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They are all saying it now in Israel!!!
(one robin does not a springtime make,
nor one helicopter gunship attack an adequate response)
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IS IT TIME TO TOPPLE AGAIN?

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The Israeli elections were much ado about nothing. The only thing that changed as a result of the voting is the name of the man who occupies the Prime Ministers office. The policies of surrender and turn the other cheek are still in force. Why bother the Israeli public with costly, emotion-packed drama when the will of the people counts for nothing. Supposedly, the voters swept the previous scoundrels out of office because they wanted a complete change in policies. Instead they not only got an equally inept enforcer of defeatist policies but one who dragged most of the officials rejected by the voters into the new government. In my opinion, the Israeli people should cut Mr. Sharon no slack unless he shows an immediate turn-around and applies all-out and continuing pressure on the Arabs. If this humiliates the Arabs and destroys their economy, so be it. They brought it on themselves. If the Prime Minister doesn't carry out such a policy, it's time to topple again.

**INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESPONSE TO SHOOTING
OF JEWISH INFANT**

The international media, which respond with alacrity, to the shooting of an Arab youngster had a somewhat different response to the shooting death of a 10-month-old Jewish baby girl in Hebron. CNN offered to take photos of the dead infant from its satellite if the infant's body was placed out on the street in front of the family's home. The BBC said that it could not take any photos because its local photographer was a Kohen and was not permitted by Jewish law to approach a dead body. The Associated Press also declined, claiming that its photographer was a women who always wore mini-skirts and blouses with sleeves cut-off at the shoulder and consequently was fearful for her safety in a religious Jewish neighborhood. All of the services, however, offered instead to transmit a photo, which had made a big hit with the press several months ago, of an Arab boy who may have been shot by the IDF.

REWRITING HISTORY: FAR EAST & MIDDLE EAST

I note an interesting phenomenon when it comes to history revision. In Japan, there is a small but growing nationalist movement that is putting a bizarre twist on the country's militaristic and exploitative history from the late 19th Century to its defeat in World War II. According to the revisionists, Japan's army was a noble Asian liberation force and not the brutal colonizer that those lying Chinese, Koreans, Filipinos and the other east Asians say it was. If, in their misguided patriotism, they have the final say, the sun will rise again from the land of the rising sun. That's the situation in the Far East.

In the Middle East, the story is quite different. One people drove out a foreign occupation force, established a new nation, fought off unprovoked attacks by five of its stronger neighbors, welcomed millions of refugees and built a modern democratic society. Here, the revisionist historians do not approach the history of their country with a sense of patriotism but with a sense of hatred, cynicism and determination to denigrate a glorious record. The Israeli revisionists approach history with a twisted agenda--to tear down the Jewish state and create a "universalist" state--and they are willing to lie, overlook facts, misread documents and accept the arguments of Israel's enemies without question to achieve their agenda,

In both the Far East and The Middle East the revisionists are doomed to failure, at least during the present generation. There are too many people around who lived through the Japanese invasions of China, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Burma to forget and forgive their brutal behavior. And we remember Pearl Harbor, Corregidor and Bataan.

We remember, too, the nail-biting, gut-wrenching days of 1947 and 1948 when Israel was being born, subjected to an arms embargo, and immediately attacked by Arab armies from outside its borders and Arab marauders from within its borders. We all worried whether the nation could survive these onslaughts. Israel survived but it paid a terrible price in casualties. More than one per cent of its population was killed--the equivalent of about 3 million Americans based on our population.

The revisionists claim that Ben Gurion was certain that the Jews would win because they were better trained and better armed. Better trained? Like the holocaust survivors who were thrown into battle as soon as they landed in Israel. Most of them had never handled a a weapon and where orders in Hebrew could not be understood by men who spoke dozens of different languages.

As I write these words, I recall standing at Yad Mordechai, the kibbutz named in honor of Mordechai Anielewicz, the commander of the fighters in The Warsaw Ghetto, and overlooking the panorama of the kibbutz's battle against the invading Egyptian Army.

