

## THE REAL ABOMINATION

Roy Meachum's March 2 column is headed appropriately. It and what it represents are the real abominations.

As is his inevitable sizing of any new Middle-East tragedy as a vehicle for his endless preaching of hatred of Jews and of Israel.

He came into a community that had made great strides in ending anti-black racism and for all the years of his access to the people of the area with his column he has for all practical purposes been <sup>or</sup> Grand Mufti in residence, *preaching hatred.*

With an incredibly large percentage of his columns devoted to what amounts to the most one-sided, biased, <sup>and</sup> <sup>propaganda.</sup> hatred-inciting ~~and~~ For one who is forever telling those of us he looks down upon as <sup>high</sup> ~~high~~, he being that worldly-wise and informed, with an astounding amount of factual error, ignorance <sup>or</sup> of both, he missed <sup>s</sup> few if any cheap shots in his inveighing against Israel and with that against Jews.

In his mind and columns, no Arab does anything wrong; no Jew does anything right.

His exploitation of that loathsome <sup>e</sup> ~~attack~~ massacre of Arabs at prayer <sup>in Hebron</sup> by the crazed Jewish extremist is merely the latest of his abuses of the responsibilities of journalists, which he says he is.

That slaughter was truly horrible. <sup>None</sup> ~~It~~ condemned it more thoroughly or more promptly than <sup>that</sup> Israel's prime minister. But ~~it~~ was not, as Meachum says in what is not his first <sup>outrageous</sup> equating of Jews with the Nazis, the Nazi method. The difference between official government policy and the insane <sup>fanatic</sup> act of a single ~~man~~ is enormous.

So, Meachum suffers for this massacre, more so because it was in a place of prayer, *he says.*

<sup>u</sup> This same Meachum did not suffer, found no need to write a ~~six~~ column when Arab terrorists bombed an ancient synagogue in Turkey, killing only five fewer than were killed in the Hebron tragedy. Nor did he weep bitter tears when Arab extremists bombed a Catholic church near Beirut. In these <sup>u</sup> two bombings those Arab ~~ext~~ extremists killed more than were killed in <sup>this of slaughter.</sup> Hebron. To Meachum's silence.

As he is silent about all the murders of Arab Moslems by other Arab Moslems in recent years, their number <sup>greatly</sup> exceeding the number of Arabs killed by the Israeli police and army when caught in acts of violence. To Meachum Arabs do and can do no wrong.

For him, only Jews do wrong.

Certainly not what he has never once mentioned, pained as he represents he is by all the Arabs deaths and sufferings, the enormous number of ~~Christ~~ Christian Arabs killed and <sup>stared</sup> ~~stared~~ to death by <sup>the</sup> Arab extremist Muslims who control the Sudan. There millions suffer lingering deaths, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> they are the victims of Muslims, so that causes him no pain, inspires no column.

He prates about American responsibility for this massacre, misusing that also to take a few swipes at gun-lovers, but he has yet to write about the financing of all the Arab terrorism by the oil-rich Arab dictatorships. Did he condemn them for financing and in other ways helping the bombing of that PanAmerican flight in which hundreds, many American innocents, lost their lives? All the Arab slaughters of the innocents in the air, at airports, even on the high seas?

Not once. Rather did he equate the leaders of one of those murderous gangs of indiscriminate Arab killers <sup>at</sup> ~~and~~ the equivalent of George Washington.

In thinly-disguised self-justification and in anticipation of reaction against this newest in his career of indecencies he says, "Anyone who attempts to put a human face on Muslims can expect to be targeted for vicious, distorting attack, accompanied by loud charges of anti-Semitism."

