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Dear George,

Meachun's newest excesses besmirches your papers and you again, even to those who are not bothered by the racism that now takes up most of his columns. Nobody there ever asks any questions, like about Shamir's alleged lust to use the nuclear weapons Meachun says with no ifs or buts he has? So small a state could even think of using nuclear weapons with what just happened in Europe from only a small accident? And this lust is for the utterly irrational, that tiny Israel has this "zealot's dream" to take over most of the middle east and part of Asia minor?

I have no use for Shamir and 40 and more years ago he was a terrorist, but can Meachun know anything at all - assuming that he doesn't make it up as he goes, which I do believe - if he says that Shamir can, "with great accuracy be called the father of Middle East terrorism"?

Didn't any of you ever hear of Khoumeni? Ghadafi? Doesn't any of you know Syria's record? Or the fratricide among Muslims?

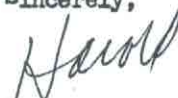
George, if you can publish this kind of stuff endlessly - and the rumors I hear are that you and you alone want it - you have surrendered any basis for any self-respect and your papers differ only in degree - a big degree but only a degree - from Hitlerian lies.

Much of this fabricated libel was rebutted in what I sent you long ago that you have not published, like that nonsense, not quite as exaggerated this time, that Israel lusts for most of the Middle East.

When Iraq had for so long kept Iran from taking it over, with all the manpower and equipment Iran has, can you really believe that Israel plans to take over all of Iraq and so much more, from the Red Sea into Turkey, with Lebanon and Syria too?

This is shameful and shameful. I'm sorry for you.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

## Roy Meachum

# Today's terrorist

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The Reagan administration welcomes to Washington today the man who might with great accuracy be called "the father of Middle East terrorists."

As the leader of the notorious Stern Gang, Yitzhak Shamir ordered the murders of over 300 Arabs, Jews and Britons — including 90 killed in the destruction of the King David Hotel on July 22, 1946.

The Gang shocked the world and "outraged their fellow Jews," according to reports at that time, when it kidnaped and hanged two British sergeants, then booby-trapped the bodies. The hangings were reprisals for the execution of a Stern member by authorities, after a trial and all appeals had been exhausted. Among those outraged by Mr. Shamir's atrocities was Israel's first prime minister, David ben-Gurion.

When Mr. Shamir sent his thugs to join the massacre in the sleeping Arab village of Deir Yassin, he earned the disgust of the "regular" Haganah officers when they arrived on the scene. According to Jewish sources, the International Red Cross and three separate reports by British authorities, rape and mutilation by the attackers were routine. Babies and pregnant mothers were numbered among the 274 found dead.

It was the Stern Gang that was given "credit" for the assassination of England's minister of state for the Middle East. Lord Moyne's slaying took place in 1944, while the war against Hitler was still being fought.

Four years later, after Israel's independence had been secured, it was Mr. Shamir who ordered the cold-blooded murder of United Nations mediator Folke Bernadotte, who was on his way to a meeting with Dov Joseph, Mr. ben-Gurion's representative in Jerusalem in September 1946. The reason for Count Bernadotte's murder? Mr. Shamir and his cohorts feared the Holy City might be placed under international status. They didn't trust Mr. ben-Gurion to look out for Israel's best interests.

Yitzhak Shamir's elevation to the chair once held by the revered David ben-Gurion is the most telling commentary on how far Israel has fallen from humanity's early hopes for the Jewish state. As prime minister, the one-time Stern Gang chief will preside over the nation's 40th anniversary

celebrations next month.

Meantime, there is this messy business of the uprising in territories Israel continues to occupy in defiance of world opinion, specific United Nations resolutions and the sometime urging of its single steadfast ally, the United States.

Before coming to Washington, Mr. Shamir made clear his position has not altered in 40 years, not since he ordered the U.N. mediator's death, lest negotiations yield territory for the prospect of a settled peace. He holds steadfast to the zealotry that all of ancient Israel's former conquests belong, by Biblical right, to the new nation.

Far from yielding Gaza and the West Bank (which they divide into its two old names, Judah and Samaria), Mr. Shamir and his ideological confederates feel they have a right to parts of present-day Syria and Jordan.

While the prime minister has never made an official statement of his lust for his neighbor's property, West Bank settlers spoke openly to Israeli author David Grossman. In his book, "Yellow Wind," he quotes men who proclaim their intention to occupy the ancient Bashan, Gilead and Gilan. They can only be acquired by another war.

