared a federal fugitive in a tax action. Meier, you will remember, was the Howard Hughes employee, who purchased millions of dollars worth of mining claims for the billionaire, later proved worthless.

Jarlson's report on Meier fails to mention that he, Jarlson, had sold Hughes one of the worthless mines. Jarlson also was indicted on tax charges, but got off scott free when he turned state's evidence against his attorney, who Jarlson claimed, prepared the fraudulent tax return. We recall accounts of the trial where the judge, who threw out the case against the attorney, and, looking at witness Jarlson, in effect said, "The wrong man is being tried here."

Which brings us to the accolade Jarlson wrote this week on U.S. Dist. Atty. DeVoe Heaton, who resigned his post to work for the Arabs. We do not know if there is any relationship between the praise currently being heaped on Heaton by Jarlson and the failure to prosecute Jarlson on the tax charge, but it is something to think about.

For instance, Jarlson stated Heaton will provide advice to an American-based company doing construction work in oil-rich Saudi Arabia. This is a slightly different version written by Chris Chrystal in a news story three days earlier. Miss Chrystal, who quotes Heaton throughout the story, stated in the opening sentence, Heaton will be associated with an ARABIAN company dealing in construction and finance. She quotes Heaton as saying the company he will be associated with "hopes to entice American companies to do business."

This is all very interesting.

Heaton, as U.S. prosecutor, was Sun publisher Hank Greenspun's headline idol in the indictments brought against Howard Hughes and others. Greenspun was named a co-conspirator, who turned state's evidence (just like Jarlson). After the first indictment was thrown out, labeled the worst ever brought before the court, Greenspun praised Heaton to high heaven, to be certain the indictment would be re-instituted. The second indictment also was dismissed as insufficient.

Now how does Greenspun feel about his champion going to work for the Arabs? These are the Arabs who have vowed to annihilate the Jews in Israel. These are the Arabs who have changed our economy, hastening the depression by tripling the price of oil. These are the Arabs who are amassing billions while many parts of the world are starving. These are the Arabs who are buying up major industries to control our future.

Heaton is just another cog in the vast machine set up to give the Arabs the guiding force in the Western countries, including America. Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson revealed a confidential draft of almost eight million dollars to glorify Saudi Arabia's royal family with propaganda in U.S. publications, TV shows, colleges and even the opera. A laudatory article already has appeared in Family Weekly along with a soft peddling of staggering high oil prices.

Anderson tells of plans to create a better image for fierce old King Faisal in a proposal titled "Saudi Arabian Public Relations Program, 1975." It includes a "gala" tour of U.S. in a private plane of Saudi princes and a sheikk, \$200 - a - day limousines, \$300 - a - night hotel suites and \$200 - a - day meals.

The Arabs learned a lesson from Hitler. The German gook tried force and the might of his armies. The Arabs will attempt to win us over with money. Its stupid because everyone knows you cannot buy a friendship. Only true sincerity can win the respect and admiration of others.

So let Heaton and his ilk go to work for the Arabs. And let Greenspun's paper sing the praises of Heaton. We know the Arab's, like the Russian's interest, is not only contrary to Israel's but also adverse to the U.S., which is committed to the Jewish state.

Some guys will do anything for a buck, and at least one newspaper will support such guys.

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