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AMERICAN SECURITY

Palestine and petroleum will not mix. From the standpoint of our national security, the oil reserves of the Middle East are not worth a tinker's dam. This is the testimony of every competent military authority.

In the event of any trouble, the American and British oil developments in the Middle East will simply serve the Soviet.

The railroad and truck lines have already been built by American enterprise and generosity direct from the head of the Persian Gulf to the Russian border.

Logistics plus American built transportation insure possession by the Red Army of the oil wells of the Middle East.

Sacrificing our honor in Palestine for the utterly unattainable oil of Arabia is not only dishonorable but stupid.

We shall lose the whole world and our own soul as well.

Let us be very sure that America gives no occasion for the indictment leveled at the Chamberlain government in 1939 by Herbert Stanley Morrison, leader today of the labor majority in the British House of Commons:

"...The Jews must be sacrificed to the Government's preoccupation with exclusively Imperialist rather than human considerations."

Like the foolish dog in Aesop's fable, we shall drop our honor to get our oil and end up with neither.

Yet in the name of oil our national honor and good faith is being tarnished. Subtly, it has been whispered that Mid-eastern oil is vital to our security and, therefore, our pledges in Palestine must be repudiated.