While this dream of modern Israel one

day spreading as far as its antique predecessor's farthest reach once was shared by Mr. ben-Gurion and former prime minister Menahem Begin. Both men accepted modern reality after leaving office. Furthermore, Mr. Begin earned the Nobel Prize by restoring Egypt's Sinai to its legal owners, a move his current successor fought at every turn.

In attempting to reason with Mr. Shamir, Secretary of State George Shultz must contend with both that dream and the man's bloody record.

The dream prevents the Israeli prime minister from considering any plan that could end the the present uprising by granting a Palestinian homeland, however limited in its independence from Israeli control.

As his past demonstrates, Yitzhak Shamir has no reluctance to use any means at his disposal to achieve his ends. There can be no doubt that he is a



man fully prepared to call out his nation's thermonuclear arsenal, if those devastating devices are necessary to ensure his zealot's dream. Standing right behind him are Ariel Sharon and others of the same stripe.

While I have written before of my great fear that a nuclear holocaust can engulf the Middle East, plunging civilization into the Armageddon of World War III, the new leadership in the Soviet Union gives some hope. The international community might not be sucked in. This still leaves the human beings of the Middle East — all of them — at great peril, in my view, from the mentality represented by today's Washington visitor.

Sitting in the serenity of my quiet office, my skin crawls as I read again author Grossman's explanation of his book's title. It came from a conversation with a West Bank Palestinian elder: "... and he asks me if I have heard of the yellow wind. I say that I haven't, so he begins telling me about it, and about the yellow wind that will come soon, maybe even in his lifetime: the wind will come from the gate of Hell (from the gates of Paradise comes only a pleasant, cool wind) — *rih asfar*, it is called by the local Arabs, a hot and terrible east wind which comes once in few generations, sets the world afire, and people seek shelter from its heat in the caves and caverns, but even there it finds those it seeks, those who have performed cruel and unjust deeds, and there, in the cracks in the boulders, it exterminates them, one by one. After that day, Abu Harb says, the land will be covered with bodies. The rocks will be white with heat, and the mountains will crumble into a powder which will cover the land with yellow cotton."

The Israeli author did not say the 85-year-old Abu Harb was illiterate. In the Arab world, such village elders usually are. It cannot be assumed the old man was aware of the probable effect of thermonuclear weapons, such as those the Israelis have stockpiled in the Negev region.

A bomb dropped in Jordan would cause a fallout to reach the West Bank from the east. Of course, Jerusalem itself could not escape.

That possibility may not be as remote as some might think. In 1945 Berlin and 1978 Jonestown, we witnessed other leaders prepared to order up the wholesale destruction of even their closest friends and family, everyone and everything they held most dear.

Over the next few days, when Yitzhak Shamir appears before American TV cameras, keeping in mind his bloody past, look into the man's eyes. See what you think.

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Dear Editor,

As he has throughout his career of uninhibited and unedited anti-Semitism, in his 3/14 "Today's Terrorist" column Roy Meachum lies repeatedly about fact and then basis his distorted opinions on these lies about fact.

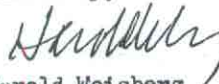
Once again I give him an opportunity to put up ( he won't shut up because he does not have to) ~~with~~ proof that he has not lied <sup>and</sup> or apologize to his readers for lying still again to them.

He says that Israeli <sup>prime minister</sup> ~~premier~~ Shamir "ordered the U.N. negotiator's death; that he "holds fast to the zealotry that all of ancient Israel's former conquests belong" to Israel today, and that this <sup>is</sup> "stream prevents" his "considering any plan that could end the present uprising by granting the Palestinians a homeland."

These are not all the lies. I'm keeping it simple. ~~And~~ <sup>once</sup> to illustrate still again the deliberate<sup>ness</sup> of his persisting lying I note that Mr. Shamir has always insisted that he supports the Camp David accord, which does grant the Palestinians a homeland.

Mr. Meachum pretends an expertise he does not have. He cannot possibly know the extent of ancient Israel if he says anyone dreams of taking it back. It includes, among other places, all of Syria, ~~and~~ Iraq and Jordan, parts of Egypt, Lebanon and Turkey and if I am not mistaken, even part of the U.S.S.R.

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg