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THREE VICTORIES FOR ARAB TERROR

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In Syrian-occupied Beirut, six terrorists who bombed the U.S. Embassy are declared by the courts to be "freedom fighters." In Jericho, thirty exiled PLO terrorists return in triumph, cheered by crowds of wellwishers. In New York, the spiritual leader of the Moslem terrorists who blew up the World Trade Center is allowed by the U.S. government to go free while deportation proceedings drag on. On three continents, the forces of Arab terror have scored major victories--and in each case, the Clinton administration shares the responsibility.

It was back in 1983 that six Arab terrorists rigged a truck with explosives and detonated it inside the U.S. Embassy compound in Beirut. Sixty-two people were killed in the blast. Ten years later, a five-man Lebanese military tribunal --operating under the thumb of the Syrian occupation regime-- was convened to consider the case. On April 31, it ruled that the bombing was a "political crime" and the accused cannot be prosecuted. Since Syria occupies Lebanon and the Lebanese authorities are Syrian puppets, it is Damascus that is to blame for the tribunal's decision. Yet the Clinton administration has declined to respond to this Syrian slap in the face. Perhaps Secretary of State Warren Christopher was too busy pressuring Israel to make concessions to Syria to pay attention to the Beirut tribunal's ruling.

Or perhaps Christopher was too busy bullying Israel into making new concessions to the PLO. While making the standard pro-Israel statements in public, Christopher has spent the last three months quietly squeezing Israel to make gesture after gesture to the Arabs in order to restart the "peace process." His efforts were crowned with success at the beginning of May, when thirty PLO terrorist leaders returned in triumph to Judea and Samaria. Arab mobs waving PLO flags and posters of Yasser Arafat greeted the returnees. The lesson is clear: no matter how many Israelis the PLO murders --more than 70% of Arab terror attacks are sponsored by the PLO, not by Hamas, according to the *Jerusalem Post*-- the U.S. can always be counted on to

pressure Israel to make more concessions to the PLO. Nor does the fact that the PLO has murdered numerous Americans (from the U.S. ambassador in Sudan, in 1973, to the wheelchair-bound Leon Klinghoffer) seem to bother the Clinton administration any more than it did the Bush-Baker regime.

Meanwhile, in New York, the U.S. authorities agreed to permit Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, the spiritual leader of the World Trade Center bombers, to go free on bail while his deportation proceedings drag on. A U.S. official said it was "too expensive" to keep him incarcerated. Is that a reasonable explanation? Even before the WTC attack, the U.S. had sought to deport Sheikh Rahman, whose tourist visa had expired. Shortly after Rahman's disciples were arrested for that bombing, a court ruled in favor of his deportation. Naturally the sheikh's lawyers are appealing that decision, and the appeals could drag on endlessly--and while they do, the sheikh remains free to inspire his other followers to engage in *jihad*, thanks to the laissez-faire attitude of the Clinton administration.

"This is the beginning of the Palestinian state," declared Abdul-Jawad Saleh, one of the thirty PLO leaders who returned to Israel. There is reason to fear that he is right. If President Clinton can so easily abandon his campaign pledges to combat Arab terror, one wonders how long his opposition to PLO statehood will last.◊

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WHO'S AFRAID OF NORMAN PODHORETZ?

Norman Podhoretz's essay warning about the dangers of the Mideast "peace process" (*Commentary*, April 1993), coming on the heels of the obviously hawkish mood among the rank-and-file at the recent AIPAC conference, has triggered a wave of virtual hysteria among certain Israeli and American Jewish leftists. Unnamed Labor Party officials are complaining that U.S. Jews don't understand the need for concessions. Labor MK Efraim Sneh, writing in the *New York Times*, expresses fear that Podhoretz and his ilk are "obstructing peace." Jonathan Jacoby, of the U.S. Labor Zionists, and Gail Pressberg, of Americans for Peace Now, say that American Jews "must be re-educated" (in re-education camps, perhaps?). Podhoretz and other Jews who share their misgivings are guilty of only one thing--caring deeply about Israel's security. Who's afraid of Norman Podhoretz? Only those who are afraid of free speech, afraid that the fraud of Arab "moderation" may be exposed, afraid that some Diaspora Jews may have the simple common sense to object to Israeli national suicide.◇

THE HOLOCAUST AND ISRAEL

The opening of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial in Washington generated a flurry of Holocaust-related articles in the media in April. One of the few that accurately grasped the ultimate meaning of the Nazi genocide was Charles Krauthammer's essay, "Holocaust Memory and Resolve," in *Time*. It is worth quoting at length: "Amid the ruins, the Jews made a collective decision that their future lay in self-defense and territoriality, in the ingathering of the exiles to their ancient homeland where they could finally acquire the means to defend themselves. Today the hinge of Jewish history, the guardian of Jewish destiny, is Israel...It is a terrible irony, however, that the relocation of the heart of Jewish life to a tiny patch of land by the Mediterranean makes possible the final realization of Hitler's project. Now it will take but a few nuclear missiles or a battery of poison-gas Scuds to complete the final solution. Israel today lives with the specter of annihilation...Denying Hitler posthumous victories means denying his successors. It means sustaining the new center of Jewish civilization, where many survivors found refuge and on whose success Jewish survival now depends...The test of one's solidarity with the people of the Holocaust is whether one is prepared to help defend that people against the destroyers of today, not the destroyers of yesterday." Amen.◇

