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I stand ashamed that my country voted for the new Nazis

Guilio Meotti, Doc's Talk, 30 November 2012

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At the United Nations we are witnessing the creation ex nihilo of a foreign country, which never existed, and accepting the claims of the "Palestinian Arabs", by giving them the land whose memory kept the Jews together as a people and brought them back to Jerusalem after the Holocaust.

The Western community at the United Nations, including my miserable Italy, just adopted the Nazis' strateg. Cunning in wickedness, the Germans dangled before their victims the possibility of saving themselves at the expense of other Jews.

In this case, the Jews to be sacrificed are all of those living in Judea and Samaria, but ultimately it is the entire State of Israel, since a Palestinian State would only arise upon the fall of Israel.

I am ashamed that my country will vote for the first step towards officially prohibiting Jews or any other faith from living in a certain area, the first since Nazi Germany, which sought a country that was "jüdenrein", or cleansed of Jews.

I am ashamed that my country will vote for those who plan to take down Theodor Herzl's picture from the wall of the Knesset, remove the seven-branched candelabra which is the expression of Am Yisrael, abolish the Chief Rabbinate and turn the name of the state into Falastin.

I am ashamed that my country will vote for the PLO, an organization of murderers and Holocaust deniers now officially dedicated to the mass deportation of Israel's Jews.

I am ashamed that my country will vote for a state that tortures inmates in prisons, that throws political dissidents from the roofs of public buildings, that puts to death human beings simply because they are guilty of apostasy and that will be a combination of corruption, dictatorship, Islamic theology and "Bin-Ladenism".

On September 29, 1938, the Czechoslovak state was truncated and deprived of defensible borders by the "Munich agreement". Six months later, abandoned by its allies England and France, and bullied by Hitler, Czechoslovakia lay down and died. Like Israel today, the Czechs were accused of "intransigence" and of being "disturbers of the peace." They were so disheartened that in the end they chose not to fight, but to surrender. "Peace" meant capitulation. The same situation exists today.

Czechoslovakia's situation in 1938 is in fact similar to Israel's in 2012.

Like Israel's IDF, the Czechs had one of the strongest armies in Europe. Like Israel, Czechoslovakia was a very young and vibrant state.

And like the Westn pressing Israel to give up its land to the Arabs, the Nazis demanded the annexation of the Sudeten, settled by three million Germans.

And the Sudeten mountains, like Israel's "occupied territories," were the only position from which the Bohemian plain, and the capital Prague, was defensible.

And does anyone remember how Lord Trenchard got up in the British parliament after Munich and declared that the Czechs didn't need the Sudeten territories for security? "The best security border," Trenchard said, "is peace."

Sound familiar?

A Palestinian state, to not mention Hamas, is a mortal danger to Israel because it will immediately absorb 700,000 Palestinians who are living in Syria, another 750,000 Palestinians who live in Lebanon and hundreds of thousands of others who will flock to the new state from all over the world. They will settle in villages that overlook Jaffa, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion Airport, Kfar Saba and Jerusalem.

I am ashamed that my country adopted the same method used by the Sudeten Nazis in Czekoslovakia in the late 30s, destroying the country from within. Yesterday it was then the SS, today it's the PLO, which murdered at least 1,500 Jews (comparable to 82,000 American fatalities).

Who will guarantee that the moment a Palestinian state is declared, the rifles won't start shooting again? The Italian police?

Will bloody attacks be planned against Jews at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem?

Will the Jewish holy sites – Rachel's tomb in Bethlehem, Cave of Patriarchs in Hevron and Joseph's tomb in Nablus – be destroyed by local mobs?

Will Jewish areas in eastern Jerusalem be subjected to Arab sniper fire?

Will Katyusha rockets start falling on runways at Ben-Gurion Airport or on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, so that Israel's economy would simply cease to exist?

Will the Hebron Jews could be the victims of a new Jihadist pogrom like in 1929?

I am ashamed that my country wpuld vote for a state that will conclude treaties with Arab countries and with Iran serving as a tripwire for a pan-Islamic attack to exterminate Israel.

I am ashamed that my country will vote for a state where the "Mein Kampf" is a best seller.

I am ashamed that my country will be remembered among those who legitimized Palestinian terrorists as "victims", that tacitly maligned Israel as the villains, letting off the true villains with a single objective: the "final solution" of the Jewish problem.

Seventy years ago, in what had become one of the opening acts of the greatest tragedy in European history, Italy betrayed its own Jews. Very few came back from Birkenau.

Today, Italy capitulated again in the battle against those who seek to finish the job started by the Nazis.

