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THE ARMS SHIP

The Israelis certainly raised a hue and cry, as they say, over the Arab arms ship that their navy intercepted. I say, why all the excitement about a few more tons of weapons and ammunition when the arms currently being used against Israel was handed to the Arabs by those great visionaries-- Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peress, Ehud Barak, Yossi Beilin and Yossi Sarid. And what they didn't hand over directly, they abetted the transfer of the additional weapons in the cars and planes of the top PA officials including Yasser Arafat because they did not want to embarrass the smugglers. Lucky for the Navy that there were no PA officials on the ship or the Israeli sailors would have been court-martialed for embarrassing the "partners for peace".

NAKBA-CATASTROPHE DAY

The Arabs celebrate the establishment of Israel as catastrophe day, but as usual the Arabs have everything screwed up. Any day that the Arab people follow the dictates of their leaders is catastrophe day.

When the Arabs believed their leaders' advice that they would return in the wake of the victorious Arab armies to kill, rape and rob, that was catastrophe day for them. When the Arab terrorists and the Egyptian sailors believed their leaders that they could destroy Israel by their fedayeen raids and blockading the port of Eilat in 1956, that also was catastrophe day. Again, when believing their leaders in 1967, the Egyptian sailors blocked Eilat and the Syrian soldiers continued to shell Israel from the Golan Heights and the Jordanian soldiers moved into Israel, that was catastrophe day.

When the Arabs followed Arafat's dictate to launch a war against Israel, that was another catastrophe day. Unfortunately it is part of Arab/Moslem culture to act like sheep in following their warlike shepherds and regularly creating their self-inflicted catastrophe days. As long as the "Arab street" continues to follow the advice of its leaders, every day on the Arab calendar will become a catastrophe day.

For its part, Israel also has a rogue's gallery of catastrophe politicians, some of whom are in the cabinet and others active in party politics. Israelis should work hard to insure that Sharon does not join their ranks.

HEADLINES AND COMMENTS

Current headlines from the world press and comments by Diogenes.

Canada: The Continuation Of Settlements Must Stop

Did they say it in French?

Ending Violence Is A Central Issue For Basque Elections

First step, end Jewish settlements

Fighting Erupts In Macedonia As Parties Haggle

Probably haggling over Jewish settlements

Bitter Season Of Broken Hearts In Chechnya War

Freezing Jewish settlements would mend hearts there

U.S. Nurtures Growing Defense Bond With India

The Indians promised no Jewish settlements in Kashmir.

40 Killed In Renewed Somali Fighting

It's those Jewish settlements again.

Germany's Uneasy Debate On Immigration Deepens

Funny, they were never uneasy about emigration or deportation, especially to Poland.

Newsweeklies Turn A Cold Shoulder To Hard News

And why not, they turned a cold shoulder to honest reporting a long time ago.

Blackout Plans Are Of Little Use In California Crisis

I'll bet they haven't considered buying a quantity of Diogenes' lanterns.

NY State Legislators: Wax Arafat Must Go

A better suggestion: have the IDF wax Arafat

Jailed Israeli Nuclear Technician Honored By Norway

Further proof that the only one dumber than a dumb Swede is a smart Norwegian

UNONSENSE

Many pundits ascribe the reason that the U. S. was booted off the UN's Human Rights Commission as a payback for the arrogance of the Bush administration. I disagree.

The slavers, torturers and assorted barbarians of the third world like Libya, Sudan and China, of course, did not want anyone to stick their nose into their normal

activities, which the United States did from time to time. The nations of Africa North (Europe), on the other hand, wanted to avoid the embarrassment that would ensue when it became public that they persisted in doing business with the criminal aborigines. The Commission members are not so angry at the U.S. that they won't accept our money.

TROUBLE IN THE EAST

China is not letting the U. S. fly its spy plane off of Hainan Island. Diogenes offers President George W. Bush the top five methods for bringing the WOGS to heel:

5. Close down all of the opium dens in San Francisco's Chinatown.
4. Refuse entry into American colleges of all Chinese students with over a 90 average.
3. Chinese hand laundries no longer permitted to use starch.
2. Column B eliminated from menus in all Chinese restaurants.
1. Send a gunboat up the Yangtze.

MIXED EMOTIONS

Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv defeated Greece's Panathinaikos 81-67 for the European basketball championship. You would expect Diogenes to have mixed emotions.

NEUROTIC EDITORIALISTS

Editorials in two leading Israeli newspapers advise Sharon to negotiate with the Arabs while they continue to bomb and shoot Israelis. The logic of this advice escapes me. As I see it, all it says to the Arabs is they are right were in starting their unprovoked war and will be rewarded for continuing it. If the editorial writers are so anxious for negotiations why don't they advise Arafat that stopping the war will get Israel to the bargaining table?

My guess is that they don't want to hurt Arafat's feelings, after all we know how sensitive Arabs are. It would be nice if their concerns also went out to the Jews who are being shot at and bombed by the potential negotiators or as they are sometimes called "partners for peace".

TERMITE NEWS

Current news of Jewish termites from Israel, the U. S. and around the world who are working to undermine the State of Israel.

It has just been revealed that Clinton's National Security Advisor, Sandy Berger and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, both well-known termites, were beneficiaries of gifts from Yasser Arafat while they were serving as intermediaries between Israel and the Arabs.

Ha'aretz reporter Gideon Levy who was on a panel at a Rome media conference where he tried to outdo the Arab panelist in slamming Israel. This is par for the course for a Ha'aretz journalist.

Yossi Sarid who complained about the IDF's "big mistake" in killing five armed Arabs in an active war zone.

QUOTES I LIKE

It's not the voting that's democracy, it's the counting.
Tom Stoppard

When a thing is funny, search it carefully for hidden truth.
George Bernard Shaw

Progress, far from consisting in change, depends on retentiveness....
those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.
George Santyana

Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity,
and I'm not sure about the former.
Albert Einstein

What can you say about a society that says God is dead and Elvis is alive?
Irv Kupcinet

Churches welcome all denominations, but most prefer fives and tens.
Anonymous

It's not what you are, it's what you don't become that hurts.
Oscar Levant

The Vatican is against surrogate mothers.
Good thing they didn't have that rule when Jesus was born.
Elayne Boosler

I have yet to hear a man ask for advice on how to combine marriage and a career.
Gloria Steinem

If the doctor told me I had only six minutes to live, I'd type a little faster.
Isaac Asimov