PEACE NOW PRESSES FOR JERUSALEM SURRENDER

In an interview in the January-February issue of the leftwing Israeli magazine *Challenge*, Peace Now spokesman Amiram Goldblum said that Israel would have to "eventually" offer a "compromise" on Jerusalem, since it "is the center of both Palestinian and Israeli life." Goldblum revealed that Peace Now is "planning to prepare a demographic report about Jerusalem," after which it will "suggest an acceptable compromise." Because public opinion polls have consistently shown that 95% of Israelis oppose any concessions whatsoever on Jerusalem, Peace Now has usually refrained from declaring its true position on the subject. But now that Peace Now's supporters in the Israeli cabinet, the Meretz Party ministers, have managed to acquire extensive influence over Israeli foreign policy, the movement is beginning to reveal its hand.

There have been signs of this in the past, to be sure: Peace Now opposed the Jerusalem Bill of 1980 (which formally declared united Jerusalem to be Israel's capitol); Peace Now's American wing has referred to the Temple Mount (and therefore the adjacent Western Wall) as being part of "Arab Jerusalem." But in openly asserting that Peace Now will press for a "compromise" on Jerusalem based on the city's demographics, Amiram Goldblum is in effect saying that those parts of the city which are largely Arab should be given over to Arab rule in one form or another. In a sense, of course, such a position is a logical extension of Peace Now's underlying ideological thrust. If "peace" is "more important than land," meaning that Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan Heights should be traded for Arab promises of peace, then surely "peace" is more important than the Old City of Jerusalem. Of course, by that logic, peace should also be more important than Tel Aviv or Haifa--and if Peace Now has its way, Israel will one day face just such a choice.◇

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APPEASING DICTATORS: ONE WEEK'S TOLL

The last week of March was a red letter week for "international outlaws" and rogue nations bent on illegally acquiring weapons of mass destruction, the sponsorship of terrorism and other activities inimical to Western interests. Unfortunately, the Clinton administration's maladroitness to the perpetrators of such actions has probably only encouraged them to redouble their efforts.

Among the ominous developments to which the United States and its allies have responded incompetently--if at all--are the following:

Iran: Even as Secretary of State Christopher was telling lawmakers that the Iranian government was an "international outlaw" in testimony before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations on 30 March, he was obliged to acknowledge that the Clinton administration has been unsuccessful in blocking some \$460-million in World Bank loans issued to the Rafsanjani regime during the last three weeks in March.

Christopher--who established a lamentable record in the Iranian portfolio during his previous service as Deputy Secretary of State under the Carter administration--sought to assure the subcommittee, however: "Iran does not deserve the support of the World Bank. We are making that view known to our allies and friends." Translation: America's influence has eroded to the point where Washington is unable to deny multilateral funds even to states engaged in the most profound offenses to international security.

Iraq: At the end of March, the U.S. Mission to the United Nations released a comprehensive five-page list of Iraqi violations of the cease-fire agreements. Among the findings were:

* *Saddam Hussein's regime authorized attacks on U.N. vehicles which occurred on 15 and 20 March 1993;*

* *Baghdad has refused to provide information about more than 600 Kuwaiti prisoners seized during the invasion of Kuwait and illegally taken to Iraq;*

* *Iraq has failed to return captured U.S. Hawk missiles; and*

* *Iraq has denied a U.N. inspection team permission to examine a suspected missile research center.*

Incredibly, at the same time this damning indictment was being issued, the Clinton White House was once again signalling its willingness to "depersonalize" the conflict with Saddam Hussein. His removal from power would no longer be a precondition for a restoration of normal relations between the United States and Iraq.

This was, of course, the same position trumpeted by President-elect Clinton in an exclusive *New York*

Times interview on 13 January 1993 with Thomas L. Friedman--and then swiftly repudiated when it was (properly) seen as a dramatic and unwarranted U.S. concession to the Butcher of Baghdad. The Center for Security Policy has learned that, despite Mr. Clinton's attempt to blame Friedman for precipitating the flap by misunderstanding his statement, the President-elect had actually told the experienced reporter that he wanted to use the interview to send a signal to Saddam Hussein.

While Saddam probably got this pathetic signal the first time, he surely has got it now. The Clinton administration is interested in suing for peace, if only Iraq will modulate its behavior with respect to the cease-fire resolutions. If Saddam will only conduct himself better for a while, the sanctions will be lifted and he can go back to business as usual later. The predictable result of such transparent weakening of U.S. resolve will inevitably be more bad behavior from Baghdad, later if not sooner.

