

Birmingham, Alabama

"The Magic City"

Letter Box

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Lack of Public Relations and constructive information disseminated among the gentiles of the world in general and Americans in particular, and the spending by Arabs of many millions of dollars for paid propagandists here and abroad have hurt our cause and hurt deeply, and yet we have done comparatively little to counteract it.

We are a small minority in every country in which we live, but by intelligent and coordinate effort we could become a powerful factor to counteract that adverse publicity by telling the world the truth.

Many small Jewish communities here and especially in Europe, read and hear the propaganda disseminated by the Arabs, and frequently know nothing of what actually happened, or is happening in the Near East. To illustrate: in one small town in Alsace Lorraine I could not find one Jew who would admit openly of being one. Several there spoke to me of the supposed cruel injustices

and disturbances created by Jews in the Near East, and advocated admittance of all Arab refugees into Israel.

In the largest synagogue in Rome, located near the two marble columns which were once the gate of the ancient Jewish Ghetto, two Jews argued with me against Zionism. Seven claimed that the new state was detrimental to the Jewish world because it created more anti-Semitism, etc.

My good friend and President of our Region, Leo Burson, in his eloquent and vigorous recent address accused the United States Senator Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, of delivering "one of the most infamous speeches yet heard derogatory to the State of Israel." What else can one expect of a United States Senator, partisan, "happy go lucky," who is so ignorant of facts?

I spend much time in the galleries of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. I know quite a few Congressmen personally and know how little they read and how poorly they are informed. I know how much harm the Arab millions and their spokesmen for the Arab causes are doing us there. They have a

strong lobby. How much money do we spend there and how strong is our public relations? Have we a lobby to counteract theirs?

I am fully aware of the wonderful work done by the "American Zionist Council" under the leadership of Rabbi Miller as well as by the "American Zionist Commission for Public Relations" under the leadership of Louis Lipsky. I serve as a committeeman on both. I regret to say, however, that excellent as both are nationally, they are inadequate locally. It is the local voter who influences his representative and not national publicity.

After long deliberation with myself and reflecting upon the enormity of the tasks before us I decided that the best thing I could do, locally, is to inform the average person, the voter, and give him the "Facts of Life," a short history of events, stating the true conditions of the world, in general and the Near East in particular, proving the Jew is second to none and equal to all, in science, literature, engineering, military science, strategy, farming and industry; moreover that basically and intrinsically a Jew is not and can not be a conspirator (or so called "communist") as some of the exponents of our yellow journalism pretend.

With that in view I have already delivered one address before the Rotary Club, and the local newspaper recorded the address before the questions and answers, and the resulting local publicity was extensive and very effective. I am scheduled to speak in many churches in this territory. I shall also appear before any Jewish organization wishing me to do so. I expect thus in my small way to contribute to the public relations, and the history we live today.

By allowing ample time for questions and answers after my talks I learn what the public wants to know.


Sincerely,
H. George Miller

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