

Everything you
always wanted to
know about the
Middle East
Conflict...*

*...but were
afraid to ask

Excerpts from books, articles, statements and speeches
by leading statesmen, authors, editorial writers, newscasters, etc.

QUOTES on the Middle East Problem

"A Zionist State in Palestine can only be installed and maintained by Force"
— Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The fundamental quarrel in the Middle East is between the Israelis and the Palestinians, two claimants to the ancient land of Palestine. Although other countries have become deeply involved, it is these two peoples who have been and will continue to be the principal victims of prolonged conflict."

— N.Y. Times

"Our conscience was awakened by Hitler's treatment of the Jews. We felt clearly the need to see the creation of a home, that persecuted Jews might go to. The fact we overlook is — we chose someone else's home to give. The torturers of the Jews were Westerners, the Germans. Anti-semitism exists in America and Britain as in many other Western countries. It does not exist here for the Arabs are Semites too. So to pay our debt of conscience, we let the Arabs, who have done no harm, foot the bill."

Howard K. Smith
Newscaster

"The Palestinians seek nothing more than what all Americans take for granted: citizenship somewhere (preferably in their own home) coupled with a right to earn a living and retain title to their own property. Fedayeen terrorism in pursuit of these objectives is neither more nor less pardonable than Israeli bombing raids upon Lebanese villages.

Thos. C. Schuller, President
International College of Beirut

"These acts of terror (by the Palestinians) are the result of twenty-five years of deep and bitter frustration. Desperate men invariably resort to desperate means. Let us not forget that it was the Zionists who introduced terror

into the Middle East with the Stern and Irgun gangs and that it was they who started the letter bombs."

Dr. M.T. Mehdi
Arab Spokesman

"In what is probably the most delicate international situation which exists in the world today, 180,000,000 Americans find their foreign policy being whipsawed by a minority pressure group."

Senator J. William Fulbright

"Why are we giving Israel such blind support? To save the Middle East from Communism? But it is Israel which has brought a Communist presence into the area. Because it is our policy to support democratic regimes? What is democratic about a regime which is bound by its "fundamental" laws to discriminate against people, not because they are Christians or Muslims, but simply because they are not Jews?"

Norman F. Dacey
Author

"Our fathers had reached the frontiers which were recognized in the Partition Plan. Our generation reached the frontiers of 1949. Now the Six-Day Generation has managed to reach Suez, Jordan and the Golan Heights. This is not the end. After the present cease-fire lines, there will be new ones. They will extend beyond Jordan — perhaps to Lebanon and perhaps to central Syria as well."

Moshe Dayan

"Jerusalem cannot belong to anyone because Jerusalem belongs to everyone."

Pope Paul VI

"Homelessness is the major theme of Zionism, but this pathetic passion is denied to Arab refugees."

I.F. Stone
Author

"I wholly agree that American partisanship in the Arab-Israel conflict is dangerous to both the United States and the Free World."

— John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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international law, the principle holds true that no citizen loses his property or his rights of citizenship; and the citizenship right is *de facto*, a right to which the Arabs in Israel have much more legitimacy than the Jews. Just because the Arabs fled? Since when is that punishable by confiscation of property and by being barred from returning to the land on which a people's forefathers have lived for generations?"

*Erich Fromm
Author*

"The story which Jewish publicity at first persuaded the world to accept, that the Arab refugees left voluntarily is not true. Voluntary emigrants do not leave their homes with only the clothes they stand in. People who have decided to move from a house do not do so in such a hurry that they lose other members of their family — husband losing sight of his wife, or parents of their children. The fact is that the majority left in panic flight. They were in fact helped on their way by the occasional massacres — not of very many at a time, but just enough to keep them running."

*Sir John B. Glubb,
former Commander of the Arab Legion*

"Jewish terrorism, not only by the Irgun, in such savage massacres as Deir Yassin, but in milder form by the Haganah, itself 'encouraged' Arabs to leave areas the Jews wished to take over for strategic or demographic reasons. They tried to make as much of Israel as free of Arabs as possible."

*I. F. Stone
Author*

"Top Jewish leaders in the U.S. were putting all sorts of pressure on me to commit American power and forces on behalf of Jewish aspirations in Palestine."

President Harry Truman, 1946

"I dislike the coercive methods of Zionists who in this country have not hesitated to use economic means to silence persons who have different views. I object to the attempts at character assassination of those who do not agree with them."

*Arthur Hays Sulzberger
Publisher — N.Y. Times*

The Middle East Conflict

Did you know:

THAT in 1917, the Arab people revolted against the Ottoman Turks and joined ranks with the Allies during World War 1. That Britain had pledged complete independence for all Arab countries in return for Arab support when the war ended and that this promise was not honored and Palestine became a British Mandate and, subsequently, a Zionist state? *

THAT when the Palestine Problem was created by Britain in 1917, more than 90% of the population of Palestine were Arabs? . . . And that there were at that time no more than 56,000 Jews in Palestine?

THAT more than half of the Jews living in Palestine at that time were *recent immigrants*, who had come to Palestine in the preceding decades in order to escape persecution in Europe? . . . And that less than 5% of the population of Palestine were *native Palestinian Jews*?

THAT the Arabs of Palestine at that time owned 97½% of the land while the Jews (native Palestinians and recent immigrants together) owned only 2½% of the land?

*Zionism is a political movement pioneered by Theodor Herzl calling for the ingathering of World Jewry.

THAT during only thirty years of British occupation and rule, the Zionists were able to purchase only 3½% of the land of Palestine, in spite of the encouragement of the British Government?

THAT therefore, when Britain passed the Palestine Problem to the United Nations in 1947, Zionists owned no more than 6% of the total land area of Palestine?

THAT notwithstanding these facts the General Assembly recommended that a "Jewish State" be established in Palestine? . . . And that the Assembly granted that proposed "State" about 54% of the total area?

THAT Israel immediately occupied 80.48% of the total land area of Palestine?

THAT this expansion took place, for the most part, *before* 15 May 1948, i.e., *before* the formal end of the British mandate and withdrawal of British forces from Palestine, *before* the entry of Arab armies to protect Palestinian Arabs, and *before* the Arab-Israeli war?

THAT the 1947 recommendation of the General Assembly in favour of the creation of a "Jewish State" was outside the competence of the Assembly under the Charter of the United Nations.

THAT despite a firm recommendation from his own 1946 Committee of Inquiry and State Department that Palestine should never become a Jewish State, Harry Truman yielded to Zionist interest groups and, his own personal ambi-

tion for reelection, by ordering full pressure to be exerted on UN delegates to vote in favor of partitioning Palestine?

THAT all attempts by the Arab States and other Asian countries to have the Assembly submit the question of "constitutionality" of its recommendation to the International Court of Justice for an "advisory opinion" by the Court were rejected or ignored by the Assembly?

THAT the original 1947 recommendation to create a "Jewish State" in Palestine was approved at the first vote, only by European, American, and Australian States . . . Every Asian State, and every African State (with the exception of the Union of South Africa) voted against it? . . .

THAT when the Assembly began to experience "second thoughts" over the matter and convened for its special session in 1948, it failed to reaffirm the 1947 recommendation for the partition of Palestine — thus destroying whatever dubious legality that recommendation for the establishment of a "Jewish State" had had?

THAT the Jewish State was created in the heart of the Arab World over the objections of two-thirds of the indigenous population of Palestine, both Moslem and Christian?

THAT the creation of Israel has resulted in the displacement of 1.6 million Palestinians and the enmity of 110 million Arabs, heretofore most friendly to the U.S.?

THAT the Palestinians who were uprooted and forced from their homes, businesses and property, have never been compensated for their losses?

THAT most of the Palestinian Arabs fled Palestine as a direct result of the activities of Jewish terrorist such as the Stern and Irgun gangs especially after the Arab village of Deir Yassin was attacked and 254 men, women and children were brutally slaughtered?

THAT Israel has been trying to portray the Palestine problem as a religious conflict between Arabs and Jews, when it is in fact a political struggle between the indigenous Arab population of Palestine for their rights to home and national existence and, Zionist Jews (mainly from Western Europe) who are intruders and trespassers?

THAT ever since the advent of Zionism, de-Arabization of Palestine was an integral part of the Zionist philosophy, and the expulsion of the Arab people of Palestine was premeditated, calculated and carried out in fulfillment of this philosophy?

THAT Israel has additionally imposed a system of *apartheid* upon the Arabs who remained in their homeland?

THAT General Patrick Hurley, President Roosevelt's personal representative in the Middle East, reported on May 5, 1943 the following points of an enlarged program of the Zionist Organization in Palestine:

- (1) A sovereign Jewish state which would embrace Palestine and probably Transjordan;
- (2) An eventual transfer of the Arab population from Palestine to Iraq;
- (3) Jewish leadership of the whole Middle East in the fields of economic development and control?

THAT under Israel's "Law of Return," any Jew in the world can go to Palestine to live but the Palestinians themselves can never return to the land of their birth?

THAT Arabs and Jews have lived in complete friendship until the advent of Zionism, and that it was Zionist intrigue, machination and schemes which uprooted the majority of Jews from Arab countries?

THAT under Israel's "Status Law" all Jews everywhere owe a primary loyalty to Israel and THAT this "double loyalty" can be dangerous to the security of our country?

THAT Zionism is a political movement that has no relationship to Judaism and THAT, Zionism breeds anti-Semitism. THAT, many Jews are anti-Zionist because they recognize its racial connotations and fanaticism?

THAT in addition to alienating the Arab world, our blind support for the Jewish State has introduced the Russians into the area, aggravated our imbalance of payments and imperils our oil supplies from the Middle East?

THAT from 1948 to 1971, U.S. economic aid to Israel has totaled over \$1.8 billion and that another \$2.5 billion has been contributed by private U.S. citizens and institutions and that \$2.2 billion dollars of tax-exempt Israel Bonds were sold here and that this heavy outflow of dollars has contributed to our imbalance of payments?

THAT all of the above is exclusive of military aid now running between \$300-500 million per year. THAT in addition, Israel received \$906 millions in reparations when the U.S. forgave war debts due us from Germany. And THAT the closing of the Suez Canal is costing the U.S. and the Free World \$3.4 billions yearly?

THAT Israel has received more money per capita in foreign aid than any other country in the entire history of the world. THAT from the U.S. alone, this aid amounts to \$3,500 for every man, woman and child in Israel?

THAT despite the fact that the United Jewish Appeal acts as a conduit for the flow of American money into Israel, it is still allowed a tax-exempt status even though the Treasury Department admits that legally it should not have such tax exemption and THAT, this is costing U.S. taxpayers a quarter of a billion dollars every year?

THAT the tax exempt United Jewish Appeal is affiliated with the Jewish Agency, an arm of the Israeli Government which is registered with the Department of Justice as an agent of a foreign government?

THAT while American Jews are against public funds for private and parochial schools in the U.S., they are actively engaged in raising millions for religious schools and institutions in Israel and THAT most of this money is funneled to Israel through the tax-exempt United Jewish Appeal and, THAT, additional millions of dollars of U.S. foreign aid is given to church-supported institutions in Israel?

THAT in 1973, \$50 million of your tax money is being given to Israel for housing Russian immigrants while our own citizens are in dire need of housing?

THAT Zionists have cleverly brainwashed Americans into believing that Jews have a sole Biblical claim on Palestine when in fact this is contrary to both history and the Bible?

THAT the land of Canaan, later called Palestine, was settled by the Canaanites who were from the Arabian Peninsula and THAT, some modern day Palestinians are descendants of the original inhabitants (Canaanites, Amorites, Arameans and Arabs)?

THAT this was 1300 years before Moses led the Hebrews to Palestine and THAT, the Hebrews remained in Palestine for one hundred* years only whereas the Palestinians kept their continuous residence in Palestine until they were expelled by Zionists in 1948?

THAT we Americans are having our foreign policy whipsawed by a minority pressure group and that nearly every presidential and congressional candidate is heavily financed by American Zionists in exchange for support for Israel?

THAT there will be no peace between Israel and her neighbors until occupied Arab lands are returned in accord with U.N. resolutions, and until Israel recognizes the rights of the Palestinians to live in their own homeland in a progressive democratic state where *everyone* can live and enjoy equal rights and privileges, regardless of race or religious belief?

*Refers to United Hebrew Kingdom (1051 B.C.-931 B.C.) Later split into North (Israel) and South (Judea) until destroyed by Assyrians 586 B.C.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Every bookstore and every library in this country is inundated with books favorable to Israel and the Zionist cause. It is therefore difficult to get a balanced view. In the interest of fair play we urge you to read at least one publication that also gives the Arab viewpoint. We especially recommend the report prepared by The American Friends Service Committee and known more generally as the "Quaker Report." It is quick reading and outlines both viewpoints.

PUBLICATION	PUBLISHER	WHERE AVAILABLE
The Arab-Israel Dilemma —Khoury	Syracuse Univ. Press Syracuse N.Y.	publisher \$10.00 hardcover paperback stores \$4.95
Arab-Israeli Reader —Laquer	Bantam Books, Inc. 666 5th Ave. New York, N.Y.	paperback bookstores or publisher \$1.95
Bitter Harvest —Hadawi	New World Press 135 E. 44th St. New York, N.Y.	publisher \$4.95 hardcover
The Evasive Peace —Davis	New World Press 135 E. 44th St. New York, N.Y.	publisher \$2.95 hardcover
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The Other Side of The Coin —Lilienthal	Middle East Perspective 850 7th Ave. New York, N.Y.	publisher \$6.50
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