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A Banner Day for Zionism

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In a ceremony graced by the presence of Knesset Speaker Reuven Rivlin and Minister of Education Gideon Sa'ar, hundreds of Israeli high school students from secondary schools across the country packed the Knesset's main auditorium on Sunday, December 19th to witness the awarding of cash prizes to 15 winners of the 2010 Ze'ev Jabotinsky National Essay Contest and their schools, sponsored by Americans For A Safe Israel.

The event marked the 70th anniversary of the passing of pre-state Zionism's foremost, writer and orator, creator of Zionism's "Revisionist" movement, and "Betar," its global Jewish youth corps. It also marked the culmination of a 10-month effort triggered by AFSI chairman Herbert Zweibon to rekindle an intimate relationship with Zionism among Israeli youth, undermined by decades of high school teaching that made Zionist history and heroes hostage to universalist myths and "narratives," many blatantly ant-Zionist.

Jabotinsky's link to Zionism's heroic past was underscored in essay after essay in the saga of "Aliyah Bet," his British blockade-busting enterprise that brought more than 100,000 European Jews to Palestine between 1936 and 1940; his World War I formation of the "Zion Mule Corps," the first organized Jewish fighting force in 1,800 years, and his subsequent establishment of both the Haganah (which grew into the IDF) and the Irgun Z'vai Leumi (IZL), the underground resistance force that was instrumental in driving the British out of Palestine.

The essay contest, covering five categories of Jabotinsky's life, written works and political activities, with first, second and third prizes in each category, was projected by AFSI as the first step in an extended campaign to stimulate interest in Zionist history both in Israel and beyond its borders. The cudgel will be taken

up in Israel by the Education Ministry, which has undertaken to add an in-depth Zionist history review to the high school curriculum, and in the U.S., with AFSI's plan to launch "Zionism 101," a filmed series of internet programs covering the 120-year history of the contemporary Zionist movement.

In his remarks to the students, Education Minister Sa'ar, who as a high school student in 1980 took second prize in an essay contest commemorating the 40th anniversary of Jabotinsky's passing, characterized the latter's writings as his "Torah," adding, "I would not be here today, in the position I occupy, were it not for my exposure to that Torah." Earlier in the program, Knesset Speaker Rivlin described Jabotinsky as Zionism's most existentialist figure — "not just a thinker, but a doer."



L to R: Gideon Sa'ar, Reuben Rivlin, Michael Kleiner, William Mehlman and prize winner.

Former Member of Knesset Michael Kleiner, who together with Emanuel Weiser of the Ja-

botinsky Order organized the essay contest to its successful conclusion, spoke of Jabotinsky as a "revolutionary" in the most positive sense of the word. "He revolted against the British occupation, against a Jewish establishment that seemed satisfied with a stateless Jewish status quo and while others remained silent, he marched across Europe in the 1930s imploring Jews to leave before it was too late."

Weiser observed that the essay contest spoke eloquently for the people Jabotinsky most liked and respected — the youth. "You are all winners for having been exposed to Jabotinsky," he declared of the more than 600 students who entered the competition. •

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From the Editor

The London Review of Bigotry

Just Journalism, founded in 2008 as a sorely needed initiative to monitor the bias in the British media's coverage of Israel and the Middle East, has issued a report on *The London Review of Books* (LRB). Melanie Phillips observes that the LRB is important because it "plays a key role in defining the terms of debate for the British intelligentsia," and "the so-called thinking classes in the rest of the English speaking world" and "has been helping turn that debate into a verbal pogrom against Israel through an unbroken stream of hate-fuelled articles."

Just Journalism's report does the math. Of LRB's 92 articles on Israel-Palestine only one offered a mainstream Jewish and Israeli perspective. The LRB consistently portrayed Israel as a bloodthirsty and genocidal regime, while offering sympathetic portraits of Hamas and Hezbollah. Via a Freedom of Information request, Just Journalism was able to document that the British taxpayer was funding the LRB's hate-fest to the tune of 767 thousand pounds with over 188 thousand pounds specifically earmarked for paying contributing writers. The report included editor Mary Kay Wilmers own words: "I'm unambiguously hostile to Israel because it's a mendacious state. They do things that are just so immoral and counterproductive and, as a Jew, especially as a Jew, you can't justify that."

Writes Phillips: "Until now, Wilmers and the LRB have never been held to account. All credit to Just Journalism for understanding that the peddlers of hatred towards Israel—including the Jewish peddlers of such calumnies—have to be publicly exposed and shamed."

Stuxnet

Julian Assange has misused the internet. In this issue we describe Wikileaks' inadvertent positive effects, but this does not take away from the harm he has done, jeopardizing informants who trusted the U.S. and choking the channels of communication with potentially costly results to American lives.

And so we're happy to report on a use of the internet for unalloyed good: the Stuxnet virus which virtually all experts attribute to Israel (some postulate there was also American involvement). Top German computer consultant Ralph Langer says Stuxnet has set back Iran's nuclear program two years. It has been nearly as effective as a military strike without the fatalities or the perils of a full-blown war. It has been, in short, a huge success.

Moreover, says Langer in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Stuxnet is still infecting computer systems at Iran's main uranium enrichment facility at Natanz and its reactor at Bushehr, meaning that Iran will probably have to rebuild the Natanz centrifuge and

possibly buy a new turbine for Bushehr. Stuxnet, according to Langer, is the most "advanced and aggressive malware in history."

The State Department Libels Israel

In another example of mindless moral equivalence, in its annual International Religious Freedom Report of 198 countries, the State Department (under Hillary Clinton) cites Israel among 30 nations "where violations of religious freedom have been noteworthy." Israel is put in the same category as Afghanistan, China, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and others deservedly stigmatized.

In part the grounds are unfair, in part outright false. Israel is criticized for being what it exists to be—a Jewish state. Thus the report complains that three Messianic Jews were denied the right to immigrate to Israel; that the Chief Rabbinate has authority over marriages and burials; that Israel does not recognize conversions that do not meet certain criteria, etc. The report falsely claims that only Jewish holy sites enjoy legal protection because the government does not recognize others as official holy sites. In fact, Islamic holy sites are controlled by the Waqf (Islamic Religious Authority) at the insistence of the imams themselves. Indeed the Waqf has caused tremendous damage to First and Second Temple sites by building near the Dome of the Rock mosque. Christian holy sites are controlled by Christian groups—the Vatican, for example, controls its own churches, monasteries and convents.