Now that we are approaching Israel's Stalingrad, where have all the "allies" gone?

Much Ado about Little: the E-1 controversy

Elliot Abrams, Council on Foreign Relations, 3 December 2012

<http://blogs.cfr.org/abrams/2012/12/03/much-ado-about-little-the-e-1-controversy/>

Dozens of governments, starting with our own, have denounced the Israeli announcement—made soon after the UN General Assembly vote last week—about more housing construction in Jerusalem and the West Bank.

In particular, the Netanyahu government has been criticized for building housing in the area known as E-1. E-1 is the space between Jerusalem and the city of Ma'ale Adumim, with its population of 40,000. The Israeli security argument is simple: it is impossible to have Ma'ale Adumim connected to Jerusalem only by one road because that road can all too easily be blocked and communication between Jerusalem and Ma'ale Adumim (and beyond to the Jordan valley and border) cut off. This argument has persuaded all Israeli prime ministers who have faced the question, starting with Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. It can be argued in reply that they insisted on the right and intention to build eventually, but did not build—but the same is true today of the Netanyahu government. What the prime minister announced last week was permission to do zoning and planning, not permission to build one apartment.

The argument against any Israeli construction in E-1 is that it would make a Palestinian state impossible because that state would lack contiguity. The contiguity argument cuts many ways: I can recall Israeli officials saying Ma'ale Adumim exists, has a population (of 35,000 back then), and must be contiguous to Israel. But the Palestinian argument suggests that because roads would need to go east of Ma'ale Adumim, or go over or under the Jerusalem-Ma'ale Adumim road, a state is impossible. That is a hard argument to prove. First, there is of course the UN vote: the celebrations in Ramallah reflected the UN decision that Palestine *is* a state already now, if not yet a UN member. Second, why would the construction of roads that fully permit north-south movement in the West Bank—for example, from Nablus to Bethlehem and Hebron—make mobility and economic activity impossible? That such roads must be available, and must be good enough to carry current and predicted future traffic quickly, is certain but hardly an impossible challenge.

The argument over E-1 is not new, nor is planning there some sort of right-wing plot that reflects this particular Israeli coalition. As noted, every prime minister from the left has had precisely the same position, and all new units in the West Bank today must be approved by the Defense Minister, Ehud Barak. That does not make the Israeli position correct but puts it in a bit of perspective.

The rest of the perspective is last week's vote, which the United States, Israel, and numerous European countries urged the PLO not to insist on. Israel had long said it would take drastic steps if the PLO went forward, and had to do something in reaction. It has announced that it will apply tax funds owed to the Palestinian Authority to debts owed to the Israel Electric Corporation (debts that now amount to 800 million shekels, about \$200 million) for electricity supplied, and has announced planning for E-1 and construction in the major settlement blocks and Jerusalem. Construction in the major blocks and in Jerusalem is hardly a surprise, and does not differ from the policy of Israel's previous government under Prime Minister Olmert and the Kadima party. The deal reached between the Bush Administration and the government of Prime Minister Sharon in 2004 was to permit construction of additional housing units inside the major blocks and other settlements, but not the construction of new settlements or the physical expansion of existing ones. The current decision fits easily within those terms. The Obama administration has never accepted that agreement between the United States and Israel, but I mention it to show that Israel's reaction to the Palestinian UN initiative is hardly excessive or surprising.

Peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians to nowhere good

Wesley Pruden, The Washington Times, 3 December 2012

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/dec/4/pruden-the-peace-talks-between-israel-and-the-pale/>

Negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians can't go anywhere good. Both Arab and Jew know it. President Obama poses as the honest broker, but he too knows that talk of a lasting resolution of differences is 100-proof moonshine.

The Palestinians won't settle for anything less than all Israelis dead, or shipped off to somewhere far away. The Israelis, unreasonable as they may seem in the salons of the West, are determined not to settle for anything less than survival.

The fashionable opinion in the salons of the West is that the dispute is all about land, territories and borders, considerations that could be negotiated by civilized men of good will. If the Israelis give a little, the Palestinians give a little, then all can be reconciled: "If your friends like my friends, and my friends like your friends, then we'll all be friends together, and won't that be fine?"

But the dispute is not about land. It's about Israeli survival. The Palestinians and their radical Islamic allies insist they have one goal in mind, the destruction of the lonely outpost of civilization in a region of mindless violence, where trying to keep your head has a very specific meaning.

They're emboldened by the 138-9 vote in the U.N. General Assembly to grant "nonmember observer" status to the Palestinian Authority, which they regard as official recognition of statehood. Synthetic statehood is only the beginning. "One day," Mahmoud Abbas, Palestinian Authority president, told enraptured crowds when he returned triumphantly from New York, "a young Palestinian will raise the Palestinian flag over Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the state of Palestine."

