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Whatever explains the Post's anti-Israel, pro-Arab stance, especially with the Middle East in crisis, it misleads and misinforms readers, particularly those in government, it reduces the slim prospect for any kind of settlement in that troubled area, and with David Hoffman (3/1/94) it is propaganda that is also false.

Of that site of the loathsome massacre he writes it "had been exclusively a mosque when Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Middle East War, but in earlier years was a place of worship for Jews and Christians as well."

That shrine was Jewish only for some 2,000 years, from the time Abraham and Sarah were buried there, until after Christ was born and Mohammed came along several centuries later. It was the heart of the Jewish homeland until stolen from Jews. The word, in fact, comes from Judea, the ancient name of that part of the Middle East. Arabs prevented access of others only when Trans-Jordan, later to change its name to Jordan, captured it in the Jewish Israeli war for independence when they were denied it by Arabs in violation of the UN decision to establish it. The State of Israel.

In inflating the danger from that horrible massacre the Post repeats without question all the outrageous Arab charges and claims, like the United States financed it. Not only is this not true, but who financed and finances Arab terrorism other than the Arab dictatorships of fantastic wealth? Including their many murders of Americans outside of Israel. Or that the Jewish settlers should be disarmed, for all the world as though they did not have to take up arms to defend themselves from Arab murderers, what set that monstrous massacre off.

When Britain held that part of the former Turkish empire ^{after World War I} and was to divide it between Jews and Arabs, it did establish Trans-Jordan, across the Jordan, as the Arab state with more than 70 percent of the Palestine territory, but it did not abide by the agreement for the remaining portion, which includes the homeland of Jews, Judea and Samaria, to be the Jewish state.

With two peoples making claims to the same land, the Jews who originated there and the Moslems who took and held it, something most Post readers have no way of knowing, if there is to be any peace it requires honest reporting and understanding.

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