Libya: Secretary Christopher also used the occasion of the 30 March hearings in the Senate to telegraph the administration's intention to garner support for additional sanctions against Libya, including a complete embargo on purchases of Libyan oil. "I think the time has come to stiffen the embargo against Libya...One of the things we want to talk about is an oil embargo."

While the Center for Security Policy has long

believed that closing this gaping loophole is essential if the economic sanctions imposed last year are to have any appreciable impact, the advance notice thus given virtually assures that a whole host of new long-term contracts for Libyan oil are being drawn up now. After all, since such embargoes typically honor the "sanctity" of existing contracts, Libya and its American and other oil company customers will seize upon this arrangement substantially to weaken the practical effect of the "tightened" sanctions.

What is more, were the United States now to back away from seeking such a tightening of the existing sanctions--for example, so as to avoid a bruising fight with France which has announced that it will oppose a closing of the loophole--Qadhafi will only be emboldened further to flout the will of the international community. Such a prospect seems a distinct possibility after State Department spokesman Richard Boucher on 2 April declined to

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YITZHAK RABIN'S SECRET DEALS

The following letter was sent to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on March 11, 1993, shortly before his visit to the United States:

Dear Prime Minister Rabin:

Before your journey to Washington for a meeting which is vitally important to the Israeli nation, it is our obligation as Members of Knesset and representatives of the public to ascertain and understand your plan of action. You, as we, are a democratically elected public official. We therefore are required to present to our constituents all public decisions, especially those decisions that will have a substantial impact on the future of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel. Therefore, prior to your departure to the United States, we would like answers to the following questions.

1. What concessions on the Golan Heights are your prepared to make without discussion and approval by the Knesset?

2. Have you discussed withdrawal from the Golan with any foreign body? If so, when and with whom?

3. In your discussions with American representatives of either former President Bush or current President Clinton, did you give any indication that you would withdraw from the Golan for any of the following benefits:

(a) Loan guarantees?

(b) American financial compensation for the Jewish residents to be removed from the Golan in the

event of withdrawal?

(c) Deepening of Haifa port or the stationing of the U.S. fleet there?

(d) U.S. commitments to invest in Israel's economy?

(e) U.S. agreement to deliver the \$700-million weapons systems, promised but not delivered by the Bush administration?

(f) repositioning of U.S. weapons in Israel?

4. Is it your intention to announce, after your meeting with President Clinton, your willingness to recognize Syrian sovereignty on the Golan Heights, or to sign an agreement with Syria based upon territorial concessions in the Golan, without consulting with and getting permission from the Knesset?

5. Is it your intention on this visit to make an announcement which will be accepted by the United States, the European Community, and the United Nations, forcing the nation into irreversible changes because of international pressure on Israel?

6. How will you present your position on the deportees issue and what will you request from the United States with regard to a solution of the deportees problem as part of a solution to the state of war in our region?

We, the elected representatives of the people, demand clear answers to these questions before your trip abroad.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Netanyahu (Likud)]

Moshe Katzav (Likud)

Meir Sheetrit (Likud)

Rafael Eitan (Tzomet)

Gonen Segev (Tzomet)

Moshe Peled (Tzomet)

Hanan Porat (National Religious Party)

Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party)

Yigal Bibi (National Religious Party)

Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party)

(Editor's note: Prime Minister Rabin did not reply to this letter.)

"ETHNIC CLEANSING" --AGAINST THE JEWS

Marvin Maurer

A struggle is underway to delegitimize and eliminate Jewish life in areas taken after the 1967 war. It takes many forms, ranging from international pressures to highly effective and sophisticated propaganda emanating from even supposedly respectable sources. This includes the use of Arab gangs and assassins against Jewish lives and property. A report in the March 12 issue of the *New York Jewish Week*, for example, reveals that Arabs have made Rachel's Tomb (near Bethlehem) and Solomon's Pool (near the Old City of Jerusalem) inaccessible. Imagine the world outcry were Arabs denied access to sites they deem holy!

The message is clear: once the Arabs secure control over any area, threats to Jewish holy, historical and residential sites intensify. If the Israeli government has trouble defending these areas now, what can be expected once the Arabs secure "police" powers? Arab obliteration of Jewish life and culture is not new. After the Arabs seized Jerusalem and the territories in 1949, all the Jews were driven out and, contrary to signed agreements, access to the Western Wall, Hebron, et cetera was terminated and Jewish holy sites were desecrated.

The same *Jewish Week* article reports the climate of fear that surrounds such communities as Kiryat Arba. Its Jewish residents are under constant threat. A resident reported that "shooting from Arab cars causes Jews in the area to feel they are playing Russian roulette each time they leave their homes." The Israeli government is doing little to counter Arab intimidation by terror, leaving one to wonder what would be its reaction were Jews consigned to live under PLO or Hamas rule? Would Israel brave world opinion and enter the sovereign Arab territory called "Palestine" to keep bands of terrorists away from Jewish communities?

