

THE DIOGENES REPORT

“a few steps ahead of the curve”

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OLD BLUE EYES WOULD HAVE HANDLED IT DIFFERENTLY

Today’s bombing at the Hebrew University’s Frank Sinatra Cafeteria would have evoked a different response from Old Blue Eyes than the “promise of retaliation” from the Israeli Government. And with PPPM* Sharon running the show it is most likely that the response will be wimpish—like bombing some empty police stations.

Frankie and his friends would have eliminated the step of promising retaliation and immediately used the jawbone of an F-17 to take out a few thousand Arabs in Gaza, then swung the jawbone again and taken out another few thousand in East Jerusalem and Hebron. These moves would be followed up by taking down the Sheikh Yassin’s mosque where the Hamas Mohammedans pray to their god Moloch. At that point the Arabs might start getting the message. If not, Israel must keep increasing the ferocity of their responses.

Let us try to learn a wee bit from history. Despite having Tokyo and Yokahama set on fire, Japan did not get the message until Hiroshima and Nagasaki were A-bombed. Despite having Dresden and Berlin turned into infernos, Germany did not get the message until Russian troops were entering Berlin. Despite American victories in Afghanistan, Taliban and al Qaeda still haven’t gotten the message.

When it comes to dealing with fanatics, it takes more than the usual ferocity to deliver a message. And Israel and its leadership—which I view as complicit in the murder of Jrws—has not come close in delivering a message. I also believe that is time for the Israeli people to deliver a message to its leaders.

*Powder Puff Prime Minister.

STILL WHY?

Until these questions are made irrelevant by an Israeli government, Arab terror will continue.

- Why are Arabs still walking the streets of the Land of Israel?
- Why hasn’t every car, truck and bicycle owned by an Arab been destroyed?
- Why are the families of suicide bombers living in the Land of Israel—let alone living?
- Why hasn’t every spiritual/terrorist leader of Hamas and Hizbullah been eliminated?
- Why are talks going on between Israeli and Arab politicians?
- Why haven’t the Arab outrages on the Temple Mount been stopped?
- Why are there individuals whose policies have been emphatically rejected by the Israeli voters serving in the cabinet?

Why isn't the Prime Minister using the full force of the IDF to eliminate the terrorists and their supporters?

Why haven't the Israeli voters toppled the government that has violated its mandate?

D-DAY FOR COLIN POWELL

That's the headline for the lead editorial in The New York Times for Sunday, July 28, 2002. For the Times D-Day means that the Secretary of State, better known as Colin Powell in these pages because he had his head so far up his own ass that he didn't see the danger of Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War, should do something about the issues that the Times holds so dear to its heart. These issues are the kind of foreign policy issues that the Clinton Administration would have held dear if they believed in issues.

What the Times is unwilling to understand is that every day is D-Day—Do-Nothing-Day for the Secretary. That how he got where he is. He did nothing throughout his career in the Army and has done nothing as Secretary of State except whimpering a little. He is wiser than his critics. By doing nothing, you get blamed for nothing. That's how you get to be the very model of a modern Four Star General...and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs...and Secretary of State...and maybe President.

I wish that the Times would stop trying to derail Secretary Powell's personal game plan.

ACROSS MY RADAR SCREEN

Hymietown #1

I read that Jessie Jackson is in Israel to help further the "Peace Process". In a different time, I would have said that's mighty white of him. But this, supposedly, is a more politically correct time. I wonder if he is going to apply his old designation of New York—Hymietown—to Jerusalem, the original, and once again a Hymietown?

Probably not. Jessie will be more politically correct on this visit. He probably won't spit in the Kinneret either like he admitted to doing to the bowls of soup that he served as a waiter at Jewish affairs in his younger days.

What Jessie doesn't realize is that "Hymietown" is a compliment, or he likely would not have used that name. I wonder if when he gets to Gaza to visit Hamas will he call it "Towelheadtown"? That preacher does have a way with words.

Archeologist Competes With Philosophers

Some savant once, or twice, said that there is no idea so ridiculous that some philosopher will not embrace it. According to an AP news story from Jerusalem, an archeologist from the University of Hartford has donned the philosophers mantle.

