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get into power, there is no loyalty then because it is only a matter of days or months until their very best friends will cut their jugular veins, and that is the end of the dictator of that particular country.

At this point I might also say this lest any of us has the idea that it would be worth while to spend a large amount of money to rearm the Arab world. I want to tell you that, from a study of the works of men who know, rearmament of the Arab world is an utter and complete myth. However, there is a type of interloyalty amongst the Arab countries, but unfortunately it is not one that we can admire. It is a loyalty born of hatred; and that hatred is a hatred towards Israel. I think we should realize what our position is there. We know how the recent hatred has been brought about because in the Arab-Israelian war we sided with the new state of Israel against the Arabs. In order that we might have a better picture and a deeper knowledge of what is the causative factor in that hatred, I will proceed with that explanation in a few minutes.

I was particularly struck by the dislike of many of these Arab states for the free countries of the world. Let us not think, Mr. Speaker, that that dislike is something that can be glossed over. There is an old adage to the effect that the Lord loves a cheerful giver. With respect to that matter, I think it is necessary that we, directly or indirectly, must realize that we are never going to save any country by charity. The best way to accomplish that objective is for those various countries to get a certain amount of technical knowledge from us and, by means of that knowledge, to help themselves and to pull themselves up by the bootstraps. Of these various Arab countries I was particularly struck by the appearance of the representatives of a country that, through my ignorance, I had never heard of before, the Hashimite kingdom of Yemen. I therefore became intrigued with these people. There are only some 3,500,000 people in the state of Yemen but they have a great similarity in countenance and features to the people of Israel. So I asked myself why, with this apparent background of similarity, there should be this intense dislike of the Yemenite state for Israel. I asked some of my learned friends there if they could tell me something about the Yemenites. I did not get very many answers of an informative nature, and when I returned to Vancouver I called four or five of the outstanding clerics of that city to find out what they knew about the history of the Hashimites. I received some information. Amongst those

whom I called were the outstanding Protestant ministers and also His Excellency the archbishop of the diocese of Vancouver.

From these calls I gathered some slight information, but there is a more ancient, historical and biblical background to this picture than you see at the United Nations. Naturally any of us would expect that in this great cradle of humanity, the ancient world, men and women in those days had their destiny and believed in their destiny. I now refer to the great biblical characters, Abram and Sarah. They in their day were reaching an advanced age without issue. Abram and Sarah were without issue when they were more than 80 years old, although of course in those times they reckoned days and years a little differently than we do now. Sarah said unto Abram: "This is a bad state of affairs. I suggest to you that you take my handmaiden, Hagar, and from such union beget an issue." Well, I guess Sarah did not have to break Abram's arm because the upshot was that they did have an issue and the son was known as Ishmael.

Peculiarly enough, the green-eyed monster did not immediately creep into the house of Abram and Sarah, but shortly after the birth of Ishmael the Lord made a pact with Sarah and Abram and they beget a son, Isaac, who was the spiritual son. That brought trouble that eventually resulted in Hagar with her infant son, Ishmael, being tossed out into the desert. As the child was about to die of thirst and starvation the Lord created a well beside them and the child lived. Ishmael was designated by the Almighty to be a wild man, and I need not tell you he was a wild man in no uncertain terms. It was also designated that from his loins should descend twelve princes, and that also was fulfilled.

That same Ishmael then became the original father of the Arab world. One reason for the continuing hatred was the illegitimacy, as we would term it today. That of itself, I presume, was sufficient to cause the everlasting and continuing dislike and distrust of the Arabs for the people of Israel.

I should like to say a few words about those unfortunate countries before I leave them. Early in its history Saudi Arabia had practically no wealth at all, but today Saudi Arabia and some of the other Arab states have an abundance of oil which in the next 40 years will bring into the coffers of their governments—you note I say "governments" rather than people—some \$80 billion. A few years ago the income was up over \$200 million annually. Saudi Arabia is one of the more fortunate countries in this unfortunate mess of the Middle Eastern nations. What has she done with her money? Certainly she