This is the reality from which so many of the elites in the West avert their eyes. On the day after the vote at the U.N., the Israeli Cabinet heard a summary of the inflammatory language the Palestinian Authority feeds tirelessly to its constituency, particularly in the schools. Several examples were culled from remarks Mr. Abbas delivered to the U.N. General Assembly on Sept. 27, leading up to the grant of "nonmember observer" status. He repeated some of them last week. The creation of Israel, he said, represents "one of the most dreadful campaigns of ethnic cleansing and dispossession in history." This was meant as a not-so-subtle reminder that history can repeat itself.

On the Facebook page of a high school in the town of Tulkarem, a photograph of Adolf Hitler is displayed over the words: "I could have killed all the Jews in the world, but I left some of them so you will know why I killed them." Maps of the region, distributed by the Palestinian Authority, do not even show Israel, a harbinger of the happy day envisioned by Mr. Abbas and his ilk.

"This is additional proof that we are not talking about a disagreement over territory," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the Cabinet, "rather about the rejection of Israel's existence."

The elites in the West willfully ignore this reality, in part from cowardice, in part from ancient attitudes that refuse to die. Collaboration is held to be a virtue in France; no one was surprised when it voted to grant what the Palestinian Authority regards as "sovereign" status. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, talking a good game, told a podcast audience Sunday that "Germany will always stand by Israel" — except when it scuttles away, as it did when crunch time came at the U.N. General Assembly.

The Germans abstained from voting on Palestinian "nonmember observer" status. So did Britain. The message to Israel was clear: "Call us any time when you need help. With a little bit of luck we won't be home."

A test of American resolve comes this week, when the Senate is expected to vote on bipartisan legislation to cut off all aid to the Palestinian Authority if it appeals to the kangaroos of the U.N.'s International Criminal Court to punish "crimes" by Israel. That sounds tougher than it is. The aid would be cut off only if President Obama, a professed Christian who nurtures a schoolboy crush on Islam, determines that the Palestinians are not engaging in "meaningful negotiations" with Israel. Good luck with that.

"Jaw, jaw" is always better than "war, war," as Winston Churchill famously remarked, even when one side gets all the discouraging words. The Israelis soldier on, stubbornly resisting the second-guessing of cowardly "friends," because they have no choice. The prospect of hanging, as Dr. Johnson reminds us, concentrates the mind — and the will.

Why Israel must defend itself – and its reputation

Mindy Wiesenberg, New York Daily News, 7 December 2012

<http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/israel-defend-reputation-article-1.1215040>

The following open letter was sent last month by a British citizen named Mindy Wiesenberg to the U.K. foreign secretary, William Hague. Wiesenberg, a former teacher, has served as chairman of British Emunah, a charity raising funds for social welfare projects in Israel. She is currently on the charity's executive council.

Dear Mr. Hague,

You have stated that if Israel tries to defend its population through a ground offensive in Gaza, "it risks losing the sympathy of the international community."

Let me tell you something about the sympathy of the international community, Mr. Hague. My father was liberated from Buchenwald concentration camp in 1945, having lost his entire family, but gaining the sympathy of the international community at the time. After 6 million Jews had been annihilated at the hands of the Nazi regime, the international community had plenty of sympathy for the Jewish people. There is always plenty of sympathy for victims.

Israel doesn't need the sympathy of the international community.

What it needs is to defend its citizens.

When, as a tiny country, it gained its independence in 1948, it had to absorb 800,000 Jews who were thrown out of Arab lands in the Middle East. It did so without fuss and with dignity, giving them shelter and a place of security in which their children could grow up to become productive citizens.

When Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon and Syria tried to destroy Israel in 1948 and again in 1967, they took in hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs.

But did they give them dignity or shelter? No, they left them to rot in refugee camps to maintain a symbol of grievance against Israel and use them as a political tool against the Jewish State. What has arisen in those camps is a complicated situation, but it is what has led to Gaza today.

So don't lecture Israel on international sympathy, Mr. Hague.

Not when Israel has just sent 120 truckloads of food into Gaza to feed the Palestinian people there, because their own leadership is more interested in using its population as human shields, launching rockets against Israel from within major civilian centers.

Don't lecture Israel on international sympathy, Mr. Hague.

Not when Israel targets, with as much military precision as it can, only terrorists and their bases, trying its utmost to prevent civilian casualties.

Don't lecture Israel on international sympathy, Mr. Hague.

