

Letters to  
the editor

# Rage, Reason and Reaction

Dear Friends:

Whether you will call this a Letter-To-The-Editor, or an Interview, or an article about my categorical views on "triumphant Israel" versus "Defeated Arabs", the summary of it all, in a nutshell is, PROPHECIC JUDAISM IS MY RELIGION, NOT NAPALM JUDAISM, — "JEWISH" NATIONALISM. THE "JEWISH" NATIONALISTS — THE NEW SPECIMEN OF FIGHTING JEWS — ARE NOT JEWS AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, BUT "JEWISH" NAZIS WHO HAVE LOST ALL SENSE OF JEWISH MORALITY AND HUMANITY. ANTI-ZIONISM IS NOT ANTI-SEMITISM."

Ever since June 5-10, 1967, during which six days the long mobilized armies of militant Israel conquered and occupied Arab lands three times the area they held before the assault and found themselves well on the way of reaching their hoped-for "Jewish" nationalist boundaries "from the Euphrates to the Nile", people who have read my book, THE DECADENCE OF JUDAISM IN OUR TIME (there are about four hundred people who own copies of my book in the Los Gatos-San Jose area, and the First Edition of my book has been sold out in the country soon after the Arab-Israel war broke out) keep on asking me, What is my attitude now to "triumphant Israel."

May I put my answer first in a capsule form and then go into some of the highlights of the wars of Israel against the Arabs. My full answer, under the above title, will begin to appear soon in a long series of articles in an independent German Weekly in Germany where an absolute free forum has been opened for me to say what I believe in.

The capsule answer is poignant and personal. At 74, and losing ground daily because of deteriorating health and old age, with all of my infinite and unqualified love and adoration for my son Yehudi Menuhin, and probably my last chance to hear him play, my conscience would not allow me to attend any of his recent three concerts where he appeared with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra as soloist in the Brahms violin concerto, in Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, on August 9, 10 and 12 "for the benefit of the Israel Emergency Fund, under the patronage of His Excellency the Foreign Minister of Israel the Honorable Abba Eban".

God Almighty! With all the cloaking,

image building, with the torrents of sophisticated and astute publicity gimmicks, polemical rhetoric, hiding of facts and re-writing of history, it remains a tragic FACT that the "Jewish" nationalists (the political Zionists) took away by force of arms, terror and atrocities the homes, the land, and the homeland of the Arab peasants, workers and merchants in old Palestine, carved out a "Jewish Homeland" and have expanded it during months before May 14, 1948 — their Day of Declaration of Independence — through massacres, plundering, terrorization between April 10 and May 14, by evicting the Arabs from such purely Arab cities as Deir Yassin, Jaffa, Acre, Ramle, Lydda, etc. which the United Nations granted to the Arab State when the Partition Resolution was passed on November 29, 1947.

The leader of the Israeli "IRGUN" terrorists, Menachem Begin, tells it in a few boastful words, "ALL THE JEWISH FORCES PROCEEDED TO ADVANCE LIKE A KNIFE THROUGH BUTTER... THE ARABS BEGAN TO FLEE IN PANIC SHOUTING, 'DEIR YASSIN'. "In Deir Yassin, on April 10, 1948, 254 Arab men, women and children were butchered in cold blood and their mutilated bodies were thrown into a well... Deir Yassin is just one example of the atrocities committed to force the Arabs out of their homeland...

The Arabs from then on were never a match in any war with Israelis. The Israelis knew it; the Arabs knew it; the whole world knew it. Israel never feared the Arabs, separately or jointly. But, at the bottom is this fact: The Arabs were always friendly to the Jews all through history; they never harmed Jews. If the Christian nations of Europe, Russia and Germany in particular, massacred and mistreated Jews, it was not for the Arabs to atone for the sins of others, be exiled by the "Jewish" nationalists so they could create a "Jewish Homeland" in Arab Palestine... The "Jewish" nationalists are "Jewish" Nazis, and I am ashamed of being identified with them and their unholy causes...

Now, to some of the highlights of the two major wars of aggression of Israel against the Arabs, the two Sinai-Suez wars; the First took place on October 29 to November 4, 1956, and the Second, June 5-10, 1967. In both Israeli "Pearl

Harbor" Blitzkriegs against the Arabs, the Israeli armies under that swash-buckling bully General Moshe Dayan, overran the Gaza Strip and all of the Sinai Peninsula, up to the Suez Canal in four days, except that in the 1967 war, they also overran all of Western Jordan and Southern Syria. In both wars the Israelis did some awesome destruction, they murdered tens of thousands of soldiers, captured billions of dollars worth of military hardware, plundered and committed atrocities, so as to give a lesson to the survivors to get out of Eretz Israel, the "Land of Israel," and above all, Remember Deir Yassin...

Let us first take up the highlights of the current war which is far from the end, for God knows whether the world may not be plunged into a Third and atomic World War because of these grasping aggressive militarists who want more and more "Lebensraum".

According to Israeli sources of information, their own casualties during the six days of warfare amounted to 679 killed and 2563 injured, whereas the carnage on the Arabs — a "Roman holiday" ("butchered to make an Israeli holiday...") came to a total of 115,665 (the figure given by the American Friends of the Middle East is 150,000); 66,000 killed, wounded or captured Jordanians; the Egyptians suffered up to 10,000 men killed, and 300 captured (plus uncaptured tens of thousands of wounded and uninjured men left to die from thirst, hunger, and heat in the blazing hot and vast Sinai desert; the Syrians suffered about 36,665 men killed, wounded and captured. When one adds to the above the 260,000 new Arab refugees, evicted and fleeing Jordanians and Syrians; when one thinks of the malevolent demolition of whole Arab villages and the dynamiting of homes; when one thinks of the agonies, anxieties, and miseries of the hapless, helpless bewildered population whether refugees or those who remained behind to be under the terror of the conquering Israelis, and when one thinks of the Charter of the United Nations that bars the use of force "against the territorial integrity or political integrity of any State", or of the International Court of Justice that could and should arbitrate international quarrels, one cannot help exclaiming, "JEWISH" NAZIS!..."

Professor Martin Buber, the great Jew-

ish philosopher and spiritual Zionist who believed in a bi-national, Arab-Jewish State, said the following in a public address in New York, not long after the First Siani-Suez War: "THE MAJORITY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE PREFERRED TO LEARN FROM HITLER RATHER THAN FROM US (SPIRITUAL ZIONISTS)... HITLER SHOWED THAT HISTORY DOES NOT GO THE WAY OF THE SPIRIT BUT THE WAY OF POWER, AND, IF A PEOPLE IS POWERFUL ENOUGH, IT CAN KILL WITH IMPUNITY..."

Another Israeli, a brave independent Hebrew writer, Nathan Chofshi, said the following on February 9, 1959 in the "Jewish Newsletter" in New York: "WE CAME AND TURNED THE NATIVE ARABS INTO TRAGIC REFUGEES. AND STILL WE DARE SLANDER AND MALIGN THEM, TO BESMIRCH THEIR NAME. INSTEAD OF BEING DEEPLY ASHAMED OF WHAT WE DID, AND TRY TO UNDO SOME OF THE EVIL WE COMMITTED, WE JUSTIFY OUR TERRIBLE ACTS AND EVEN ATTEMPT TO GLORIFY THEM..."

Here I must point out the great and fundamental difference in the way the world, the United States, the United Nations, and the President of the U.S. have treated Israel after the First and the Second Siani-Suez wars...

In the First Sinal-Suez war, as soon as the Israelis overran Egypt and approached the Suez Canal, and their allies, the French and British, were fighting at Port Said etc., the United Nations ordered them all to evacuate Egypt and retreat. The French and the British quickly realized that it was too late in history to make wars of aggression, but the Israelis, under that nationalist-gangster Ben Gurion, refused to retreat. It took four months to force Israel to evacuate Egyptian territory. Said President Eisenhower for the whole world to know: "SHOULD A NATION WHICH ATTACKS AND OCCUPIES FOREIGN TERRITORY IN THE FACE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISAPPROVAL BE ALLOWED TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON ITS WITHDRAWAL?... I TOLD ABBA EBAN THAT IF HE THOUGHT THAT THIS (AGGRESSION) WOULD HAVE ANY PART, AN IOTA OF INFLUENCE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS OF 1956, OR THAT IT WOULD HAVE ANY INFLUENCE ON ME, HE SHOULD DISABUSE HIS MIND..."

The day before the assault, Abba Eban

declared: "ISRAEL WILL START NO WAR!"... The soldiers were already on their way to the Suez Canal... Ben Gurion, the architect of "Jewish" nationalistic aggression and mentor of Abba Eban, Moshe Dayan, and the military junta of Israel, still hoped that the Jewish vote-getters (the Zionist machine and the rabbis) could force President Eisenhower to let them get away with murder. Said Ben Gurion. "ISRAEL TERMS THE GAZA STRIP AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NATION. NO FORCE, WHATEVER IT IS CALLED, WAS GOING TO MAKE ISRAEL EVACUATE SINAI AND THE WORDS OF ISAIAH THE PROPHET WERE FULFILLED!" (Ben Gurion and his disciples always fall back on the Bible to justify bloodshed and aggression).

Ben Gurion had something up his sleeves... The New York Times reported from Israel that "SOME KNESSET (PARLIAMENT) MEMBERS SAID THAT ISRAEL HAD A STRONG SET OF CARDS. A WORLD WAR COULD BE NO LESS DANGEROUS TO OTHERS THAN TO ISRAEL, THEY ARGUE..."

And vend was put to the military junta machinations when the New York Times also carried this headline story: "ISRAEL RUIN SEEN IN A DOLLAR BAN. IF THE UNITED NATIONS CALLS FOR SANCTIONS, AND THE U.S. COMPLIES, TEL AVIV WOULD BE IN DIRE STRAITS. A STROKE OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S PEN COULD BRING VIRTUALLY ECONOMIC RUIN TO ISRAEL..."

That stopped the Bible quoting, the delaying tactics, the bargaining. The whole attitude of the "Jewish" nationalists was exposed. Ben Gurion has been teaching his military junta this dictum: "WE DO NOT CARE WHAT THE GOYIM (GENTILES) SAY, BUT WE DO CARE WHAT THEY DO"... When the Goyim acted in the name of justice and decency, the wild "Jewish" nationalists have to behave and obey higher orders coming from humanity's highest court of arbitration, the United Nations.

Today, with a President of the U.S. looking the other way when the fuhrers of Israel overran, annex, and defy the United Nations resolution (99 0) not to annex the Old City of Jerusalem, the Israelis are emboldened to tell the world that they will annex Hebron, Nablus, the Golan Heights, all of West Jordan, etc. etc. And, I can see them capturing Cairo and Da-

mascus if the Arabs refuse to accept dictated terms. Said Moshe Dayan: "THE NEW TERRITORIES MAKE A VERY NICE MAP TO LOOK AT... THE ARAB LEADERS COULD IGNORE ISRAEL'S INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE A PEACE DIRECTLY. BUT THEN, THERE WILL BE A NEW MAP NOT OF THE MIDDLE EAST BUT OF ISRAEL... THE ARABS KNOW OUR TELEPHONE NUMBER. THEY CAN FIND US WHEN THEY WANT..." The Labor Minister of Israel, Yigal Allon, said this a few days ago, "THE BORDER BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN SHOULD BE THE JORDAN RIVER AND THE MIDDLE OF THE DEAD SEA. SUCH A BORDER WOULD TAKE FROM THE KINGDOM OF JORDAN THE ENTIRE WEST BANK AREA THAT ISRAEL OCCUPIED DURING THE SIX DAYS OF WAR IN JUNE..."

And that precious specialist in rhetorical polemics Abba Eban had this to say a few days ago, "ISRAEL WOULD NOT 'SQUANDER' THE FRUITS OF ITS MILITARY VICTORY... THE OLD ARAB ISRAELI FRONTIERS HAD BEEN IRREVOCABLY ERASED BY THE JUNE WAR." The Rights of Conquest...

