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Dear Mike,

Sorry my bad typing and writing are even worse. I'm 84 now and my doctors are amazed that I'm still alive with all I've been surviving. That they did not expect me to survive.

I'm sorry that with all the hate that contaminates the world more has to be encouraged.

Best,

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Meachum Defends Terrorism

It has been a long time but given the opportunity by his misuse and misrepresentation of the unspeakable subhumanity of the bombing of the Jerusalem marketplace Roy Meachum again converted ^{outrageous terrorism} that into his traditional attack on Israel whatever happens in ^{it} what despite his statement, remain^s the holy land.

Which, only since Israel recovered that-part of Jerusalem, is again the holy land of all religions.

The horrors inflicted in Israel by a small minority of Arabs was to have been ended with the Oslo accord, something Meachum never mentions. ^{but} in his "Killing Begets more..." ^{column}

In return for what it gave the Palestinians Israel was to have been guaranteed peace and security. In addition, the organization Yassir Arafat headed was to remove from its charter the determination to drive all Jews into the sea.

Israel did not get the peace and security Arafat promised ^{it} in the Oslo accord nor did he eliminate from that charter that firm determination to wipe ^{out} all Jews in the holy land out.

Meachum quotes Egypt's Mubarak as saying Arafat is not "powerful enough." ^{of} They what good is his guarantee? His signature on anything?

He is powerful ^{enough} to arrest known terrorists in his territory and he has been powerful enough to warn others ^{to} to scream because Israel was about to nab them.

Meachum condems what has been done ^{by} Netanyahu, whose fan I am not, But he offers no alternative to any meaning in any effort to end that Arab terrorism- which Arabs can end of they ever decide to.

Instead of ^{using terrorism} using it to coerce Israel, which Israel will not survive.

In condemning these efforts to force the end of the endless terrorism against civilians, Meachum does not ^{compare them with that} compare them with what this and other countries have ^{and are doing the same thing} done under similar conditions.

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Nor does he recall what ^{non} ~~non~~-Muslims have done to protect European Muslims.
~~It does not mention~~
Or the planned bombing of the New York subways which, naturally, those who ^{planned} planned that unspeakable atrocity blamed on Israel. Meachum has not ^{written} ~~prated~~ about that ^{that} or about the bombing of the New York Trade Center, ^{by the Arabs who did it to} that was intended to have that skyscraper ^{and} ~~collase~~ collapse entirely) killing thousands and thousands, mostly women.

In Meachum's usual contortion of reality he says that this effort to curb that kind of subhuman terrorism "obliged" the terrorists. ^{else} And what ^{is} doing nothing have ^{my} accomplished?

If Meachum were not so addicted to the authoritarian Arab countries he could understand ^{it} that in a democratic society people can and do bring pressure on their government. Which would be the case if the land under Arafat's dictatorial control were democratic. ^{Or} if those people make the effort.

But do they dare? Do they not fear that ^{the} terrorism would ~~then~~ be against them? ^{Do they not have reason to fear an if it would be would do?}

Regardless of Meachum's contortions of both history and reality, the anti-Israeli terrorism is called ^{Palestinian} for in the ^{from which} ~~chapter~~ Arafat was to have eliminated ^{it} from his ~~chapter~~ years ago ^{What} and even assured the ^{be} Reagan administration that he had to be able to get into this country and ^{at} the UN.

If as ^{ING} Meachum says withhold ¹ moneys due is wrong for Israel, how does it become right and how has it been right for the ^{money} United States for so many years during which it withheld what it ~~owed~~ owed the UN ^{to} pressure it?

Never even-handed with ^{the} Israel, Meachum ~~writes~~ quotes an Israel official as telling the New York ^{the} Times that "We are signalling the Palestinian authority that they will not be able to resume normal life un ^{take} til they ~~that~~ certain measures to combat terrorism."

According to Meachum this is wrong for Israel and right for all others ranging from Muslim dictatorships to ^{the} United States.

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And which Arafat and his people guaranteed to do to get the Oslo accord.

How many more years will they not keep their word, indeed, not make any effort?

And be defending in this by "eachum?"

As with all he writes as the Arab partisan he has always been, which is his right, he withholds and misrepresents, which is not his right.

That accomplished nothing but adding to prejudice and misleading people.

Which in this and his earlier columns Meachum did and does. and intends.

Roy Meachum



Killing begets more ...

Killing begets more killing begets more killing: The basic bond that binds terrorists on both sides in what was once the Holy Land, a title seldom heard these days.

In the latest outrage against all humanity, on July 30, suicide bombers murdered 13 and left 170 men, women and children wounded. The massacre happened in the crowded Jerusalem produce market, which, as the bombers knew, draws vendors and customers principally from among the city's Jewish population.

The killers left behind no written statement, explaining why they chose to end their lives in the process of slaughtering innocents. Universal opinion holds the bombers' real target was the next day's peace talks. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu obliged by cancelling the scheduled negotiations although blood and flesh still mingled with the market's fruit and vegetables.

Then, he reinforced the terrorist's victory by launching a series of attacks meant to hold hostage the entire non-Jewish population.

Sealing the borders once again insured thousands on the West Bank and in Gaza would go to bed hungry, by depriving workers of their labor wages earned in Israel.

Refusing to pay \$9 million legally owed daily to the Palestinian Authority reduced its capability of helping impoverished citizens in the latest crisis, triggering more anger and frustration not at Yasser Arafat's interim regime but with the Israeli government.

Returning at this juncture to the policy of demolishing homes, even those built without the proper papers, brought suffering to more innocents and invited the kind of negative international press Mr. Netanyahu earned this week.

Attributing the worst possible motivation to these acts of random public cruelty was made easy when an Israeli Defense executive informed The New York Times:

"We are signalling the Palestinian Authority that they will not be able to resume normal life until they take certain measures to combat terrorism." No officials' houses were torn down.

The same misguided thinking was responsible for issuing, amid considerable publicity, an arrest warrant for Mr. Arafat's chief of police, not on the basis of having helped the bombers, but supposedly for failure to perform up to Mr. Netanyahu's expectations.

dismissed as another example of Graustarkian-low political comedy, except for the reality that it will inevitably cost more human lives. The immediate result of the inept brutality has been greater sympathy among Palestinians for the murderers and their cause, as represented by the extremist Hamas organization, which took credit for Jerusalem's latest tragedy.

Of course, this is not the view shared by Mr. Netanyahu's Likud party and its American supporters. They sincerely subscribe to the notion that with enough pressure the Holy Land's still-majority non-Jews can be made both contrite and submissive. They have learned little from the recent past; the Arabs have.

The lessons of the intifadah, the rock-throwing uprising, have not been forgotten; never again will youth be encouraged, on a national basis, to risk their lives and limbs before Israeli gas and guns. We can expect solely targeted demonstrations, such as those seen recently in Hebron, site of the 1994 massacre of three-times the number of Palestinians as last week's Jerusalem victims.

Of course, three years ago, Yitzhak Rabin was still alive; he used his war hero's stature to press the process that promised peace before his assassination by a Jewish zealot.

As Egyptian President Hosny Mubarak, also a veteran of those hopeless wars between his country and Israel, reminded Mr. Netanyahu, former Gen. Rabin's answer to bloody provocations was to intensify negotiations, looking for a way to end the deadly cycle that has marred dreams for normality by both Arabs and Jews.

The Israeli government's repressions, while popular among Mr. Netanyahu's minority and the country's extreme right-wing fringe, has chiefly served to divide further the small nation, while justifying fully the warped mentality, on each side, that seeks to destroy any hope of peace between Jews and Arabs.

Hamas celebrated the first-week anniversary of the market carnage by announcing it plans further attacks; in the process, U.S. negotiator Dennis Ross received a chilling warning his presence was unwelcome in its neighborhood, the Middle East, by the organization that claims credit for so many deaths already.

My greatest frustration in present crisis was captured by Mr. Mubarak who informed the world Mr. Netanyahu is demanding action Mr. Arafat is not "powerful enough" to deliver. As the Israeli prime minister surely knows, his latest reprisals further weaken the Palestinian leader and strengthen the blood forces behind last week's killing. will certainly beget more that will beget more ...

No one anticipates the warrant ever will be served; its symbolic existence therefore reeks of grandstanding for a constituency, in a manner that has soured Americans on most elected officials.

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