Not when the Palestinian media deliberately use images of victims of the Syrian civil war and presents them as casualties in Gaza to gain international sympathy.

Go read your history books, Mr. Hague, go see that since the beginning of the 20th century all the Arabs wanted to do was destroy Israel. Go look at the country of Israel now since the Jews have established a state there. Go read what advances in science, medicine, biotechnology, agriculture and high tech Israel has developed, and dedicated that knowledge to making the world a better place for humanity.

Can you imagine any other country that after over 60 years of continuously being under attack could have achieved so much?

So Mr. Hague, don't lecture Israel on international sympathy.

Israel will do whatever it takes to defend itself from outright attack on its citizens, whether it be from Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran or any other country or terrorist group that attacks it.

And if it loses the sympathy of the international community, so be it. We don't need the international community's sympathy. We don't need another 6 million victims.

Yours sincerely,

Mindy Wiesenberg

Mesha-al oils Israel's propaganda machine with his statement

Linda Heard, Gulf News.com, 11 December 2012

<http://gulfnews.com/opinions/columnists/mesha-al-oils-israel-s-propaganda-machine-with-his-statement-1.1116817>

The first ever visit of Khalid Mesha'al, Chairman of Hamas' Political Bureau, to Gaza was a historic moment eliciting high emotion not only for the man himself, but also for the hundreds of thousands who flooded into Gaza City's Katiba Square to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Hamas. This was their chance to see up-close-and-personal a person of stature who represents their interests on the world stage — his latest coup being the brokering of a ceasefire with Israel that was poised to launch a ground invasion. He is also celebrated among Palestinians for being instrumental in negotiating a prisoner swap that saw 1,000 Palestinians being permitted to return home in exchange for Gilad Shalit.

Mesha'al is arguably the Palestinians' most charismatic figure with the possible exception of Fatah's Marwan Barghouti, currently serving three life sentences in an Israeli prison. Mesha'al is someone with substantial influence with a towering personality that makes Palestinian National Authority (PNA) President Mahmoud Abbas appear bland by comparison. It goes without saying that there is no love lost between Mesha'al and the Israeli leadership, following Mossad's unsuccessful attempt on his life in September, 1997, on the orders of Benjamin Netanyahu. He was poisoned by Israeli agents who had entered Jordan on fake Canadian passports and if it were not for the intervention of Jordan's King Hussain, who insisted Israel must hand over the antidote, Mesha'al would not be around today. Nevertheless, in recent times, he has eschewed extreme hard line positions for pragmatism.

During a recent interview with CNN's Christiane Amanpour, Mesha'al was asked whether he was still committed to Palestine from Jordan to the sea. "Palestine, from the river to the sea, from the north to the south, it is my land. And the land of my fathers and grandfathers, inhabited by the Palestinians from a long time ago ..." he answered. "But because of the circumstances of the region, because of the keenness to stop the bloodshed, the Palestinians today, and in the past, and Hamas, have agreed about a programme that accepts the 1967 borders. However, the Israelis do not accept that. So it is all about — up to the Israelis. And the international community is failing to do us justice." He concluded the interview with fine sentiments, summing up his ultimate ambition. "Peace, the kind of peace that precludes occupation and bloodshed. Our Islam, all religions, Islam, Christianity, Judaism, true Judaism, given this is revealed by God, does not allow the killing of any innocents in the world."

Mesha'al's reasoned response fitted seamlessly into the current international climate that has witnessed a shift of global sympathy towards the Palestinians, evidenced by an overwhelming UN General Assembly vote to upgrade Palestine's UN status to that of non-member observer state. It has come at a time when Israel is generally perceived as a land-grabbing belligerent, fatally hobbling a two-state solution with plans to link occupied East Jerusalem, slated as Palestine's capital, to the mega Jewish colony of Ma'ale Adumim, with the construction of thousands of new Jewish homes. He confirmed what the international community has come to understand: It's not the Palestinians who are obstructing the peace process, it is Netanyahu's obstinacy. Further, it came when the Arab world has warmed to Hamas, opening doors to its leadership. It is significant that representatives from a number of Arab states and Turkey travelled to Gaza to participate in anniversary celebrations.

Mesha'al's positions during the CNN interview appeared to bring Hamas closer to the stance of the PNA from which it is estranged. Mesha'al makes no secret of the fact that he would like the rift between Hamas and Fatah to be breached enabling the Palestinians to have one, unified authority, which had temporarily put him at odds with Hamas leader Esmail Haniyah. Mesha'al had debunked claims by Israel's propaganda machine that Hamas was out to throw Jews into the sea and so long as Palestinians were divided, Israel did not have a partner for peace.