What the State Department ignores is that unlike the other countries with which it lumps Israel, Israel offers freedom of worship to all religions. (In Iraq, despite the U.S. occupation, Christians cannot even be confident in their right to life.)

Correction

We inadvertently failed to note that Temple Beth Meshuga, which ran in the November issue of Outpost, was originally published by GrassTopsUSA (www.GrassTopsUSA.com) and was reprinted with its permission.

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Wikileaks As Wake-up Call

Rael Jean Isaac

There is no mystery about Julian Assange's motives in releasing the avalanche of secret documents known as Wikileaks—he has declared he sought to deal a mortal blow to American power. In *The Wall Street Journal* (Dec. 6) Gordon Crovitz throws light on Assange's bizarre *weltanschauung*. Crovitz writes that in 2006 Assange published two essays describing the U.S. as an "authoritarian conspiracy." Such "conspiracies," writes Assange "take information about the world in which they operate, pass it around the conspirators and then act on the result."

Assange's plan was to make the U.S. conspiracy less effective by taking away its power to obtain vital information. Without assurance of secrecy other parties would not share information—thus the flow of information among conspirators would cease. In Assange's convoluted prose: "We can marginalize a conspiracy's ability to act by decreasing total conspiratorial power until it is no longer able to understand, and hence respond effectively to its environment...An authoritarian conspiracy that cannot think efficiently cannot act to preserve itself."

There is no doubt that this act of cyber warfare was abetted by the administration's indifference to security that left an incredibly large trove of documents open to downloading by low level government employees.

This said, some good may yet come from the Wikileaks intelligence disaster. The avalanche of State Department documents especially can serve as a wake up call to the public that our political elites inhabit a world beyond-the-looking glass, in part ideologically driven, in part prisoners of fantasies that impede rational coping with mortal dangers.

In *The Wall Street Journal* (Dec. 1), former undersecretary of state Elliot Abrams distinguishes between the role of secrecy in democracies and autocracies. Democracies, says Abrams, have nothing to hide when it comes to diplomacy, telling their Parliaments what they tell us. In most cases, he says, cables are marked secret to protect autocracies where leaders can only be candid in private, to protect them both from their enemies and their subjects. On the first, Abrams offers the example of the king of Bahrain who avoids any public criticism of Iran while privately telling American officials the Iranian nuclear program "must be stopped." On the second he cites the leaked cable where Yemen's President Ali Saleh—fearful of his own people if he is seen as cooperating with a non-Muslim power—says: "We'll continue to say the bombs are ours, not yours."

Unfortunately, the Wikileaks disclosures demonstrate that Abrams' distinction is overdrawn, for secrecy turns out to hobble the United States as much as the autocracies who manipulate the publics they dare not educate. Instead of serving, as Assange believed it did—and as it should—to make U.S. policy more effective, secrecy permits the administration to act as if it did not have vital information it possesses.

Cables may fly, but for all practical purposes the U.S. administration keeps the information secret, not only from the broader public, but from itself. Secrecy permits the government to remain bogged down in old mental frameworks and to pursue policies that make no sense in light of actual conditions, simply because it is wedded to them and changing course is challenging.

Secrecy allows the government elites to keep the broader public in the dark,

impeding the possibility of constructive pressures to change course.

Take the most important foreign policy challenge currently facing the Obama administration: how to halt Iran's nuclear program. Privately, as the leaked cables make clear, Arab leaders are desperate to stop Iran. Arabia's King Abdullah called on the U.S. "to cut off the head of the snake." Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince warned the U.S. not to appease Iran for "Ahmadinejad is Hitler." Another United Emirate official called for a ground invasion. Egyptian President Mubarak described Iran's growing influence in the region as "a cancer." King Hamad of Bahrain said "That program [the Iranian nuclear program] must be stopped. The danger of letting it go on is greater than the danger of stopping it." None of them said a word about the need to solve the Israel-Palestinian conflict as a prerequisite to supporting sanctions or military action against Iran.

But the secrecy allowed Obama to pretend otherwise, to portray solving the Israel-Palestinian conflict as the key to dealing with the Iranian threat. When Netanyahu told Obama halting Iran was a precondition for encouraging Arab moderation (never mind that if ever there was pursuit of a chimera, it's chasing after Arab moderation on the question of "Palestine"), Obama publicly contradicted him. "If there is a linkage between Iran and the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, I personally believe it actually runs the other way. To the extent that we can make peace with the Palestinians—between the Palestinians and the Israelis—then I actually think it strengthens our hand in the international community in dealing with a potential Iranian threat." Part of Obama's leverage against



Pvt. Bradley Manning—Suspected Leaker

Netanyahu—to whom the Iranian threat to Israel is overriding—was his insistence that the U.S. could only obtain support for acting against Iran if Israel gave sufficient ground to Abbas.

Given all those cables, some have said Obama was “knowingly lying.” It’s also possible he was so wedded to his preconceptions concerning the centrality of the Israel-Palestinian conflict—a notion encouraged for decades in public and private by Arab leaders as well as Western “experts” and his own ideological reference groups—that he was unprepared to give them up. Clearly, leaning on Israel was a lot easier to do than making the mullahs change their ways. In any event, since no one could provide clear evidence Obama was wrong, he was free to pursue a policy useless (even had it been achievable) in accomplishing the overriding task at hand: stopping Iran.

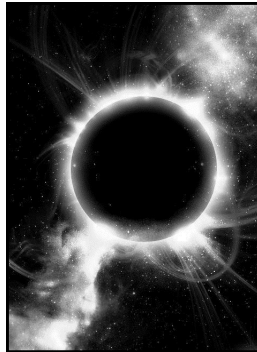
It is this sort of behavior that makes Daniel Greenfield describe the conflict between the Obama administration and the Wikileaks as one between those who want to use diplomacy to weaken American power and those “who are obstructing them because their sole purpose is to sabotage America—even when America is already sabotaging itself.”

