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Dear Editor,

Instead of "Dr. King today" you should have headlined Roy Meachum's column "Roy Meachum Self-Exposed."

Although is his apparently endless series of calumnies, this long tirade of unadulterated Hitlerism, his campaign of anti-Semitism and Israel-bashing, there is no depth to which he has not sunk in his preaching of race hatred, nothing to foul for him to invent in his pro-Arab propaganda, this disgusting misuse of Dr. King's birthday is truly the most evil. It also is ~~neither~~ his most obvious flaunting of ignorance while he portrays himself as all-knowing or the crassest commercialism or the most telling proof of what I've been saying for years, that for what you pay him he will and does say anything, the first thing that pops out of the muck of his mind that appears to serve his dishonest purposes.

Now he represents the apostle of non-violence as the ~~endorser~~ of violence.

He has Dr. King, with whom he has communed from the grave on which he spits while dancing on it, solidly behind the violence of the misguided Arab children in Gaza.

There is, apparently, nothing too shameful for him, but have the papers no pride, no self-respect, no sense of decency? Doesn't anybody at the papers have any journalistic standards at all? Doesn't anybody there care about his endless lies, his ~~total~~ fabrications. his constant misinforming of your readers and his continual misleading of the young in particular?

Can there be anything more ignorant or evil than representing Dr. King as supporting any kind of violence, in this case weeks on end of it, including fire-bombing?

Anything is possible for Meachum when he sees a chance for more of his preaching of anti-Semitism but doesn't any editor know that Dr. King was in Memphis to be killed there only because he was determined to lead a non-violent demonstration after the

youngsters there started a riot with only small sticks with which they broke windows—
not rocks and firebombs?

The actuality, as is so often true, is the exact opposite of what he writes and
you uncritically publish.

When he gets cute in his pretense of omniscience, as usual it is something
he just made up because it appears to serve his dishonest purposes. For example,
"Certainly, Dr. King never sought to bring justice to Alabama by sitting down with the
governor of New York."

Certainly, Ignoramus In^Carnate, he did exactly that, and not just once but
several times!

Mr. Meachum says that he "defended Dr. King while he was alive." Where, at the
bridge in Selma or in some idle chatter, where talk is cheap?

He can and he does say anything, no matter how evil or false or cheap and
you pay him for it. Disgusting! And in all of this you portray yourselves as
endorsing his ^{prop}propaganda, his lies and libels, his preaching of hatred, in this
case along with a report from the National Council^{C'} of Churches, which found that
"'hate violence' (is)rising." You and Mr. Meachum do your share!

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Dear Mike Powell,

The governor of New York with whom Dr. King did more than sit down was Nelson Rockefeller. If you are interested in this you'll find it in Dave Garrow's Pulitzer "Bearing the Cross." Where also, and I say this not for publication, you'll also find credit to me for my help. I've spent thousands of hours on Dr. King and his assassination.

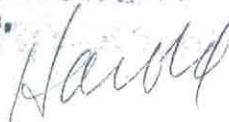
Rockefeller was a major contributor to Dr. King's efforts.

I've been keeping copies of this Goebbels outpouring and the letters but I've not had time.

Sorry this was so rushed.

It does make all of you, not just Mr. Somebody, look bad.

Best wishes,



Harold Weisberg 1/15/88

No feeling of shame?

After defaming the martyred Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., by saying that were he alive today he would support the rioting Palestinians in their current violence, Roy Meachum, in his column published Jan. 22, abuses the martyrs of the World War II Jewish ghetto no less indecently in saying that they also would endorse these Palestinians.

Invoking the name of the nation's most eminent disciple of non-violence in support of violence was evil and dishonest enough but pretending that those thousands of Jews slaughtered by Hitler want all the Jews in Israel to suffer the same fate is as indecent, as intendedly indecent, as anyone can be.

There is no point in asking is he capable of any feeling of shame at all because it is obvious he is not. But is this also true of the papers who pay and publish him and those who supposedly edit what he writes before they publish it and assume responsibility for it?

Have you as little shame as you have judgment? No sense of decency, of horror, of professional ethics and morality?

Is there to be no limit at all to your licensing and support of his truly evil campaign of anti-Semitism and Israel-basking? Of his preaching of hatred?

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