

Column on murder of Arabs deceives, misleads readers

Roy Meachum addresses a serious matter in his column about the murders of two Arabs (he avoids describing them as the terrorists they were who were caught red-handed) by Israeli police, but, as usual, he does it out of context, bases it on his customary flaunting of ignorance on this subject and — despite an effort at window dressing — again is both anti-Semitic and anti-Israel. The two are not identical.

What he does not mention is that Israel has a parliamentary system in which over even a minor issue the government can fall, resulting in serious crises. This is what is responsible for the (to me, unsatisfactory) compromise that was evolved, an effort to prevent a crisis that could have enormous consequences.

However, it is simply a typical Meachum lie to base all of this on the falsehood that nothing was known about this for two years "because the Israeli government ordered a cover up." It was known and reported and became the subject of great public controversy when it happened. Those terrorists who were caught in their effort to murder women, children, older people, innocents — were photographed alive as they were taken from the bus and this, promptly published, established that they were killed by the police. The rest is largely Meachumite straw men he readily knocks down, more than space permits addressing. He just makes it up as he goes.

But it is false to represent that those he calls "friends of Israel" defend police brutality, and it is dishonest to equate this act, terrible as it was, with the official racist violence in South Africa, where it is state policy, as it assuredly is *not* in Israel.

Withal, Meachum remains without a word of criticism of Arab state terrorism — by Syria and Libya in particular and by all the other Arab states which finance it, like our supposed friend, the Saudi dictatorship. Not a word about the incredible Arab slaughter by Arabs supported and financed by these states in Lebanon.

That Meachum, even when he stretches in an effort to avoid criticism in his persisting Arab propaganda, cannot bring himself to describe would-be murderers caught in the act as terrorists and pretends they were merely innocent civilians, is his own self-condemnation and again he raises questions about his own integrity and intent.

He cannot avoid stereotyped anti-Semitism in his ignorant prating and again he wants your readers to believe the lie that Jews are a monolith, like the Muslim dictatorships he never condemns. Example, the American Jewish community must "expel" the

very small minority of extremists who have always been, except to propagandists, liars and ignoramuses, thoroughly condemned by virtually all Jews.

And where does that evil man to whom you give all this space get off telling your readers that American Jews have kept silent about this? They haven't. But how could he possibly know? It is, like most of Meachum's anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic filth, an out-and-out lie.

He practices the traditional anti-Semitic lie that Jews control what the people can know by allegedly controlling the media, and that, if anyone describes anti-Semitism as what it is, that results in "suppression" and is "tyranny." Comes straight from Hitler, Goebbels and their lesser swine.

With such false but pretended friends as Meachum, Israel and Jews in general have no need of (other) enemies.

This column is subtler, on the clever side, but it remains basically dishonest, it again deceives and misleads your readers, it again fosters disunity and racism in a community in which, before Meachum inflicted himself and his prejudices upon us, it was not common, and it again disgraces American journalism.

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