The policies to nowhere impel others to make their own bad policies. Like secondary smoke, only much more serious, the Israeli government is forced to formulate strategy in this atmosphere of lies. Netanyahu took office rejecting a Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria. Under Obama’s relentless pressure he has wound up repeatedly insisting his dedication to a two-state solution. At this point it is difficult to know what Netanyahu really thinks but people close to him have said he genuinely believes in “the two state solution,” i.e. has swallowed his own smoke.

Whether or not this is the case, Isi Leibler is certainly right that Netanyahu’s effusive statements praising the impotent and duplicitous Abbas as a man of peace only confuse Israel’s public and Israel’s friends. Consider Netanyahu’s recent (Nov. 29) speech welcoming German President Christian Wulff to Israel. It was an opportunity to set forth Israel’s case briefly but forthrightly. Instead Netanyahu said this: “Despite all the setbacks and difficulties, we will continue to pursue peace. We hope that we have in the Palestinian Authority a partner that is willing to forge an historic compromise between our two peoples.” All such foolish rhetoric achieves is to heighten the pressure on Israel, even by well-wishers, to make the peace Israel itself says is within reach.

Wikileaks reveal that the policy debacle is by no means confined to Israel. A host of diplomatic telegrams portray Turkish leaders as radical Islamists and emphasize that Turkey is not a credible ally. Yet as Caroline Glick observes, ignoring all that it learns, the

U.S. has agreed to sell Turkey a hundred F-35s and continues to support Turkish membership in the EU and embrace it as a NATO ally. The administration’s response to Wikileaks was to send Secretary of State Clinton to Turkey for the first leg of what the *New York Times* called an “international contrition tour.” There, writes Glick, “she sucked up to the likes of Turkish Foreign minister and Islamist ideologue Ahmet Davutoglu, who was kind enough to agree with Clinton’s assertion that the publication of the State Department cables was the 9/11 of diplomacy.” (Unsurprisingly, Davutoglu has asserted Israel is an illegitimate state destined to disappear.)



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Wikileaks demonstrates that the administration has systematically concealed the extent and scope of the Iranian threat. North Korea, it turns out, has supplied Iran with at least 19 ballistic missiles with a 2000 mile range—with nuclear warheads they will enable Iran to intimidate (even without using them) Europe as well as other Middle Eastern countries. Iran is steadily expanding its outreach to far left countries in Latin America, especially Venezuela, which can offer safe havens for Hezbollah and other terror networks to stage attacks on the U.S. The leaked documents reveal the extent to which Iran has been sending paramilitary forces to advance the Iraqi insurgency and to kill our forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Neither on this or the mischief Iran is wreaking in Lebanon has this administration (or indeed the Bush administration before it) been forthright.

In Latin America, Wikileaks reveals a feckless policy based on making brownie points with the hard left, notably Hugo Chavez. Mary Anastasia O’Grady writes in *The Wall Street Journal* (Dec. 20) that cables show that U.S. ambassador to Honduras Charles Ford warned that Zelaya’s “pursuit of immunity from the numerous activities of organized crime carried out in his administration will cause him to threaten the rule of law.” Nonetheless the Obama tried to force Zelaya down the throat of Honduras.

And then there’s the fraud, waste and worse. In the leaked cables, as Diana West observes, “nations from Pakistan to Afghanistan to Saudi Arabia are regularly discussed as black holes of infinite corruption into which American money gushes, either through foreign aid or oil revenue, and unstaunched and unstaunched sources of terror and terror-financing.” She notes that a running theme is that the administration consistently obscures the identity of the nation’s foes, depicting, for example, the hostile peoples of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states as “allies.”

Secrecy is often necessary (obviously when the lives of informants are at risk) but Wikileaks demonstrates how it can be misused to deform policy. The Obama administration has devoted massive ef-

forts to pushing Israel into a diplomatic corner. Yet were Obama serious about stopping Iran, Israel, with a strong military and the most at stake, should have been cultivated as our chief ally in the region for halting Iran's drive to become a nuclear power.

Not that one needs secret information to know that ending the Israel-Palestinian conflict is fool's gold. The fifth convention of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, just concluded in Ramallah, ruled out any compromises with Israel. Palestinian Arab journalist Khaled Abu Toameh points out it was no to recognizing Israel as a Jewish state; no to the idea of a land swap between Israel and the Palestinians; no to supplying Israel with U.S. weapons; no to recognizing the Western Wall's significance to Jews—among many other nos.

Toameh observes that the Fatah communiqué sounded more like a battle cry than a political statement ending with the cry: "Revolution until victory, victory, victory!" Moreover, Abbas endorsed the statement, vowing he would compromise on not a single Palestinian right. Mind you, this is Fatah, which the West insists on calling "moderate." Hamas took the occasion of its 23rd anniversary to issue a statement



Tel Aviv viewed from the "West Bank" Missile practice for a Palestinian state?

affirming once again that Palestine from the sea to the river is the land of the Palestinians and that it will never recognize the Israel occupation state but resist until all Palestine is liberated.

So while Assange was right in saying that restricting the flow of information among officials makes government less effective, he did not anticipate that the information would be ignored. In the words of journalist Lee Smith: "Members of the Washington policy establishment should be considerably less worried about how the foreign ministries of allied countries respond to the leaks than how the American electorate does. Even in a democracy, we accept that a key part of our diplomacy depends on concealing the truth, or even lying, in order to advance the interests of one's own country. But it is hard to see how the public, mendacious, face of U.S. foreign policy, especially in the Middle East, serves American interests. By systematically misleading the American people, our policymakers have undermined the basis of our democracy, which is premised on the existence of a public that is capable of making informed decisions about a world that is only becoming more dangerous." •

For the Price of a Barrel of Oil

Daniel Greenfield

Following in the footsteps of Chavez and Castro, Argentina and Brazil's regimes [now joined by Bolivia] have declared that they recognize Abbas' Palestinian Authority "as a free and independent state within the borders defined in 1967. The Palestinian Authority is of course neither free nor independent. It's a dictatorship that refuses to hold free elections. Or any kind of elections at all. It has neither freedom of speech nor freedom of religion. Or any kind of freedom at all.

Nor is it independent. The Palestinian Authority is funded by the United States and the EU. It has no economy. The only notable employers are the Palestinian Authority itself (subsidized wholly by foreign donors), the UNRWA (subsidized wholly by foreign donors) and Israel. If Brazil and Argentina had declared that the Bronx was now a free and independent state, it would have more credibility, because the Bronx has more of a local economy and a higher standard of human rights than Arafat's old Fatah gangsters do.

While everyone from the Obama Administration down to Thomas Friedman screams at Israel to give those senile terrorists their own state, they willfully refuse to see that Abbas, Fayad and the rest of the gang, can't even run the territory that they already have. Abbas whined last week, "I cannot be the president of a non-existent Authority as long as Israeli oc-

cupation of the West Bank continues."

But when Israel withdrew from Gaza, it turned over the territory to Abbas and the Palestinian Authority. Abbas and the PA couldn't control or police it. As a result, Hamas took over Gaza. So while Abbas makes excuses about the "occupation", there are no Israelis in Gaza, yet he can't run it either. Despite American weapons and training, the PA's militias (their salaries paid for by American taxpayers) ran like rats from Hamas.

Israel had to launch emergency rescue operations to save Abbas' thugs, including one Jamal Abu Al-Rub, who wanted people to call him 'Hitler'. Jamal 'Hitler' was a murderer and a terrorist who won an election to the Palestinian parliament. But when Hamas marched in, 'Hitler' and all the little Hitlers cut and ran. Israel had to save many of Abbas' little Hitlers, who talked big when it came to killing Jews, but couldn't stand and fight.

Zakaria Zubeidi, Jenin chief of the Palestinian Authority's Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, stated that the loss of Gaza was the result of incompetence and corruption, or worse a fallback strategy by Abbas to be able to evict Hamas from the PA's parliament. That means either Abbas and his people were so incompetent that they couldn't police a region that Israel fully withdrew from. Or that Abbas chose to toss away Gaza to prevent Hamas from politically challenging him.

Now if Abbas and the Palestinian Authority



Cristina Fernandez Kirchner

couldn't hang on to Gaza, will they be able to hang on to any other territory that Israel withdraws from? And before Abbas demands part of Jerusalem or any other territory, shouldn't he be required to take control of Gaza first?

If you've given control of a region, and you lose control of that region, isn't reestablishing control of it a prerequisite to demanding any more territory?

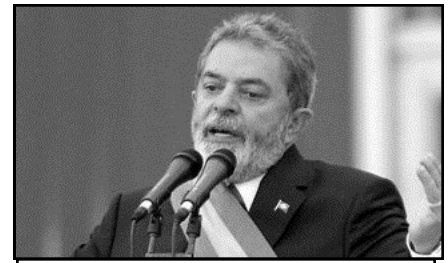
Under Palestinian Authority rule, Gaza experienced a sewage flood that killed almost a dozen people. The terrorists, who couldn't run the sewage system of a single Bedouin village a few years ago, now insist that they're ready and able to run half of one of the world's greatest cities. And the diplomats nod along and the newspaper columnists insist that they get Jerusalem at once. Why wait? The sewage floods of tomorrow begin with the surrenders of today.

And what is the moral basis for their claim to half of Jerusalem? Because in 1948, the armies of seven Arab-Muslim nations invaded Israel to try and destroy it. The Arab Legion, overseen by British officers, succeeded in seizing East Jerusalem and driving out its Jewish population. Jordan annexed East Jerusalem. Great Britain recognized their act of ethnic cleansing. Now Israel is being condemned for undoing that ethnic cleansing with its 1967 liberation and reunification of Jerusalem. Jews who live in East Jerusalem are denounced as "settlers" while the Arabs who destroyed the Jewish Quarter and seized Jewish homes are treated as the rightful residents.

The kleptocracies of Brazil's Lula da Silva and Argentina's Cristina Fernandez have officially recognized a Palestinian state on those ethnically cleansed borders. Their support for Abbas' kleptocracy is not surprising. Between Lula da Silva's affection for Iran's monstrous dictator Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Cristina Fernandez's indebtedness to Venezuelan left wing dictator Chavez, as well as the key role on foreign policy played by the very slimy Héctor Timerman, who was as comfortable supporting juntas as he was working for Human Rights Watch—this is a case of birds of a feather flocking together.

These decisions were not motivated by human rights, but by the growing shadow of Islam over Latin America.

Friendly ties between Israel and Latin American countries were based on trade relationships and the formerly sizable Jewish population in some parts of Latin America. Since then political and economic chaos, particularly in the left-wing and right-wing dictatorships, have managed to significantly reduce Latin America's Jewish population. Meanwhile the Arab and Muslim population of Latin America has kept on growing. Unlike Europe, Muslims aren't likely



Lula Da Silva

to take over through demographics alone, but they have taken over many commercial enterprises and come to play a very prominent role in politics.

Trade with the Muslim world has eclipsed trade with Israel. And the latest wave of left-wing Latin American governments have taken Chavez's lead in forming close ties with Muslim dictatorships.

But as despicable as Lula de Silva and Fernandez may be, their behavior is not fundamentally different than that of America and Europe. The Western support for a Palestinian state is not based on historical justice, because contrary to the nauseating dishwater poured out of every media outlet, there is no such thing as a Palestinian people. The name was used as a geographical designation by the Romans and the Greeks. It was never the name of a nation or an ethnic group. Nor does it affirm any cultural uniqueness, because again there is no such thing. The "Palestinian Arabs" are part of a regional network of families and tribes. Finally they are not ready for self-government. They have no economy or law and order. No civil rights and no justice system. There is only a small corrupt clique of terrorists turned officials living off stolen American and EU money, who run everything and make all the rules.

So what is the basis for this urgent incontinent need to create a Palestinian state? Because the Muslim world wants it. The Muslim world demands it. Not because it has any use for the Palestinian Arabs. Kuwait ethnically cleansed hundreds of thousands with the approval of the Bush Administration after the Gulf War. Despite being mostly Palestinian itself, the Jordanian government is trying to get rid of as many as they can. But it's not about peace or the nationalism of a fictional people run by a terrorist organization that used to insist that Palestine is really Southern Syria, it's about conducting a war against Israel. A Palestinian state only has one purpose: the destruction of the region's one and only non-Muslim and non-Arab state.

Western governments don't think that way. Or at least not openly. But they are following the marching orders of kings, sheiks and princes that do. They may not play kissy face with Ahmadinejad the way Silvia de Lula does, but they play kissy face with the Saudi royal family, which is actually no better. After Saudi terrorists murdered 3,000 Americans, the United States government still insists on following Saudi orders to enforce its "peace process" on Israel. And Saudi shill Uncle Tom Friedman bellows in outraged fury at Israel for refusing to ban Jews from building homes in an area that is the Israeli equivalent of California, Texas and New Mexico.

Behind all the lies and anger is the dark hand of Islam—the age old grip of Muslim bigotry and genocidal fury directed at an ancient minority that dared to proclaim its independence. The Muslim world is well on its way to destroying Lebanon's religious diversity. The entire Palestinian state project has nearly wiped out Israel's Christians. But its real target is the Jews. And from North to South America, and across the At-

lantic, much of the world is all too eager to aid the genocidal aims of that policy. What the Muslim world could not gain through war, it intends to gain through the dirty hands of infidel politicians who will sell their civilization and their souls for the price of a greasy barrel of oil.

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Kissinger: Good for the Jews?

David Isaac

'Yes, but is it good for the Jews?' This question has over time become both joke and punch line as Jews ask it no matter what the topic and no matter how distant from Jewish concerns. In a more serious vein, it captures the mindset of a people who have suffered centuries of oppression and are always waiting for the other shoe to drop.

For those who still cling to the belief that former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was good for the Jews, tapes recently released from the Nixon library have proved a shock. In a conversation with President Richard Nixon, on the heels of a meeting with Israel Prime Minister Golda Meir, who requested American help in freeing Jews from the Soviet Union, Kissinger said: "And if they put Jews into gas chambers in the Soviet Union, it is not an American concern. Maybe a humanitarian concern."

Maybe? If you want to bend over backwards you could argue that Kissinger was a champion of the "realist" school of foreign policy that wants to confine policy to national interests, narrowly defined. But for Kissinger, who escaped the Nazis by a hairbreadth and by his own account lost 13 members of his family to them, to bring gas chambers into the equation and then say the annihilation of Soviet Jewry by the very means the Nazis used was *maybe* a humanitarian concern beggars the imagination.

The former secretary of state's "recent" remarks have reverberated within the Jewish community, causing consternation and surprise. "It's hard to find the right words to express the degree of our shock and revulsion at Kissinger's remarks," American Jewish Committee Executive Director David Harris said. "That a German Jew who fled the Nazis could speak of a genocidal outcome in such callous tones is truly chilling."

David Harris expresses the attitude of most Jews, who know Kissinger only superficially—the remarkably successful Jew who scaled the heights of American power, and did it with a thick German accent to boot. But these recently released comments are less shocking to those who recognize that his "callous tones" are of a piece with past behavior, merely putting the finishing touches on the portrait of a man who was definitely not good for the Jews.

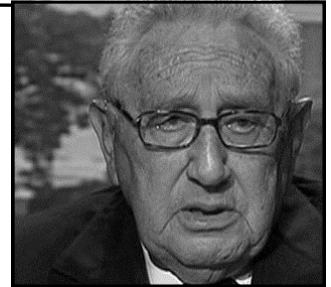
The latest remarks fit in with recently declassi-

fied White House transcripts in which then Secretary of State Kissinger accused Israel of being "deliberately provocative" and attempting "to create maximum commotion in the Middle East" as well as other comments suggesting that he identified with the Arab side in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In 1975, Rabbi Norman Lamm, former chancellor of Yeshiva University, wrote about a visit Kissinger made with his parents to Furth, his hometown in Bavaria. They praised the native city they escaped just before the war, but, wrote Lamm, "nary a word about the Holocaust, not a word about the Nazis who drove them out of that city!" Lamm reveals that Kissinger also didn't want to visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial, during his first trip to Israel. He "accepted only when he was told that every other foreign minister visiting Israel had done so."

Shmuel Katz, a one-time advisor to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, argues that Kissinger played a critical role in preventing Israel from achieving a stunning military victory in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. In 1974, Katz wrote:

"When Israel had recovered from her initial, nearly disastrous setback, the resourcefulness, and courage and qualitative superiority of her soldiers so succeeded that—in view of all the responsible military analysts—she was on the brink of achieving the greatest victory in her history. ... [T]he Israel army had created an excellent bargaining position for whatever negotiations might ensue after the Cease Fire had been formalized in a resolution by the UN Security Council. It held firmly a wide salient deep into Egyptian territory proper with the road to Cairo open. The Egyptian Third Army, one of the two Egyptian forces that had crossed over the east bank of the Suez Canal, was encircled and its supplies completely cut off. ... But in two further decisive steps the U.S. Secretary of State dictated the conversion of Israel's advantageous position into a posture of defeat. He insisted on the unconditional lifting of the siege of the Third Army. Brief Israeli resistance (by the Minister of Defense in a telephone conversation) was brusquely rejected....By February 1974 Israel had by diplomatic negotiation lost the Yom Kippur War, and the aggressor had been awarded the



beginnings of a retrospective victory in the Six Day War. The Egyptians moreover made no secret of their confidence that this was only the first step to Israel's being forced out of all of Sinai. The Egyptian President in particular... [indicated]... that this is what he had been promised by the U.S. Secretary of State whom he trusted absolutely in view of what he had already done for the Arab cause."

Kissinger's motive for helping the Egyptians was to pull them away from the Soviet orbit. But to gain their trust, he sacrificed Israel's interests, and used underhanded tactics to do it. In order to get Israel to bend to his will, he hinted to Defense Minister Moshe Dayan that if Israel didn't back down she risked a Soviet atomic threat.

After learning that no such threat had been made, Dayan bitterly admitted that he had been duped. In a lecture in 1974 he said: "The Americans denied us the fruits of victory. It was an ultimatum." Dayan added, "Had the US not pressed us, the Third Army and Suez City would have had to surrender. We would have captured 30,000 to 40,000 soldiers and Sadat would have had to admit it to his people. We might have held them only for a day and let them walk out without their arms, but it would have changed the

whole Egyptian attitude about whether they won the war or not."

