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Meachum said guilty of 'selective misuses' of news

Were they not so ugly and evil, Roy Meachum's interminable diatribes against Israel would be ludicrous because of the public spectacle he makes of himself with his flaunting of ignorance in the area of his greatest claim to expertise, because he makes most of it up as he goes and because he is so unashamedly mendacious. "Land Day" is no exception.

"Israel has sealed off the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip from the rest of the world." False. Reporting is by pool, not in any sense abnormal.

"Israeli hardliners argued, successfully, that without TV cameras, Palestinian demonstrators would dry up." Thus he made an "Israeli hardliner" of our own secretary of state who, on Meet the Press 10 days earlier said that the presence of TV cameras tended to incite that violence.

"... the current ban is aimed not at the media or Palestinians, but seeks to control the demonstrations inside the country's 1967 borders." Obviously false because Israel proper is crawling with foreign reporters and cameramen and the restriction to pool coverage is limited to West Bank and Gaza.

He refers to Israel's "several post-1948 wars against its neighbors," certainly a dishonest way to say that those neighbors attacked Israel.

Israel, he says, refuses "all (its) citizens their freedom." False. Arabs have by law an in actuality all rights Jewish citizens have except that most are exempt from compulsory service in the armed forces because all its wars have been with Islamic countries.

In this disgraceful outpouring of hatred he has pretended that Israel is just abusing innocent Arabs and violating their human rights. He also boasts of reading the *Washington Post* and quotes it selectively, only when he can seem to advance a dishonesty he decided on in advance. His failure to report in all these outrages against decency what our own State Department said on this point, published in the *Washington Post* March 30, condemns him and exposes his intended dishonesty:

"The State Department's top human rights official said yesterday that Israel 'not only has the right but the obligation' to restore order in the violence-torn occupied territories and to 'use appropriate levels of force' to achieve this goal."

That same day's news included deaths he has yet to shed a single journalistic tear over, of Muslims killed by Muslims, adding more than 1,000 Muslims to the uncountable thousands killed lately by other Muslims, this time by poison gases used by both Iran and Iraq. His selective misuses of news bears on his personal and journalistic integrity and condemns him and his purposes thoroughly.

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