The bombings of synagogues and Catholic churches is ~~with~~ with a human face? Or the bombing of that plane, the seizure of all those other planes, some destroyed and some of the innocent passengers <sup>murdered</sup> ~~slaughtered~~ on the spot? Or the astounding number of Muslims killed by other Muslims, that is with "a human face"? The killing of all those innocents, especially little children near the borders from indiscriminate Arab shelling is with "a human face"? Did Meachum ever once lament that kindergarten children had to be taught where the bomb shelters are and how to get there <sup>fast</sup> fast? It is with "a human face" that Arabs slaughtered so many innocents on buses they attack with all sorts of weapons, including burning them <sup>up with these buses.</sup>

Arabs and Muslims are like <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ rest of us, some good, some bad. Only not to Meachum. <sup>terrorists referred to (the Arab fanatics)</sup>  
All those listed above, hardly most of them, are to him good and all their victims are bad.

He refers only to Jewish extremists, in his writing suggesting that they represent Jews in general and the Israeli government in particular. <sup>There are</sup> ~~Compared to the~~ many thousands of Arab extremists who terrorize that part of the world, <sup>Jewish</sup> the extremists of whom that Hebron murderer was one number only about a hundred. They represent nobody but themselves, ~~and~~ Jews in general and the Israeli government in particular they do not represent.

As any "journalist" with a shred of honesty and decency certainly knows.

In saying that Israel calls itself a democracy he says it is not. Has he yet to utter a word about the <sup>Muslim</sup> Arab tyrannies <sup>NOT</sup> ~~is~~ one of which is democratic?

How many Arab governments have Jews in them? Can he think of one?

In Israel, where the Arabs do vote, the member of its parliament with greatest seniority is an Arab.

All of what he says, even when it is not false, which <sup>only</sup> infrequently it isn't, is without context. Has he <sup>in</sup> any of these diatribes against Israel and against Jews in general, informed his readers <sup>etc</sup> ~~are~~ that the entire Muslim world persists in a state of war against Israel with the single exception of Egypt? Or that as a result of ending that state of war Sadat was assassinated ~~by~~ Arabs? Or that Jordan's king Hussein got to be king because King Abdullah was assassinated when it was suspected that he was talking to Israel?

<sup>any</sup> A country with some 20 powers at war with it, with all the terrorists they train and finance, does seek to protect itself, and the world recognizes that under those conditions all countries do what they regard as necessary to protect themselves and their citizens.

Yet Meachum says that "given the world's acceptance" of these unusual measures, those he admits the Israeli government inherited from the British, "is it any wonder Hebron's mosque could be turned into a slaughterhouse?"

That the doctor who did all that killing could not get <sup>over</sup> the endless slaughter of his <sup>Jewish</sup> neighbors by Arabs, one dying in his arms, had nothing to do with his going berserk?

<sup>Meachum</sup>

He has yet to call for any "curbs" on the multitude of Arab <sup>b</sup> "fanatics" who to



*and indiscriminate Arab killing of Jews*

him are, as he ~~is~~ has written, ~~part~~ patriots. Bombing churches, synagogues and planes is OK to Meachum, no curbs needed there. Only this minuscule fraction of Israeli's need "serious curbs."

This venom, this concatenation of misrepresentations of the actualities, this suppression of all else that is relevant, this irrational <sup>ity</sup> of hate incitation, holds all of us responsible, too. He concludes, "Americans must accept <sup>their</sup> responsibility for putting in continuous peril the lives of ~~human~~ <sup>human</sup> beings in the occupied territories. Hebron's blood <sup>stains</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> in our hands."

How is this true? Meachum says it and that <sup>alone</sup> <sup>trifles</sup> <sup>that is</sup> makes <sup>anything</sup> <sup>true</sup>.

The tragic truth is that to his silence many more Arabs in those territories have been killed by Arabs than were killed by Jews, ~~Most~~ of whom then were responding to ~~the~~ Arab attacks against them.

The plight of the Middle East is terrible. ~~It~~ is worsened, not helped, by the preaching of hatred and in/~~doing~~ that so much less than honestly.

But he says nothing at all about the much greater ~~Arab~~ <sup>A</sup> massacre of Jews in Hebron not so many years ago and not by a ~~era~~ single crazed fanatic but by a large Arab mob murdering them.