Kissinger's duplicity impacts Israel to this day, where the Yom Kippur war is viewed as a near defeat even as the Egyptians, who only survived through American intervention, celebrate it as a great victory.

To add insult to injury, Kissinger in retirement plays the Jewish luminary, expressing empathy for Israel, accepting awards from the Anti-Defamation League and bestowing awards on behalf of organizations like the United Jewish Appeal. He has also ingratiated himself with neoconservative supporters of Israel. These groups either ignore Kissinger's record or have convinced themselves that Kissinger did nothing wrong.

Yom Kippur is the Jewish 'Day of Atonement' when Jews ask forgiveness for their sins. During the war by that name, Kissinger committed his gravest sins against the Jews. He never asked for forgiveness or took responsibility for his actions. Nonetheless as the revelations pile up, it looks more and more that in the end Kissinger will be condemned by his own words.

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Germany: Exploding Anti-Semitism

Fiamma Nirenstein

If we take Germany, and look at the excellent indicator of the web network, we can see that neo-Nazi websites have increased from 800 last year to 1872 this year, and the year is not over yet. One fifteen-year-old out of every 20 belongs to a neo-Nazi group. The German neo-Nazi messages that are broadcast to children and young rock music fans, and that are based on hatred for the Jews, have increased on the relevant websites from 750 to 6000. One also has to pay close attention to what his children read on Facebook or hear on YouTube. In East Germany, neo-Nazis are even organizing ideological kindergartens under their own management. The neo-Nazi rap music that incites listeners to kill Jews and blacks is hugely popular, as are the messages that claim the Holocaust is a Jewish invention to justify their "crimes" and the illegal existence of the State of Israel, which has now become the focus of their attacks.

Thousands of anti-Semitic attacks are sweeping Europe, now that immigration has brought into Europe a great influx of political Islamists ready to join a common front with the neo-Nazis, even though the far right is xenophobic. All the studies confirm, and the German police have made it a basic premise, that the neo-Nazi and Jihadist groups work together in the anti-Semitic field, with exponential results. One Jewish cemetery a week is vandalized, and graffiti and violence have increased from 36 to 183; synagogues are attacked; recently, in Hanover, at the international Fest in which everyone sang, from Afghans to Turks, a

Jewish chorus barely escaped the mob's murderous rage.

Anti-Semitic incidents in the world in 2009 reached the highest number since World War II: in 2009 there were 1129 violent attacks compared to 78 in 1989; also, there is a genocidal anti-Semitism in the world now exactly like that enacted by Hitler. Ahmadinejad advocates destroying the Jewish State and the Hamas declaration explains how it is essential to kill Jews everywhere in the world. Young Ilan Halimi was killed after 24 days of torture to the rhythm of Quran readings, merely because he was Jewish; this happened in civilized Paris. Even there, it is not a good idea to wear a star of David on a chain around one's neck. In Amsterdam one risks being stabbed; in Sweden, many Jewish families have already moved out of Malmo; and neo-Nazism is increasing in the Ukraine. It is right to feel nervous when seeing a swastika: too many people like it.

Recently, more than 50 parliaments, including Italy's, sent their representatives to Ottawa to the second Interparliamentary Conference on Combating anti-Semitism. It is a sign that some countries are starting to get organized. The conference issued a protocol defining and indicating ways to counter the phenomenon.

But a Jewish doctor who lives in present-day Germany, face to face with a patient to whom he owes the utmost solidarity, sees a swastika tattooed on the patient's arm, and suddenly feels alone and disoriented. Can we blame him?

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Durban III And Your Tax Dollars

Anne Bayefsky

The good folks at the UN are hard at work, busy spending your hard-earned cash on such events as a New York City bash known as “Durban III” next September. And guess what, this includes inviting Iranian President Ahmadinejad to lecture Americans about ending racism and intolerance.

The UN budget process goes like this. First, the UN majority dreams up new ways to spend U.S. taxpayer dollars on conferences which are antithetical to American values. Durban III is a perfect example.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) invented the idea of celebrating the 10th anniversary of the anti-Semitic jamboree held in Durban, South Africa in 2001. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, a native of Durban herself, threw the full weight of her office behind the concept.

The idea blossomed into the suggestion that a meeting of world leaders take place on September 21, 2011 in New York. All heads of state and government will come together to embrace limits on free speech in the name of fighting “Islamophobia” and to declare Israel a racist state which should be isolated and disassembled like apartheid South Africa. Ergo, the production in UN backrooms of resolution “A/C.3/65/L.60.”

The next step in UN policy-making charges UN staffers with determining whether the proposed resolution has financial implications. Any such implications are required to be declared up front, so that the vote for or against the substantive resolution takes the dollars into account. In the case of “L.60,” however, the rules were thrown out the window.

The secretariat did not produce the “program budget implications,” known as the PBI, fast enough for the likes of Islamic states so the vote went ahead oblivious to the costs. The United States voted against the decision to hold Durban III, along with such countries as Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia, and most of the countries that had known Nazism at very close range: Germany, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland and Romania. They were outvoted, 121 for, 19 against and 35 abstentions.

UN sausage-making, however, does not end there. Once a resolution is adopted—and in the case of Durban III, the PBI has been produced after the fact—the money folks in another committee recommend to the General Assembly where to find those dollars and cents.

In practice, the UN’s budget committee recommends one of two things. Either the costs should be “absorbed” in the existing budget—a polite way of saying “If you do this, you have to drop something else.” Or they say, sure, we can count on U.S., European Union and Japanese bankers rolling over, so let’s add the new dollars to the budget and spend money from a

practically inexhaustible “contingency fund.”

Which brings us to December 17, 2010. The PBI on Durban III, or the cost of handing Ahmadinejad and company a global megaphone to spew anti-American and anti-Jewish vitriol, has finally made it into the public domain.

So here is what it is going to cost *you*.

The secretariat started by low-balling the charges, excluding all kinds of “regular” support that current staff can provide. Then the secretariat announced that celebrating the 10th anniversary of the 2001 Durban hate-fest will cost \$322,500. Of that “\$116,100 would be absorbed” by the existing budget—read, no new money—and \$206,400 “would represent a charge against the contingency fund.”