Unfortunately, many in Israel, including some of those in the highest reaches of government and intellectual life, believe the real threat is from Jews who live in the territories. There are those in Israel and elsewhere who advocate that either the Israeli Army should drive Jews off any land ceded to the Arabs or they should be left to suffer the fate of living under Arab rule. In the Spring 1991 issue of *Israeli Democracy*, Hebrew University political science professor Ze'ev Sternhall calls for "a demilitarized Palestinian state [ironically the territories are now demilitarized and patrolled by Israeli forces, yet the killings increase--MM] in the West Bank and Gaza with guarantees for Israel's immediate security" as the only way to bring about peace. He asserts that "there is no reason for the Jewish settlers to continue to reside in the territories under non-Israeli sovereignty." But should they stubbornly refuse to

leave their homes, Israel "will probably have to move tanks into some of the Jewish settlements...If this means using force against some of the settlers that does not seem to me to be too high a price to pay [for] implementing an agreement with the Arab world..." How many Jewish casualties will be required? Enough to get the job done, declaims the good professor. Those advocates of forceful Jewish removal do not object if the price includes the spectacle unfolding before the world media. Arabs would be dancing with glee as Jews are shot and forced from their homes.

Another approach designed to avoid the embarrassment and political costs of cleansing Jews from land ceded to the Arabs was proposed by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. His plan has appeared in several publications, including David Twersky's account in the February 26 *Forward*. Peres asserted that a political agreement with the Arabs did not depend on Israel evacuating them, since "they could live under limited Palestinian or confederate sovereignty" with Jordan. He noted that "there is Arab life under Jewish sovereignty. There can be Jewish life under Arab sovereignty." Peres knows that Arabs living under Israeli law are protected and assured of their rights--and he knows well the fate of Jews living under

Arab rule since 1948. To advocate a confederacy with Jordan says it all. Jordanian law calls for the death penalty to anyone selling land to Jews and, of course, Jordan is free of Jews, as were the territories when King Hussein controlled them. Given the terror now inflicted on Jews, it is not hard to envision the fate of those Jews left to depend on Arab policing. Peres has devised a diabolical plan to cleanse the territories of Jews by threatening them with complete abandonment.

Both approaches--forced removal and abandonment--seek a truncated Israel with Jewish life eradicated from the territories. The danger is that since the *intifada* and accompanying terror succeeded so well, Israeli Arabs would soon be targeted by the PLO and Hamas. The Arabs know that the international media and the assorted 'peace', isolationist, and pro-Arab groups would once again bellow for "land for peace." And then, too, there will be those who agree that only the return of a bit more land will finally nail down that elusive peace with the Arabs.

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LETTERS THEY REFUSED TO PUBLISH

March 14, 1993

Letters to the Editor
New York Times
To the Editor:

...A recent article stated that in the view of Secretary of State Warren Christopher and "senior administration officials," it is "unlikely that Serbian nationalists could be forced by Western nations to give up all their gains in Bosnia and Herzegovina."

How can Mr. Christopher say "I suppose it will never be able to be rolled back to the situation where it was a year and a half ago," and then fly to the Middle East to participate in the attempt by the Arab nations to grab the pieces of land won defensively for survival by the blood of Israel's young men in the Six Day War, and not by rapine? Meanwhile the United Nations, the United States, the Europeans, and most of the rest of the civilized world clap their hands in ecstatic approval...

Sincerely,
Louis N. Seltzer
Bryn Mawr, PA

November 24, 1992

Letters to the Editor
L.A. Jewish Journal
To the Editor:

Women's equality in Israel is an important issue, and it is no surprise that Yehuda Lev ("Alice's Campaign," November 6-12) waxes enthusiastic about the visit to the U.S. by Alice Shalvi, the Israeli feminist. But I suspect that Shalvi would arouse more sympathy for her cause if she would resist the temptation to politicize issues such as family violence and rape.

Mrs. Shalvi was recently quoted in the Israeli press as claiming that increases in wife-beating and rape in Israel are attributable to Israeli policy in Judea and Samaria. According to Shalvi, allowing Israeli soldiers to use force in apprehending Arab rioters "legitimized the use of force towards any opposition, not only the enemy but the 'other'...it became impossible to say to these men, to the soldiers, that it was forbidden in their own homes." This theory may suit Shalvi's political preferences (she wrote in *Israel Scene* in 1987 that Israel's victory in 1967 "was very bad for us"), but there is no scientific data to support it--just as there was no basis for her outrageous claim (in the *Jerusalem Post*, July 25, 1986) that "until

the early 1950s, when the Moroccan immigration began, there wasn't any violence [in Israel]. But the North Africans really pulled knives."

What a pity that an important cause such as the protection of Israeli women should be distorted by those who have political or ethnic axes to grind.