And then, no doubt overcome with emotion while in Gaza, he goes and spoils it all.

His speech to rapturous crowds attending the anniversary rally recently was nothing short of incendiary. "We will never recognise the legitimacy of the Israeli occupation and therefore there is no legitimacy for Israel, no matter how long it will take," adding "No Palestinian leader has the authority to relinquish one inch of Gaza or the West Bank. We will press ahead with reconciliation [with Fatah] to end divisions and to stand united against the Zionist occupation," he pledged. "Today is Gaza. Tomorrow will be Ramallah and after that [occupied] Jerusalem then Haifa and Jaffa."

That defiant message may have played well with some Palestinians, but it has reaffirmed Israel's assertion that Hamas wants nothing less than the Jewish state's destruction. Moreover, his promotion of a course of action that is not doable, given Israel's military superiority, keeps an

unrealistic dream alive. His stance is in sharp contrast to that of President Abbas, who believes violence is not the answer. If Mesha'al believed his speech would terrorise his enemies, he was mistaken. Its salient points will have been received like milk and honey in the Netanyahu camp and will be quoted again and again by Israeli spokespersons on western TV channels to emphasize that, like the leopard, Hamas "a terrorist organisation" will never change its spots.

Palestinians: What the UN brought

Khaled Abu Toameh, Gatestone Institute, 7 December 2012

<http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/3482/palestinians-un>

Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders say they are already preparing for the next war with Israel. They say that their groups still have many rockets that will be used against Israel in the future.

As one Hamas official put it, "In the next war with Israel, Israelis will be forced to flee not only their homes, but the whole country."

Fatah is also preparing for a possible confrontation with Israel, both on the ground and in the international arena. Some Fatah leaders are now talking about a new intifada against Israel, especially in the West Bank and east Jerusalem.

Every step that Israel takes, such as building new housing units in the Jerusalem suburbs, is being viewed by the Fatah leadership as a "war crime" and "act of aggression" on the UN-recognized State of Palestine.

Mahmoud Abbas's top aides in Ramallah are now talking about filing charges against Israel with the International Criminal Court over plans to withhold tax revenues belonging to the Palestinian government and the construction of the new housing units.

The Palestinians feel that for the first time in decades they have succeeded in rallying most of the world against Israel.

The celebrations that took place in the Gaza Strip and West Bank over the past two weeks are the result of the Palestinians' belief that they have defeated Israel twice - first during Operation Pillar of Defense, and second at the UN General Assembly, where a majority of countries voted in favor of upgrading their status to Non-Member Observer State.

The Palestinians are convinced that they have managed to defeat the Israelis, both militarily and diplomatically.

Hamas's continuing control over the Gaza Strip, despite the recent Israeli military offensive, is seen as a victory for the Islamist movement as well as for many Palestinians.

Palestinians who took to the streets to celebrate the victory chanted slogans in support of Hamas's rockets and missiles, especially those fired toward Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Referring to Hamas's armed wing, Izaddin al-Kassam, jubilant Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip chanted, "Oh, Kassam, bomb, bomb Tel Aviv!" and "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!"

They were not celebrating the end of the eight-day military offensive, which led to the death of more than 160 Palestinians.

They were celebrating the fact that Hamas and Islamic Jihad had succeeded in launching rockets at Jerusalem and Tel Aviv; that thousands of Israeli families had to sit in bomb shelters or flee their homes because of the rockets, and that for the first time millions of Israelis were living within the range of Iranian-supplied and locally made rockets and missiles.

Even Fatah officials and supporters took to the streets to join the Hamas and Islamic Jihad celebrations. Some Fatah leaders traveled to Gaza to congratulate Hamas and Islamic Jihad -- who a few years ago had thrown Fatah members to their deaths off the tops of buildings and forced them out of Gaza — and to hail their "resistance and steadfastness."

A week later, in the aftermath of the UN General Assembly vote, it was Fatah's turn to claim victory over Israel.

The Fatah celebrations also turned into anti-Israel demonstrations and rallies.

Many Palestinians, after the UN vote, celebrated in Ramallah and other West Bank cities, where they chanted slogans in support of Hamas and the armed struggle. At the rallies Palestinians, in a unique show of unity, raised the flags of both Hamas and Fatah.

The Fatah celebrations -- which also took place in the Gaza Strip for the first time since 2007 -- were not about the upgrading of the Palestinians' status so much as the feeling that Israel has been humiliated and isolated in the international community.

There has been no mention of the peace process or coexistence with Israel. The belligerent and defiant tone of Fatah officials sent the message that the Palestinians are now headed toward confrontation with Israel -- not peace.

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