The latest shameless dictum is about the evicted and exiled refugees, the new refugees from the West bank of the Jordan, "THERE HAD BEEN HEAVY PRESSURE FROM BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO BLOCK THE RETURN OF THE REFUGEES TO THE WEST BANK... SEVERAL CABINET MINISTERS FELT THAT WE SHOULD CANCEL THE DEAL ALTOGETHER... "And on top of it all comes this unbelievable self-righteous declaration as only Chosen People and Superior Racists of the Nazi type would dare say in their heyday: "ISRAELIS ARE BECOMING DEEPLY DISTURBED BY WHAT THEY REGARD AS AN UNGRATEFUL RESPONSE (ON THE PART OF THE ARABS) TO A BENEVOLENT OCCUPATION (BY ISRAEL)... " Not a sign of contrition, repentance, making amends for the crimes committed!

Revolt? Un-Jewish? Unbelievable? If only the present president of the U.S. would not count the 1968 Jewish vote, and think and judge in terms of humanity, justice, compassion, and his responsibility to the United Nations, and to the peace of the world...

Sincerely,  
Yehudi Menuhin

# JERUSALEM

## Arab Reverence for Holy Places Insured Safety for 1300 Years

*"Say: O followers of the Book! You follow no good until you keep up the Torah and the Gospel and that which is revealed unto you from your Lord."*

The Holy Quran

*"And when the angels said: O Mary, Lo, Allah gives you glad tidings of a word from Him, whose name is the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, illustrious in the world and the Hereafter, and one of those brought near to Allah."*

*"He will speak to mankind in his cradle and in his manhood, and he is of the righteous."*

The Holy Quran

For 1300 years, the Arabs safeguarded and revered the land where Christ preached.

In 637, when the Caliph Omar Bin al Khattab conquered Jerusalem he declined to pray in the Church of the Nativity, lest his followers declare this holy spot a mosque. His document of guarantee, given to Patriarch Sophronius, promised absolute freedom of worship for all religions.

In 800, Haroun al Rashid sent Charlemagne the keys to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre as a sign of trust and faith.

In 1854 when the Crimean war broke out, feuding church groups entrusted the keys to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to a Moslem Arab family, which has kept that trust to this very day.

In 1964 when Pope Paul visited the Old City, he paid tribute to Jordanian custody of the holy places.

## Today Holy Jerusalem is in Israeli Hands

- Israel's record is not reassuring. Its attitude has always been militantly political and nationalistic: since 1949, Israel has opposed any plan to guarantee the entire city's ecumenical religious significance.
- On December 20, 1949, the U.N. Trusteeship Council demanded that Israel revoke measures taken to make Jerusalem its capital.
- On February 26, 1953, Monseigneur George Hakim, Archbishop of the Greek Catholic Community in Israel, wrote in the Israeli daily *Maariv*: "Many church properties are still illegally seized, priests are not allowed permanent residence in Israel, and religious students are prevented from reaching theological schools."
- On July 5, 1954, Patriarch Timoteus protested against Israeli attacks on Christian holy places.
- In 1961, the Security Council endorsed a resolution by the Mixed Armistice Commission condemning Israel's rehearsal of a military parade.
- On July 14, 1961, the New York *Herald Tribune* reported, "American Consul General Eric Wendelin met with police officials today, reportedly to relay complaints that police had not done enough to prevent young Jewish hooligans from vandalizing a Christian mission."
- On July 14, 1967, the General Assembly, without a single dissenting vote, passed a resolution that deplored Israel's non-compliance with a previous resolution 2253 (ES-V). The Assembly reiterated its call to Israel to rescind all measures already taken and to desist forthwith from taking any action which would alter the status of Jerusalem. It also requested the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council and the General Assembly on the situation and on the implementation of the present resolution.
- Israel continues to make Jerusalem a political issue, ignoring the world's protests, making the City's continued religious significance depend on an illegal and inappropriate assertion of political sovereignty. The world community must not submit to Israel's intransigence.

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