Sincerely,

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April 23, 1993

Letters to the Editor
New York Times Book Review
To the Editor;

Of all the politic evasions in Lawrence Langer's flattering review of Tom Segev's *The Seventh Million* (April 18), the most contemptible is his mincing reference to the way that the Holocaust "continues to be cited by both sides in the continuing discussion" of what he is pleased to call "the Israeli-Palestinian impasse." As Langer undoubtedly knows, the Arab side (which, in case he hasn't noticed, includes about 21 belligerent nations in addition to the Palestinian Arabs) invariably uses the Holocaust as part of its Goebbels-like strategy of inversion, making Arabs into persecuted Jews, Israelis into ferocious Nazis, detention camps for Arab terrorists into "Auschwitz." This "citing" of the Holocaust achieved its greatest triumph in the passage of the U.N. Zionism-racism resolution of 1975. The PLO's American tribune, Edward Said, for example, likes to allege that Zionists "were in touch with the Nazis in the hope of emulating their Reich in Palestine."

Israelis generally "cite" the Holocaust in order to warn of the infectious power of antisemitism, especially when embodied in the state, and to proclaim the necessity of Jewish political power and a Jewish state for Jewish survival. Casually to assume, as Langer does, equivalence between these two kinds of allusion to the Holocaust is not merely to make criticism into the art of discrimination but to run the risk of becoming a moral nonentity.

Sincerely,

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MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

...At a recent luncheon meeting hosted by the American Jewish Committee, **Egypt's** ambassador to the U.S., Ahmed Maher El Sayed, received kid-glove treatment, according to pro-Israel activist Morris J. Amitay. Sayed told his Jewish listeners that "the United States must use 'friendly persuasion' and offer its own 'proposals'. In other words, put the arm on Israel," Amitay revealed. "The AJCommittee session did not get much better when it came to El Sayed's stated views on terrorist acts against Israelis by Islamic extremists. According to the Egyptian, this violence had nothing to do with fundamentalism or Islam. Rather, the terrorists were acting as 'a result of frustration.' What is needed, he claimed, was more 'economic and social reform.' No one had the temerity to ask why the Egyptian response to its own terrorist attacks by Islamic fundamentalists was to shoot first and think about reform later. Needless to say, the envoy received a rousing round of applause after his opening remarks and following the gentlest of questioning from the audience...is it too much to ask that Israel's friends in this country not be carried away completely?"...

...Edna Azaria, widow of Natan Azaria, a Russian

Jewish immigrant murdered by Arab terrorists in **Tel Aviv** in March, released to the Israeli media a tape recording of a telephone conversation she had with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shortly after the murder. Mrs. Azaria asked Rabin to visit her during her mourning period. Rabin replied "I don't know, I'm busy." When she challenged his apparent lack of interest, Rabin replied, "I have work to do and I'm busy and have to go to the Arava. I'll send a representative to you"...

...A recent newsletter issued by the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency**, UNRWA, revealed that shortly after the Israeli deportation of 415 Hamas terror leaders, UNRWA officials "visited families of the deportees to assess their economic needs." Subsequently UNRWA began supplying the families with "food, blankets, and cash assistance." UNRWA has offered no assistance to Israelis who have been widowed or orphaned by the Hamas killers...

...The leading Arab newspaper in **Jerusalem**, *Al Fajr*, marked Easter by publishing a cartoon which depicted Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns and carrying a huge cross, being halted at a roadblock by obese, hairy Israeli soldiers armed with billy clubs and demanding his identification papers. The editor of *Al Fajr* is Hanna Siniora, a senior adviser to the Palestinian Arab negotiating team...

ON SECOND THOUGHT...

"Rabin's victory was far from the dramatic change in national consensus that it was widely thought to be," concedes **Yacov Ben Efrat**, of the leftwing Alternative Information Center, in the March-April issue of the Israeli journal *Challenge*. "Israeli society has retained its Right-wing inclinations despite the Labor victory...the majority of the Jewish population in Israel voted for the Right-wing parties; Rabin rose to power with the support of less than half of the country's Jewish voters, reinforced by the Arab sector. The Likud was defeated because the Right-wing electorate was splintered among small parties that failed to garner the minimum number of votes necessary to gain a Knesset seat."

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Speaking to the Jewish Community Relations Council in Los Angeles in late March, Israeli extremist Yael Dayan insisted that a Palestinian Arab state should be established in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. When a member of the audience asked about "the ability of the Palestinians to control their extremists once a treaty was in place,"

Dayan replied that "it is not an Israeli problem but a world problem that rears its head in many places." That answer was too disingenuous even for leftwing militant **Yehuda Lev**, associate editor of the Los Angeles *Jewish Journal*. Lev pointed out (in his April 2-8 column) that "Israel's problem is not with those who will return to moderation once the pressures of occupation are removed, it is with those who under no conditions will accept a compromise peace and who will sacrifice their own lives, if need be, to smash the peace. How that problem will be resolved remains a legitimate concern for Israelis, not just for Algerians and the New York City Police Department."

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The recent wave of Arab terrorist murders shocked Israeli author **Haim Be'er**, an outspoken dove. Writing in the daily *Ma'ariv* in April, Be'er conceded: "The brutal, unending terror poses large, irksome, gnawing question marks. You ask yourself, is it possible to conclude a real agreement with the Arabs? Will it last? I want to hope it is still possible, but I have difficulty with those on the left who constantly represent the Arab side."

