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Dear Editor,

Despite his efforts to appear to be more balanced in reaction to the strong criticisms of his earlier anti-semitic propaganda in his "Victims" column (12/30/85) <sup>in all</sup> ~~neither~~ his misrepresentations ( which include <sup>of</sup> his own writing), his irrelevancies, his factual inaccuracies and his pseudo-scholarship Ray Meacham remains an anti-semitic propagandist and you continue to be his vehicle for this monstrous indecency.

Basic in this is his <sup>my</sup> resort to the Hitlerian big lie- the only reason there is no peace in the middle ~~East~~ is the alleged and implied Israeli refusal to agree to any peace. The plain and simple ~~Israeli~~ truth is that from before the state of Israel was established all the Arab states <sup>+</sup> ~~opened~~ and started wars and along with the Palestinian Arabs led by the Grand Mufti, who had spent World War II working in Berlin for Hitler, refused any kind of peace. They had the policy of driving all Jews into the sea and they adhere to it, with the exception of Egypt, which under Sadat did sign a peace and he then was assassinated by Arabs for it. Hussein is <sup>K</sup> King of Jordan only because Abdullah, installed by the British, was <sup>+</sup> ~~taking~~ peace to the Israelis. And once the grandfather of all modern Arab terrorists, Arafat, indicated that under some conditions he would talk to the Israelis his cohorts threatened to assassinate him, too. All Arab rulers live in fear of Arab terrorists, who are those who want to eliminate the State of Israel and the Jews with it. <sup>+</sup> ~~This terrorism~~ is successful.

There is, for example, the Camp David agreement. Israel has lived up to it. But <sup>among</sup> ~~only~~ Sadat agreed to it and he did not survive Arab terrorists as a result. There is no peace in the middle east <sup>only</sup> because those for whom <sup>+</sup> ~~Meacham~~ propagandizes want no peace, save at their terms, which the civilized world cannot accept.

By rewriting this history and ignoring all the actual reasons there is no peace Meacham misleads and misinforms your readers: <sup>+</sup> ~~There~~ could have been a comprehensive peace in the Middle East by now; this entire year all the involved parties concurred on that single point," only, <sup>+</sup> ~~in~~ his rewriting, "nations, groups and individuals diddled over details while innocent <sup>+</sup> ~~men,~~ women and children died." ~~There~~ (Died?" like in his version, there was only the "deaths" of "Israelis" in Cyprus?" They weren't killed in cold blood by those <sup>+</sup> ~~Meacham~~ defends?) I repeat, the only reason there is not now and hasn't been peace in that area is not for the propaganda <sup>+</sup> ~~Meacham~~ uses your space to present but because anti-semitic Arabs have prevented it.

Meacham adds to his previous incitations to anti-semitism the exclamation that "Washington must hear" the small Israeli minority he exaggerates, who are ~~weary~~ weary of Arab assassinations and their costs and would agree to any kind of peace

in the futile hope that it would satisfy the assassins. (Meachum's recollection of history doesn't include Munich) What can he mean by this, other than the end of American assistance to Israel, the only dependable ally this country has in that area?

Imagine what would have happened to Meachum if he had said this during the Civil War! Would he have dared say that Washington must hear the Copperheads?

Meachum deceives and misrepresents to allege that each time a terrorist is punished others replace him. This kind of terrorism is, alas, the history of the Arabs, from whom we get the word "assassin" from their doping themselves up with hashish for their evil deeds and thus were known as "Hashasheen" (phonetic).

Meachum misrepresents the thrust of his incredibly insensitive writing about the hijacking of the Achille Lauro to pretend that it was that "society has no choice" but to punish them. What he actually did is condemn the efforts to bring them to justice at all, as I then wrote, without response from him. When he cannot be honest in referring to his own recent writing, how can you take his word on anything at all?

Nothing is as simple as he makes it and there is no lie he avoids if he thinks it can make his propagandist's point. For example, the use of terror "has very rarely produced the desired end." Throughout history, including the present horror in the middle east, the use of terror has succeeded. The promising efforts for peace there by Abdallah and Sadat were ended by precisely this terror. Heads of state were replaced by it throughout history. Look at Lebanon now, where the incredible fratricide by Arabs against Arabs has succeeded, with Syria, without a word of protest by Meachum, in de facto control for years, its control only now increased.

There is no simple solution, particularly when one side is determined to prevent a solution, as for decades the Arabs have been in the holy land. But there is one thing that history does make clear and that is that capitulation to terror is never a solution.

Save for lip service, having been castigated for his failure to condemn the subhuman murder of the aged and crippled American Jew by the Achille Lauro terrorists (who <sup>is</sup> leader Meachum praised and defended), his saying that of course we mourn the murder of Natasha Simpson (without a word of the killing of all those non-Americans and the wounding of more than a hundred others), Meachum has yet, even in no more than lip service, to mention the slaughter of so many innocent Jews by those he defends and for whom he propagandizes.

Yet he takes at face value the word of the just-captured assassin, that he and his fellow murderers were avenging the deaths of Arab children. Why does he then not take the ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> word from that source, that he is part of Fatah, headed by Meachum's bedmate Arafat?