Yemen, speaking on behalf of the “G-77” or the bloc of 130 developing nations, was enthusiastic. Another quarter of a million dollars in fun money. Israel, the United States and Japan noted that the rule of procedure requiring costs be transparent and produced up front had not been followed. The EU sat silently staring into space.

Everybody knows how the game will be played out. There will be a vote in the budget committee. The U.S. and Israel will vote against. They may be joined by some European Union countries that might just decide to translate their vote against holding Durban III into a vote against paying for it.

EU states, though, most often start trembling at the thought that “putting their money where their mouth is” might harm the UN’s image. The resolution will then be adopted by an overwhelming majority who couldn’t care less how they spend other people’s money. The package will go to the General Assembly plenary body where the decisions to hold Durban III and to pay for it will be rubber-stamped.

Then the Obama administration will pay up.

In other words, in September the world’s demagogues (and as many frightened Europeans as they can gather) will line up just days after the 10th anniversary of 9/11 to declare—in the middle of New York City—that Muslims are the primary victims of intolerance, that Israel is the chief racist and that America must be to blame for the violent anti-democratic tendencies of a few poor lost souls. And under the UN budget scheme, American taxpayers will be paying 22% of all the costs.

By the way, President Obama is invited to the big bash. But in marked contrast to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who announced weeks ago that Canada would take no part in Durban III, the president of the United States has remained deafeningly silent and has still not declined to attend.

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2010: Tony And Mario And Harold And Finkler

Ruth King

An interesting year comes to a close.

First the epiphany of Tony Blair: The tony former Prime Minister was a star player in Europe's bullying of Israel, pushing for serial appeasements in exchange for escalating terror. Much to our surprise his memoir *A Journey* is sympathetic to Israel and has, in consequence, elicited scorn from the usual suspects for the usual reasons. In the *Guardian*, anti-Israel Middle East analyst Chris Phillips wrote about Blair's refusal to condemn Israel in 2008 for the bombing of Lebanon: "It is this world view that is most alarming about Blair's account. Through this lens, Blair believed: 'Lebanon was embroiled in something far bigger and more portentous than a temporary fight with Israel.' Instead, he sees it as a 'wider struggle between the strain of religious extremism in Islam and the rest of us.' He was thus willing to delay a ceasefire in order to win victory in this wider struggle, of which he saw Hezbollah as a key combatant, and Israel as one of 'us'."



Tony Blair

To Bret Stephens of *The Wall Street Journal* (September 27) Blair said: "You cannot refuse to accept that Israel has a genuine security problem. What does it mean when, the other day, President Obama launches the [Israeli-Palestinian] talks in the White House...and Hamas kill those [Israelis], including a pregnant woman and the parents of six children, and then put out a statement saying that this is an heroic act of courage? What does it say of the nature of what we're up against?"

Then, in a speech in Washington on December 7th, Blair, the man who in the immediate aftermath of 9/11, bounced around with the Koran in his right hand, proclaiming that he had read it and found Islam to be (you guessed it) a religion of peace, declared: "The civilized world is at a critical juncture in the struggle with radical Islam." In the speech he debunked the Arab narrative that "Islam is basically oppressed by the West; disrespected and treated unfairly; that the military action we took post-9/11 was against countries because they are Muslim; and that in the Middle East we ignore the injustice done to the Palestinians in our desire to support Israel, because the Palestinians are Muslims and the Israelis Jews." He insisted it was imperative to "wake up to the prevalence of this extremism. Look at the funds it receives. Examine the education systems that succor it. And then measure, over the years, the paucity of our counterattack in the name of peaceful co-existence....We have been outspent, outmaneuvered and out-

strategized."

Just for the record, his sister-in-law converted to the religion of peace and now dons a very chic hijab.

Second surprise of the year: the Nobel Prize in literature was awarded to Mario Vargas Llosa "for his cartography of structures of power and his trenchant images of the individual's resistance, revolt, and defeat". Whatever that is supposed to mean, Vargas Llosa is a critic of leftists thugs, a supporter of the West and of democracy. In his speech "Brief Discourse About Culture" at Princeton (where he teaches) Vargas Llosa said "It [culture] has become an elusive, multitudinous phantom, because no longer is anyone cultured if ... what we call culture has been depraved so that everyone can justifiably be believed to be so...Political correctness has convinced us that it is arrogant, dogmatic, colonialist and even racist to speak of superior and inferior cultures, and even of modern and primitive cultures...." He called this "horizontal equalization."

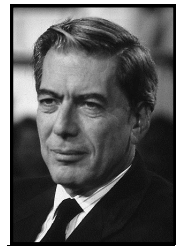
Hold the applause. Alas, Vargas Llosa is also a sharp critic of Israel. In 2009 he declared "I am ashamed to be Israel's friend." He has defamed "the settlers", condemned Netanyahu as an intransigent hardliner (hold the laughs) and harshly condemned Israel during the Mavi Marmara flotilla incident in the waters off Gaza.

Why the hostility? Vargas Llosa has visited Israel several times. In 1995 he won the Jerusalem Prize. A possible explanation is his warm friendship with Amos Oz and A.B. Yehoshua-Israel's Finklers. (See the explanation below.)

Even so, Vargas Llosa is certainly not in the nefarious league of previous Nobelista Jose Saramago, a Portuguese novelist who won the prize in 1998, and delivered the following bile: "What is happening in Palestine is a crime which we can put on the same plane as what happened at Auschwitz."

Nor, is he on the abysmal level of Harold Pinter who was given the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2005 with the academy stating that "[Pinter] in his plays uncovers the precipice under everyday prattle and forces entry into oppression's closed rooms." Oh, I get it.

For Harold "Finkler" Pinter, all "oppression's closed rooms" were in Israel and in the United States. His Nobel lecture was devoted to condemning Ameri-



Vargas Llosa



Harold Pinter

ca as a criminal enterprise.

But what made Pinter most apoplectic was Israel. He decried the "occupation", the racism, the usurpation of rights, the usual litany. In 2001 he signed on to the Palestine Solidarity Campaign's boycott of Israel's products which included a grocery list of "tomatoes, oranges, potatoes, avocados and fresh herbs."