BEHIND THE NEWSMAKERS

...Egypt's arrest of over 200 Moslem extremists was allotted just one paragraph, on the very bottom of page 6, of the April 4 edition of the *New York Times*. It is not hard to imagine what kind of coverage the *Times* would have given such a mass arrest if Israel was the one doing the arresting...

...Writing in the *Long Island Jewish World* (March 19-25), Israel correspondent **Larry Derfner** candidly described himself as "a nominal left-winger, an opponent of the occupation." Derfner's startling admission confirms recent criticism by Jewish activists about the leftwing bias of Derfner's reporting. In articles during the past year, Derfner claimed that Israel expelled Haifa's Arabs in 1948, derisively referred to Yitzhak Shamir as "crowing," and conducted a fawning interview with Yael Dayan in which he described her as "awfully sexy." Question: now that Derfner has admitted his political bias, how can the *Long Island Jewish World* (and the other Jewish weeklies that publish his dispatches) continue to present his articles as if they are the work of a non-partisan journalist?...

...Abandoning all pretense of journalistic objectivity, **Thomas L. Friedman**, the Washington bureau chief of the *New York Times*, declared on the "Meet the Press" program on April 11 that "in the long run, the U.S. will have no choice but to shift some of its aid from Israel and Egypt and give it to Russia." Before entering the

Thomas L. Friedman

world of journalism, Friedman was a campus radical at Brandeis University, where he was one of the leaders of a pro-PLO student organization called the "Mideast Peace Group"...

...**Mohammed Darawshe** of the Arab Democratic Party, who is the most outspoken supporter of the PLO in the Israeli Knesset, received a glowing write-up in the March 21 edition of *AIPAC On Campus*, the college campus newsletter distributed by the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee. The Darawshe profile, authored by AIPAC's assistant director in Jerusalem, **Nancy Shekter**, praised Darawshe as "a leading activist in fostering Arab-Jewish relations," without any mention of his passionate support for the terrorist PLO or his meetings with PLO leader Yasser Arafat...

...A recent visit to San Francisco by an Arab militant and a leftwing Israeli was the subject of a sympathetic story in the *Jewish Bulletin of Northern California*. Correspondent **Leslie Katz** described the pair, Zakaria al Qaq and Gershon Baskin, as leaders of "a prominent think tank of Israeli and Palestinian politicians, civil servants, academics and professionals who meet regularly to tackle such practical issues as balancing people's needs for water, land and security." That description made them sound like objective scholars without any political agenda. What Ms. Katz neglected to mention is that Baskin is also a member of the Advisory Board of Israel's most extreme-left magazine, *Challenge*. To get an idea of the kind of articles that appear in *Challenge*, note that two of its editors are **Michal Schwartz** and **Roni Ben Efrat**, who recently served prison sentences after confessing to being members of an Arab terrorist group, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine...

...A report by the **Egyptian Organization for Human Rights** about torture of Moslem fundamentalists by the Egyptian authorities has been ignored by the Western media. According to the EOHR, the recent crackdown by the Egyptian police on Moslem militants has included the torture and sexual abuse of many suspects and their relatives. "Children whose ages range between 8 and 15 have been subject to severe torture in order to give information about the whereabouts of their relatives," according to the group. A detention center where torture is regularly employed has been set up at Kilometer 25 on the main desert highway from Cairo to Alexandria. There two boys, Mohammed Al-Zayyat, 15, and Ashraf al-Zayyat, 16, were "subjected to severe torture which went on for 23 days which included beatings with coiled wire and hanging in different positions and electric shocks to the genitals...They were forced to stand naked in the court of the prison during the late hours of the night, sometimes for up to three hours, where they were drenched with ice water." Meanwhile, Moslem women detained at the Im-baba police station have been sexually tortured, "including beatings with rods and the handling of genitals and forcing them out of their clothes" to obtain information about their husbands...

SPOTLIGHT ON THE EXTREMISTS

...**Victor Ostrovsky**, author of the anti-Israel book *By Way of Deception*, believes that "Israeli intelligence" masterminded the World Trade Center bombing. Such lunatic-fringe theories merit no attention from the serious media. **Robert I. Friedman** of the *Village Voice*, however, finds Ostrovsky's idea intriguing. In the April 6 *Voice*, Friedman began by noting that Ostrovsky's theory is "extremely dubious." Then he added, "But consider:" and offered a list of "reasons" that Ostrovsky's theory supposedly makes sense, such as the allegation that "[Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin needed a plan to discredit Muslims in general"...