## Roy Meachum



# 3/2/94 Abomination

No religion justifies the slaying of human beings while they are praying. More than helpless and unsuspecting, Hebron's victims last Friday had prostrated themselves before God, the God of Moses and Jesus, as well as Muhammad.

Abomination is the only way to characterize the bloody act and the claim, made by his brother racists, that the gunman was a holy man, further sanctified by cutting down dozens whose only sin, even in his eyes, was their Palestinian identity. Nazis employed the identical standard for sending men, women and children into gas ovens.

Was anybody really surprised the mosque mass murderer was an American? He was the natural product of the segment of this society that cherishes the gun as the ultimate answer to all life's social problems and personal conflicts.

In today's Israel, U.S. immigrants make up the hard-core of extremist groups; from their ranks came the cowards who blew the legs off Arab mayors a few years ago. More recently, another transplanted New Yorker staged a one-man assault on Jerusalem's sacred Mount because Muslims continue to pray in their own shrine there, as they have for hundreds of years.

Under no circumstances should Jews in general and Israelis particularly be held accountable for the ignominious desecration Dr. Baruch Goldstein committed against the basic tenets of the Hebrew faith. The same absolution cannot be invoked for his fellow fanatics, many of whom live in today's Hebron.

Nor can excuse be made for the performance of the government that arms the fanatics with fully automatic weapons, supposedly for self-defense. Doesn't Israel have a large and celebrated military establishment and several national police forces?

It is terrible enough that the army cuts down Palestinian rock-throwers, many of them youths. The number of casualties caused by soldiers' indiscriminate shooting would be reason for a major scandal in any other country. However, at least their

officers, generally speaking, attempt to exercise some control.

The so-called settlers, sometimes directly assisted by the infamous border police, have long waged a campaign of degradation and intimidation against all Arabs, Christians as well as Muslims. They mean to convert the West Bank into a vast wasteland, to be filled solely by those whom they approve.

In the only arena of public relations that matters to Israel, the United States, the campaign was accompanied by a propaganda drive to convince Americans all Palestinians were ignorant, blood-thirsty savages,

no better than the sneaking Indians in those old black and white movies and no more human.

The propaganda remains necessary to rationalize the on-going process of eliminating Arabs, a process that intensified in the wake of Hebron's tragedy. At this writing, the most recently reported victims were a 65-year-old and a lawyer whose age was given as 25. The justification for their deaths was not given.

Every journalist who reports on the Middle East has undergone deliberate efforts to influence and embarrass him into writing only that which Jewish extremists consider acceptable. Anyone who attempts to put a human face on Muslims can expect to be targeted for vicious, distorting attack, accompanied by loud charges of anti-semitism.

The result has been an atmosphere that permits Israel to call itself a democracy while practicing, for example, the clearly contradictory detention and imprisonment policy inherited from the British occupation

era. At latest count, without benefit of legal counsel or even formal charges, some 10,000 Palestinians are being held in what amounts to concentration camps, sometimes for years.

Given the world's acceptance of that massive rape of civil rights, is it any wonder Hebron's mosque could be turned into a slaughterhouse last Friday morning, followed the next days by more Arab blood in the streets?

The only good news that comes out of this most recent tragedy appears to be a renewed White House urgency to implement the peace accords agreed to by negotiators in Norway last year. Of course, terms acceptable only one week ago would now trigger fresh rioting.

Yitzhak Rabin had it right when he told the settlers: "You placed yourself outside the wall of Jewish law. You are a shame on Zionism and an embarrassment to Judaism." The prime minister's next move must redress the wrongs committed in his nation's past.

Like it or not, Israel will now have to accept some international presence in the territories it has illegally occupied since their successful 1967 conquest.

Like it or not, serious curbs will have to be installed on those fanatic settlers even their fellow Israelis call "the crazy ones," who spawned and supported the murderous Baruch Goldstein.

Like it or not, Americans must accept their responsibility for putting in continuous peril the lives of human beings in the occupied territories. Hebron's blood stains our hands.