

Second World War was over, I met Professor Jirku again in Munich at a conference of orientologists, and he mentioned his recollections of my sleeping the little sleeping bag. I am glad I had these trips before Palestine became Israel. There it was much more like it was in Bible times, without the modern roads and buildings and all the changes that have been made in recent years.

We went north to the hill country of Judah and clear to the ^{northern} ~~northern~~ end of Palestine, getting into the southern ~~south~~ part of Lebanon a short distance. One day there I saw a large group of Arab women weeping and a large ~~group~~ group of men had ~~just~~ just left them. As they went off a somewhat older Arab man ~~came near~~ came near me and he told me that these people that they were weeping because the men were going on a pilgrimage to Mecca and they did not know whether they would ever see them again. But the man spoke English so colloquially that I knew he could never have learned it over ~~there~~ there, and I said to him, "Where did you learn ~~to~~ to speak English the way you do?" "Oh," he said, "I lived in ~~Lansing~~ Lansing, Michigan, for twenty years. HE ^{said, "My} ~~said, "My~~ name is Mohammed Hamda, but," he said, "over there they called me Sam Kelly." This northern part there, where we were, just as you enter Lebanon, was quite different from further south. I met many people ~~that~~ there who had lived for years in the US°. It reminded me of the fact that in ancient times the Phoenicians, who lived in that area, were the great travelers, and there is the difference that Israel was landlocked and there was not much ^{the} are not a great many references in ~~the~~ Bible to the Mediterranean sea, even though you can see it from almost any hill in southern Israel, but they did not go on the sea much, but Phoenicia, to the north, was a great center of trade, and Tyre and Sidon, which we visited, were great commercial cities in ancient times. It was interesting to walk out on the great mole that Alexander the great had built, reaching out to what had formerly been an island, in order to subdue the people of Tyre. Now there is a road causeway (?) going out ~~of~~ over this narrow stretch of land reaching out to what was a former island. After we crossed over into ~~the~~ Trans-Jordan ~~TRANSJORDAN~~ * Dr. A° was anxious to find the place of Ham, a