...The extremist Jewish Peace Lobby, which campaigns for PLO statehood, recently established a 73-member "Policy Council." Two of the names on the list merit comment. One is Professor **Ian Lustick** of the University of Pennsylvania, who was recently at the center of a controversy over his criticism of the treatment of Israeli Arabs. A few years ago, Lustick authored a book accusing Israel of mistreating its Arab citizens; he presented his study as if it was the product of objective, scholarly research. But earlier this year, pro-Israel activists revealed that during his student days at Berkeley, in 1972, Lustick authored a violent attack (in the pages of *The Jewish Radical*) on Israel's supposed 'persecution' of Israeli Arabs--before he had undertaken his allegedly "objective research" about the Israeli Arabs.

The other notable name on the Jewish Peace Lobby list is **Simkha Weintraub**. He's director of public relations for the New Israel Fund, which claims to be a non-partisan, non-political philanthropy. If the Fund is really non-partisan, why are so many of its officials, like Weintraub, associated with the most extreme-left causes?...

...A recent issue of *Daughters of Sarah*, a Christian feminist journal published in Chicago, included a feature entitled "Palestinian Women Under Occupation." The author, **Mary Abowd** (identified as a staff member of "Synapses, a grassroots interfaith peace and justice network in Chicago") detailed a litany of anti-Israel accusations, including the fabrication that "in the early 1980s, Israel poisoned the water in a girls' elementary and high school in Nablus with a substance causing infertility." What actually happened is that a number of girls in the area experienced fainting spells, but Arab doctors who examined them found no physical cause for

the phenomenon, no poisoning, and no infertility...

...In response to the recent wave of Arab terrorist stabbings of Israelis, a shooting range in the Israeli city of Ramat Gan sponsored a billboard advertisement depicting an Arab with a knife, and the slogan "Show Them You Are Ready." MKs **Dedi Zucker** and **Haim Oron**, of the leftwing Meretz Party, demanded that the billboard be removed on the grounds that it is "racist" to portray an Arab holding a knife...

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APPEASING TYRANTS

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reaffirm the U.S. intention to seek a vote on this initiative irrespective of allied concerns.

North Korea: The 31 March deadline issued by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to North Korea--which was supposed to warn Kim Il-Sung of unspecified sanctions if he failed to allow IAEA inspectors to investigate two suspected nuclear materials storage facilities--has come and gone with barely a whisper.

Despite President Clinton's campaign pledge to "give nuclear inspectors the authority and means to make spot inspections" and not to "wait until a host of Third World nations acquire full arsenals of First World weapons," the focus of U.S. and international discussions now seems to be the magnitude of financial, economic and political *inducements* to be offered to North Korea to encourage Kim Il-Sung to re-up to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and "join the family of nations." This response will do nothing to deter North Korea from pursuing its nuclear program; to the contrary, it will in all likelihood encourage others to follow suit. (...)

Hurling invective at terrorists and despots may deceive the American public into believing that the Clinton administration is dealing effectively with "international outlaws." Unless backed with the credible threat of military action--and, where necessary, its utilization--however, such empty rhetoric will do nothing to check

these dangerous forces. If anything, evidence of American impotence will stimulate intensified anti-Western activity.

This is particularly true insofar as these pariah nations are increasing their intercommunications as well as coordination in areas such as weapons procurement, terrorist activities and embargo circumvention. As a result, the "ripple effect" of U.S. non-performance on ultimatums, deadlines and continued blatant violations of international law by the members of this "radical entente" will inevitably produce more severe and more dangerous consequences for Western interests in the future.◊

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One Minute to Midnight

Dr. Irving Moskowitz

JEWISH RADICALS GAIN ACCESS TO CLINTON

The 1992 Annual Report of the pro-PLO Jewish Peace Lobby (a group that was formed at the suggestion of Yasser Arafat, for the purpose of lobbying in Washington for the PLO's agenda) boasts that "through a number of Peace Lobby members we find that we have channels of access to [President Clinton] and top members of his team." Utilizing those channels, the Peace Lobby urged the Clinton administration to make the Mideast "peace process" a high priority, to reaffirm U.S. support for James Baker's approach to Mideast diplomacy, and to "retain many of the State Department professionals who have been working on these issues."

Is it merely a coincidence that all three of the Peace Lobby's demands were met? Probably not. The

Peace Lobby's official list of "Endorsers" includes numerous senior officials of Americans for Peace Now (such as Peace Now's co-chair, Letty Pogrebin, and many others), who in turn have unprecedented access to the administration by virtue of the fact that many of their leaders (such as their president, Peter Edelman, their board member, Sara Ehrman, and their financial backer, Samuel Berger) have senior positions on the Clinton team. No doubt they "opened doors" to give their friends at the Jewish Peace Lobby the ear of the president. Thus we have the extraordinary spectacle of a president who promised to be strongly pro-Israel and to heed the views of American Jewry, instead taking much of his Mideast advice from a crowd of bash-Israel Jews who represent a miniscule portion of American Jewish opinion. The leaders of the major U.S. Jewish organizations must set the president and his advisers straight--or prepare to find themselves completely usurped in Washington by Arafat's American Jewish cheerleaders.◊

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THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION VERSUS ISRAEL (Cont'd)

January 14, 1993

Peggy Sullivan
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Dear Ms. Sullivan:

I write to express my hope that you will do what you can to rescind the two anti-Israel resolutions that were passed at the American Library Association convention in 1992. They are a disgrace to the organization and to the profession it purports to represent.