In 2008 in the *Guardian*, Pinter signed a letter titled "We're not celebrating Israel's anniversary." It said ".....we are Jews who will not be celebrating. Surely it is now time to acknowledge the narrative of the other, the price paid by another people for European anti-Semitism and Hitler's genocidal policies. As Edward Said emphasized, what the Holocaust is to the Jews, the *Naqba* is to the Palestinians..... We cannot celebrate the birthday of a state founded on terrorism, massacres and the dispossession of another people from their land. We cannot celebrate the birthday of a state that even now engages in ethnic cleansing, that violates international law, that is inflicting a monstrous collective punishment on the civilian population of Gaza and that continues to deny to Palestinians their human rights and national aspirations."

Pinter died in 2008. British novelist and essayist Howard Jacobson wrote of him a year later: "When he became a more overtly political figure, railing against America, I poured scorn on him. What a waste of a linguistic gift to expend it on so banal a cause, saying exactly what men with no gift for thought or language whatsoever were saying. How could a masterly writer of ambiguities sink to the same level of crude one-note commonplace as Ken Livingstone and George Galloway? How could he bear to share the air with them, let alone a platform?"

And that brings us to Jacobson's superb novel *The Finkler Question* which won the Man Booker prize in England. Sam Finkler is a British Jew, obsessed, like Harold Pinter and the dozens of "Ashamed Jews" who signed the foregoing letter, with hatred for themselves camouflaged as criticism of Israel.

Jacobson's book is a brilliant parody of those Jews. In a review of this masterwork for Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, Edward Alexander wrote:

"Readers unfamiliar with the current English scene may assume that Jacobson's comic triumph derives from his exaggeration of "reality". Is there actually a liberal rabbi in St. John's Wood who always wears a PLO scarf when riding his motorbike to shul every morning? Can there be a real-life model for Alvin Poliakov, who presides over an anti-circumcision website called "ifnotnowwhen.com" which recounts his

valiant struggle to reverse his circumcision and—for no extra charge—tells his readers how "sexual mutilation...is just one more of the countless offences against humanity [along with Zionism] to be laid at the gates of the Jews."

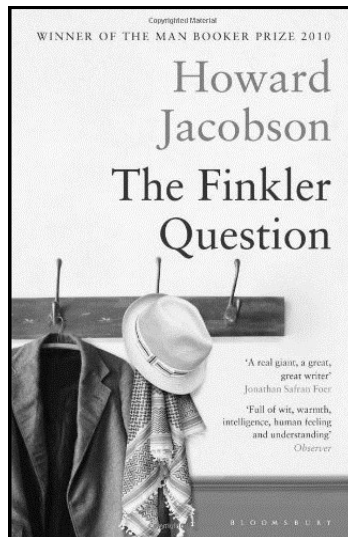
Alexander continues: "*The Finkler Question* is a profoundly serious comic novel. Seriousness, let us remember, is not the same as solemnity; it does not require pince-nez spectacles and grave demeanor. Howard Jacobson's primary subject is the English version of Jewish hatred of Israel, otherwise known as the anti-Semitism of Jews in its most recent incarnation. It is a serious subject because Jewish Israel-haters and Jewish anorexics (people who wish to live without a body) play an enormously disproportionate role in the blackening of Israel's image and the relentless tightening

of the international noose around her throat. If they have not set it in motion, they have certainly accelerated a process that may turn out to be the antecedent of a second Holocaust within a single century. Such Jews have already made a large contribution to anti-Semitic agitprop and the raw violence consequent upon it in England. Jacobson presents both with a specificity, courage and candor rare among Jewish novelists.."

The Finkler Question is a cautionary tale. As Alexander says, the "Finklers," whether in Israel, America or Europe have made a major contribution to the appalling increase in anti-Semitism. Of course, in the ultimate reckoning, the atavistic and primitive anti-Semitism that their diatribes feed will engulf them as well.

Amazing, is it not, that such a book won Britain's most prestigious award?

As I said, it's been an interesting year. •



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Chutzpah at Ground Zero Mosque

Adding insult to injury, the *Daily Beast's* John Avlon reports that Imam Feisal and the developers of the Ground Zero mosque have applied for a \$5 million federal grant for the project from a fund designed to rebuild lower Manhattan after 9/11. In theory the developers are within their rights because the application states religious organizations can make funding requests for capital projects as long as it is for a portion of the facility not dedicated to religious uses. The application dutifully excludes the mosque component.

Avlon writes that the project should still not qualify because the grant criteria mandate that the developers demonstrate the project's financial feasibility. The government will help complete projects but will not provide seed capital. In the last public financial statement offered by the developers the project was reported to have less than \$20,000. Stay tuned, lest political correctness trump all other considerations.

Amish Visit Israel

In *American Thinker* Phil Boehmke reports on a visit to Israel by delegates from the Amish communities in America and Switzerland. Leaving centuries of tradition behind (Amish are wedded to horse and buggies, not modern transportation), the delegates flew to Israel. They paid a visit to the Western Wall where they asked the Jewish people for forgiveness for their silence during the Holocaust. According to a statement issued by the office of Rabbi of the Western Wall and Holy Sites Shmuel Rabinovitch, with whom

the group met, the Amish delegates saw great importance in coming to Israel and declared their unre-served support for the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

The Amish offer a heartwarming contrast to the Mennonites, of whom they are a theological off-spring. Mennonites, along with the American Friends Service Committee, have for decades been in the van-guard of Israel's enemies.

EPA versus Energy

Although this administration gives lip service to lessening our energy dependence on the Middle East, the EPA has closed down domestic energy development through destructive regulations. *The Wall Street Journal* (Nov. 22) points out that there has been a near total freeze on EPA permits for new power generation.

To quote the *Journal* editorial: "The EPA has heretofore measured the concentration of pollutants in the ambient air by, well, measuring the concentration of pollutants in the ambient air...[It now] favors modeling because it can plug in the data and assumptions of its choosing...Worse, the agency hasn't gotten around to detailing how the models should be built or how the analysis must be conducted. Without any ground rules for approval, the permits required for any major energy or construction projects can't be issued."

Putting paid to cap and trade in Congress will be a Pyrrhic victory if the EPA by regulatory fiat can impose billions in added costs on existing plants while eliminating new energy development. •