Meachum is entitled to his own opinion, as we all are, but there is a real limit to what can be accepted. One may not, for example, cry "Fire!" in a crowded theater, as the Supreme Court held. Meachum is also entitled to parrot what Hitler claimed in the Sudetenland, that it was all his. He is even entitled to steal Chamberlain's umbrella. But after all his earlier incitations to anti-semitism, some less subtle than others but all having the same thrust, is this what you want in your paper? Is this what you want the people of the Frederick area to believe and now to act upon, as in "Washington must hear. This nation's way of life is at stake, as well as American lives."

Another victim of the (again Arab) terrorism Meachum would have your readers believe rarely succeeds is Robert Kennedy. He had a special corruption of Dante that is in point, "A special corner of Hell is reserved for those who in time of moral crisis preserve their equanimity," as you, dear editor, do with Meachum's incitations to anti-semitism. And it is Santayana's wisdom that those of us who forget history are doomed to relive it. Pastor Niemöller also was talking to you, dear editor, when he said that as each class of Hitler's victims was slaughtered he was silent until, when he was led away, there was no one to speak for him. I am trying to charge you with your responsibilities as an editor.

Sincerely,

*Harold Weisberg*  
Harold Weisberg

Who once assassinated  
could not be president.



# Victims

12/30/85

1985 was the Year of Victims — including some Americans. Each month brought fresh terrorist attacks. The Soviet Union learned its citizens are not exempt. The dawning year finds governments and their law enforcement agencies grimly determined to end the menace. *only now?*

The world's capitols and chanceries are rapidly becoming forbidding fortresses. Citizens of even free and democratic nations gladly surrender their persons and their liberty to security procedures. Followed to their logical conclusion, the proliferating protective methods hold the promise of an Orwellian police state, supported by scared men and women.

There is no question the times call for strict measures. Those tried and found guilty of murdering innocents must themselves be put to death. As I wrote (during the Achille Lauro piracy, society has no choice.

imprisoned terrorists become excuses for more aberrational violence. The announced price for releasing the American hostages in Lebanon is the exchange for prisoners convicted of bombing deaths in Kuwait. The refusal to make the swap receives support — however painful — from the logic that it would open the door for the kidnapping of more innocents.

However, in our time, virtually no one stays in prison his entire life. At their freeing, history shows, political murderers usually kill again, until they die themselves. The probability alters only with an overhaul in the political climate. In some instances, yesterday's terrorist becomes tomorrow's respected statesman. But the world cannot wait for that hopeful metamorphosis, it must protect itself today!

Still, the threat of gallows and gas chambers, bullets and electric chairs has not slowed the growth of terrorism. By open and covert means, the more notorious assassins have been meted justice. Men like Abul Abbas live on borrowed time. Only each time a terrorist falls, a new face steps up to take his place — or so it seems — and more innocent victims are murdered.

Massive retaliations against the people who produce the new terrorists serve chiefly to recruit the new faces. One reason given for Friday's attack on the Rome airport was the bombing of PLO headquarters in Tunis, which was staged because of the deaths of Israelis in Cyprus. In pursuing this policy, Israel is following the teaching of Karl von Clausewitz.

In his book, *On War*, the Prussian general advocated the razing of towns and the inflicting of heavy casualties as the only answer to attacks by irregulars. Forty years after Clausewitz' death, the policy failed in the Franco-Prussian War. It created new enemies for the German army in World Wars of this century. The theory worked no better when applied by U.S. forces in Vietnam: *On War* has long been a standard text at West Point.

Using terror to fight terror goes back into ancient times; its use has very rarely produced the desired end. The Roman emperor Caligula told his troops: "Let them hate us as long as they fear us." The Roman empire was finally torn to bits by peoples enraged at their treatment by the Legions.

Nor is the answer to be found in imprisoning or assassinating leaders. South Africa hoped to finish off the terrorism of the African National Congress when it jailed Nelson Mandela more than 20 years ago; look at that country today. Nasser's death did not end Israel's troubles with Egypt; the Yom Kippur War came three years later.

Nothing the civilized world can muster will stop all the senseless slaughter. This is no excuse for the failure to attempt civilized means, based on a consideration of the human beings involved.

There could have been a comprehensive peace in the Middle East by now: this entire year all the involved parties concurred on that single point — and nothing else. Nations, groups and individuals diddled over details while innocent men, women and children died. Maybe a Middle East peace would not have saved 11-year-old Natasha Simpson and the four other Americans killed last week; no one can say.

Natasha was an American child; we mourn her death especially. However, in this Year of Victims, she was but one. A note was found on one Palestinian involved in the Rome attack; it spoke of tears for his people's dead children. It threatened more innocent blood to pay for Palestinian tears.

In Israel, hundreds of thousands men and women want all the dying stopped; they support an organization called Peace Now! Their voices must be amplified in this country. Washington must hear. This nation's way of life is at stake, as well as American lives.

We have no choice. Waging war on terrorism has brought only a horrible increase in victims. We must give peace a chance.

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