I will not comment on the particulars of the "case" of Mr. Omar al-Safi and the deceptiveness of his ardent defenders, or on the absurdity of the notion that Bir Zeit University (jocularly known all over the Middle East as "PLO State [U.]" is a real university in the sense that Americans ascribe to that term. But I would like to say a few words on the larger implications of this shameful fiasco.

It seems that the ALA, after being hoodwinked into passing these resolutions, actually sent them on to the PLO. This is a revealing piece of symbolic action. Did the organization hope to prove to the PLO that it was living up to that organization's expectations of liberals, expectations which, alas, have rarely been disappointed? Conor

Cruise O'Brien has often pointed out the irony whereby Arab nations and organizations, the most illiberal and dictatorial in the world, always make a point of appealing to the liberal, democratic proclivities and sensitivities of Western nations and organizations. Having repeatedly lost on the battlefield in their effort (begun in 1948 and never abandoned) to destroy Israel, the Arabs transferred their energies to the war of ideas, deciding (correctly as it turned out) that it was easier to attack Zionism than to attack Israel. This attack they have pressed, with great success, in the U.N., in the universities and schools, and in the professional organizations.

If the people who formulated these resolutions were concerned with human rights, including those of free expression and association, surely they would have had something uncharitable to say about the fearful repression that exists in Saudi Arabia, in Syria, in Egypt, in Jordan, and most of all in the PLO, a fascist organization not exactly famous for its devotion to the principles of Milton's *Areopagitica* and Mill's *On Liberty*. But no: since their real purpose is not to uphold freedom of speech and information but to destroy the moral image of Israel and the Jewish people, they attach themselves to the juggernaut of international discrimination which has made Israel its target since the passage of the U.N. Zionism=Racism resolution in 1975. One wonders whether ALA members who voted for these pernicious resolutions in 1992 bothered to ask themselves why they, just like the Arabs, refrain from protesting even the most flagrant human rights abuses in *Arab* countries?

Sincerely,
Leah M. Alexander, M.L.S.
Seattle

LETTERS THEY REFUSED

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March 18, 1993

Letters to the Editor
Albany Times-Union
To the Editor;

...Moorhead Kennedy (March 18), a former Iranian hostage who may have been brainwashed by Islamic militants, says that Islamic fundamentalism doesn't equal terrorism, and somewhat implicates the Arab-Israeli crisis as a cause of terrorism...Mr. Moorhead should go back into history to learn that militant Islamic fundamentalism started the Arab-Israeli-Palestinian crisis. A relative of Arafat, the Grand Mufti [Moslem religious leader] of Jerusalem was the first leader of the Palestinians. He marched with Hitler in Nazi Germany, and promised to jointly

exterminate the Jews, killing his share during the Holocaust. The PLO under Arafat, and the Iranian-inspired Hamas/Hezbollah fundamentalist Islamic terrorists, who blew up the World Trade Center, are continuing their terrorist campaign against Israel today, following the Grand Mufti's philosophy of hatred and violence against "infidels." Many Christian Arabs who have fled Islamic terror in Lebanon, and Hindus who have experienced such tactics in India, also know that they too are at risk, for such fundamentalists have little tolerance for other faiths.

The real issue of the Middle East crisis is not land for peace or a redundant, non-deserved Palestinian state, which would become another Lebanon--but tolerance and coexistence, versus the violence of Islamic fundamentalism.

Sincerely,
Jack D. Lauber
Latham, N.Y.

BALDERDASH

"[In] total deference to the 'Israel lobby'...the Clinton administration [is] avoiding steps like an internationally imposed solution in Bosnia [because it] could set a precedent for an imposed solution in Israel-Palestine."

--Richard H. Curtiss, executive editor of the *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, in the April/May 1993 issue of that journal

"The news media tells us that Americans entered a new era of terror on February 26, 1993 when the World Trade Center was bombed...[but] we must not forget the violence that has become a part of our daily lives [and is] a far greater threat than a terrorist bombing..."

--Christopher Ney, Melissa Jameson, and Dorie Wilsnack of the far-left War Resisters League, in a leaflet distributed by the League in April 1993

"The Western media gives violent and radical groups in the Muslim world a disproportionate amount of attention in light of their real political strength. In reality, modernist and pro-Western political forces represent the dominant force in the Muslim world."

--Statement issued by the National Association of Arab-Americans, following the February 26 bombing of the World Trade Center by Moslem terrorists

"Abraham was a Moslem. The promised land was Greater Syria. It was given to the Jewish people on condition they follow the teachings of Moses, and it was only for the era of Moses, which ended when the Jews were invited to follow the prophecy of Mohammed."

--Prof. Yassir Mallah, of Bethlehem University, speaking at a symposium sponsored by the Notre Dame Center, in Jerusalem, on March 25, 1993

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