

Good fences make good neighbors

A DISCUSSION WITH
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I recently saw a movie, called the Pianist, which takes place in Poland. The movie is based on WWII and the Germans come in and take over, and put all the Jewish people into camps and whatnot. In the first half of the movie the Germans tell the Jews that they have to put the Star of David on their shoulders. Then they said, ok, everyone that's Jewish has to move into a certain location.

The Warsaw Ghetto, right?

That's right. And after moving into this location, the Jews have to build a wall, basically imprisoning themselves inside. Now my question is, is Israel building a wall to keep out intruders, or are they using this opportunity to define their land/region, and possibly trying to expand it further than it already is now? I find it ironic that during WWII and the Holocaust they were put inside a wall, and now they're building one again, but this time its seems to be the other way around.

Hmmm...lets see...you're touching on something that you really don't want to...

Oh no, I do. That's why I asked you this question.

Ok. First of all, the wall is obviously a land grab. That's obvious, because the Israelis had this area where they might have built a wall, the green line, you've heard of it? Well, the green line was the area where the wall would have been theoretically acceptable to both Jewish people and Arabs. Instead of building on the green line, they're building into the West Bank, and they're conveniently taking in all the settlements that they constructed, illegally, in that area, and they're also taking all the water resources. In other words tapping into the aquifers that they're also taking illegally from the Palestinians. Now when you seem to wall in these settlements, rather generously, when you take land away from orchards and land that actually belongs to Palestinians, when you steal water resources, what are you doing?

Pissing off a bunch of already angry people?

Well, yeah, in addition. But you're grabbing their land, that's what this is, pure and simple: land grab. Its not fair, and its not right. And who's participating in this by their silence?

America.

Yes, and it's another reason why we're hated, around the world. In fact we're taking another page from the Israeli book. Have you heard what we're doing now to houses of suspected terrorists in Iraq?

We're raiding them.

We're blowing them up. If you're suspected of being a terrorist your house will be blown up. We warn the people in the house, the women and children, you know, "get out, the house is going to be destroyed". Now, the Israelis do it with a bulldozer and we do it a Howitzer, and Apache gun ships. So its different, I guess we have more fun. But the thing is, we're destroying these houses.

Now how does this all square with the fact that the Jews were essentially persecuted in WWII by the Germans? I think it's really convenient, that they happen to have something that they can use against anyone who accuses them of anything. In other words, if you say that what they're doing is something akin to the holocaust, what will they say? "You're an anti-Semite, you're anti Jewish, you just want to try and destroy the Jewish religion". It's so convenient. It allows them to do exactly what was done to them.

And what are they doing with Palestinians, every day? They're killing them. They're walling them in, they're essentially doing the same thing that was done to them. Of course they're not tattooing the numbers into the arm, and they're not taking their glasses and their gold fillings, and everything else, as far as I know, but they're still slaughtering these people. Now what's with that? Its exactly what Hitler did to the Jews.

So the Jews pretty much aren't better than...

I'd say that if anything, they've learned from their tormentors. That's where it's beautiful for them, they have this convenient thing. If you start saying that what they're doing is wrong, what can they throw at you? Anti-Semitism. It's perfect. I've seen them use it against U.S. politicians. Its beautiful, I mean its wonderful, because as soon as they start saying you're anti-Semite, then what happens in the congressional system?

We start backing off.

And of course they also possess one lobby which is the second biggest lobby in the United States in terms of money, called AIPAC¹, and when pro-Israeli interests start saying someone is anti-Semitic, what's AIPAC going to do to

them? AIPAC is going to take them down, by funding the opponent, and believe me, they have money to spare. The point is, the Jews have such a perfect position at this point.

So maybe, we should start testing nuclear weapons on Israel?*

I'm sorry...?

You know how Bush wanted to start retesting nuclear weapons, should we maybe just test one on Israel, and resolve this problem?*

*(These two comments WERE NOT made seriously, we apologize if this may have offended you. If you have questions or comments, please email the Sentinel at opinion@foothillsentinel.com)

I hate to tell you this, but what is another country in the world which happens to have nuclear weapons?

Israel.

They have depositories full of them. And guess where they got the Uranium.

Us.

Yeah, they stole it off a U.S. ship. This was yellowcake, uranium oxide which was being transported from somewhere in Africa, maybe Zaire, to the United States²...

What do you mean they stole it off a U.S. ship?

This is in National Geographic³ by the way, the ship was going from this African country, to the United States, to a nuclear power plant, with, yellowcake on it, which is uranium oxide. You process that and you get uranium. The ship disappeared. This was in the 60's, ok.⁴

They found the ship two weeks later. No crew members on it, it was drifting, no cargo, ok, and the cargo of course was uranium oxide. It was gone, all the drums were gone. The CIA was then sent to find out what the hell happened to the yellowcake.

They found it off the coast of Turkey. In other words, these fools, well, anyway, they weren't smart enough to move the boat further away. The CIA appears to have found information leading them to believe that it was Mossad⁵ that was involved and the Israeli government. And what did they do with the investigation?

They dropped it.

Yeah, they dropped it right there...now what does that tell you? Interesting...it doesn't tell you anything theoretically,

but if you read between the lines its says that probably, Israel got the uranium oxide. It did tell us it was stolen, but its interesting that as soon as we found out where this stuff went, we decided it wasn't worth investigating anymore.

When the President or someone in congress is even asked about Israel containing nuclear weapons, they say what nuclear weapons.

Yes. The official line is we don't know. The unofficial line is we know pretty damn well, but you know, we don't want to mess with it, because its Israel.

So then Israel is more powerful than America?

No, but Israel has a hammer lock on America. Every year we give them about 5 billion, at least for the Camp David accords because apparently its going down over time, and another 4 billion in extra money. You know, just because they're such good friends. So they get roughly 9 billion dollars a year.

And they put roughly 250 million a year into the American political system. It's a damn good investment. I mean you just plunk 250 million into an election and you get 9 billion out. I mean, they're good business people, you got to respect them for that, if for nothing else.

Of course they're buying our elections, which pisses me off. And this is stuff you learn over time, its not overt, no one tells you this, and no one wants you to know it. But I mean, its there.

And I once had the misfortune of asking a congressman who I was interning for if he'd ever heard about AIPAC...because I was stupid; you're not supposed to ask them that. And he just got very quiet, and he told me I should go back to my intern duties.

Just because you asked him?

I asked him about something you're not supposed to talk about. His administrative assistant came to me later and explained the brush-off because he knew it was an honest question, because I'd heard about AIPAC, and I was wondering if he'd heard about it too, as a congress person.

So if I were to go online and look up AIPAC...

Oh yeah, you'll find it. But they won't say exactly how much money the put into the races. I mean they're honest about it, they have significant influence on the U.S. government, but few people have any idea how much influence they wield.

1. American Israel Public Affairs Committee, (pronounced A-PACK)

2. In fact, 200 tons of yellowcake were being transported from Antwerp to Genoa by ship

3. April 1979 edition

4. November 1968, and the ship's name was the Scheersberg A.

5. The Israeli analogue to the CIA



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