Laying alongside of the trench that was dug around the perimeter of the kibbutz, which is on the road from Gaza to Tel Aviv, were WWII and older rifles with little tags that identified their country of origin. There was an Italian rifle, a Czech rifle, a Polish rifle, etc., etc. This conglomeration of castoffs made up the kibbutz armory. Their heaviest weapon was a single machine gun. And with these guns they held off an Egyptian division that threw tanks and aircraft into the battle. After evacuating the women and children, the kibbutz fighters went out and attacked and destroyed Egyptian tanks with Molotov cocktails. They shot down an Egyptian plane, which is on permanent display on the panorama of the battlefield. They held up the Egyptians during a week of continuous fighting and saved Tel Aviv. In one way, the revisionist historians are right, the Jews did have superior weaponry. However, their superior weapons were not guns, but the fighting spirit of the Jews.

We will not permit the lies of the twisted revisionists to change the truth of what we know took place.

LACTOSE INTOLERANCE?

Ze'ev Jabotinsky, the Zionist leader claimed that the people of central and eastern Europe get their anti-Semitism with their mothers' milk. Can we say that this was the first scientific recognition of lactose intolerance?

IDF NAME CHANGE

The policies of Israel's political leaders are forcing the IDF, the Israel Defense Forces, to adopt a new name while keeping its well-known initials. The new name: the Ineffectual Defense Forces.

MODERN TECHNOLOGY BLOWS OUT FRENCH

The United Nations "Blue Book" just conducted a survey of 189 member nations to learn the language in which all correspondence to their missions should be addressed. Given a choice of French, English or Spanish, three of the official languages of the UN, an overwhelming majority chose English. French is fast slipping from its one-time position as the leading language of diplomacy.

I predicted several years ago that the development of the nasal spray would end French's dominance as the language of diplomacy.

I WANT A PERSON...I WANT AUTOMATION

How often when you call the telephone company or any utility or a government agency or just about any organization, have you screamed: "I want to talk to a person". This is after you've been shunted from one automated answering machine to another for 15 minutes or longer. When you're the caller, too much automation can be a bad thing.

How about when you're at the checkout counter and the clerk punches in the wrong price, overcharging you by \$1.65, or bags your stuff with the dozen cans of juice and soda right on top of the tomatoes, or better yet, ignores you for 10 minutes while she chews the fat with the clerk at the adjoining counter. Don't you wish that the entire checkout process was automated without people to get in the way? I firmly believe that America's economy will eventually collapse at the checkout counter.

RECOMMENDED READING

The Jewish State: The Struggle for Israel's Soul by Yoram Hazony is the best book on Israel that I've read in about the last 50 years. Published in 2000 by Basic Books, this smoothly-written study describes in detail the disturbing cultural and political revolt known as "post-Zionism". The origins of this movement whose aim is to dismantle Israel's legal and moral standing as the state of the Jewish people will be a revelation to most Jews, as it was to me. Hazony shows, in well-researched detail how the German assimilationists led by Martin Buber and most of the founders of the Hebrew University were opposed to a Jewish state. They were supported by many American Jewish leaders, mainly of German background, mainly Reform and mainly wealthy. Most of this opposition to a Jewish state ended with the establishment of Israel, but a hard core continued to promote these ideas. Today it is a growing movement among Israel's self-styled culture "elite". Hazony gives fair warning about the dangers the post-Zionists pose to the Jewish state.

The book of 50 years ago that had such a powerful impact on me was
The Revolt: The Story of the Irgun by Menachem Begin

QUOTES I LIKE.

Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living.
Mother Jones

A man never reaches that dizzy height of wisdom
that he can no longer be led by the nose.

Mark Twain

Over in Hollywood they almost made a great picture,
but they caught it in time.

Wilson Mizner

Don't make things simple, make them simpler.

Albert Einstein

Israel is a land of too much history and not enough geography.

Moshe Kohn

Catch a parrot, teach him to say "Supply and Demand"
and you have an economist.

Joseph Schumpeter

It's reassuring to see that colleges are putting the emphasis on education again.
One school has gotten so strict, it won't even give a football player his letter,
unless he can tell which one it is.

Henny Youngman

Conscience is the inner voice that warns us that someone may be looking.

H. L. Mencken

Charity should begin at home but should not end there.

Thomas Fuller

You use a glass mirror to see your face;
you use works of art to see your soul.

George Bernard Shaw

An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile--
hoping it will eat him last.

Winston Churchill

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