After unearthing a skeleton from a grave in Qumran, the archeologist proclaimed that there is “circumstantial evidence” that the bones may be those of the “Teacher of Righteousness” the founder of the Essenes sect. Then he takes another jump of faith by claiming that not only was he the leader of the Essenes but John the Baptist. It doesn’t appear to bother the Hartford professor that the Essenes were writing about the Teacher of Righteousness for over 100 years before John the Baptist was born. His theory does bother the other eminent archeologists involved in the dig.

Perhaps the professor misread some of the inscriptions at the gravesite and confused John the Baptist with Jonathan the Bastard who used to hang around Qumran and annoy the Essenes.

NAMES

Names that fit and names that don’t,

In an AP news story about older couples living together without wedding rings, the name given of one women in such an arrangement is Jean Lovetang. Not only is it appropriate, but it sounds a lot better than poontang.

You would have been treated well at the Gates Restaurant Bar in New Canaan, Ct before the bar manager died of injuries from an auto accident. The manager’s name was Francis Fairservice. (Stamford, CT Advocate, July 18, 2000)

HEADLINES AND COMMENTS

Headlines from the world’s press. Comments by Diogenes

Kashmir Dispute Forces Powell To Weigh Claims By 2 Allies

The famed rabbi Colon Bowel renders a decision: “You’re right and you’re right.”

Man Sues N. Y. Archdiocese Over Alleged Abuse By Priest

1. Spokesman says archdiocese not responsible, priest is a Franciscan monk. Next they’ll say he is a Protestant parson in a Roman collar.
2. It’s the old “Franciscan Fondler” ploy.

NYC-Bound Amtrak Train Hits Truck In Fla.

If the engineer was a little more adept he could have also hit a truck in Calif,

Charges Dropped Against Norwalk Police Chief's Wife

Do you think she knew somebody? Could she be in bed with the cops?

Man Who Robbed Priest Gets 8 Years

Man who assaulted priest gets 8 years.

How many years did the priest get who assaulted a boy?

Business Reform Is More Political Than Practical

Believe it! Those thieves will still be robbing the people from their prison cells.

Millions Of Mexicans Give Pope A Sendoff

Keep your head up while you're swimming across the Rio Grande, they yelled.

Relatives Of Suicide Bombers Have 12 Hours To Appeal Expulsion Order

How Jewish of the Israeli Government.

School Sued Over Koran Requirement

That's some chutzpah for a good old boy school. Did the University of North Carolina force its freshmen study the Shinto bible or Mein Kampf after Pear Harbor? Do they think Chapel Hill is Berkeley?

Train Sticks To Schedule As Commuter, Stricken Dies

This train crew made history. It's the first time a commuter train stuck to a schedule.

Plan To Ship Garbage, But No Destination

How about Saudi Arabia? They ship their garbage to us.

One Dead In Attack On British Army Base In N. Ireland

Senator Mitchell, Bill Clinton, what happened to the peace process?

Maxwell Parrish Murals Stolen From Gallery

They better keep an eye on the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

Russia Indicates It Might Reconsider Iran Nuclear Plants Plan

Stop harassing the Russkys. If they want to sell Chernobyl-type plants to Iran, let them.

Will The Congo Accord Survive?

If you want to insure that it does, just tell them that you'll bring back the Belgians.

QUOTES I LIKE

If it wasn't for the weather, what would people talk about?

Emanuel L. Strunin

There go the "little people" complaining again.

Anonymous C.E.O.

The moral high ground: the loser describing the route that led him to the valley of defeat.

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God gives money to the wealthy because without it they would starve to death.

Mexican Proverb

New York is an exciting town where something is happening all the time, most of it unsolved.

Johnny Carson

I'm thirty years old, but I read at the thirty-four-year-old level.

Dana Carvey

Being a newspaper columnist is like being married to a nymphomaniac. It's great for the first two weeks.

Lewis Grizzard

I drink too much. Last time I gave a urine sample there was an olive in it.

Rodney Dangerfield

Ha'aretz reports, Bush intends to propose the establishment of a Palestinian state with temporary boundaries as early as September. Perhaps Palestinian independence could be declared on September 11, a day Palestinians have already been known to celebrate.

James Taranto (Wall Street Journal)

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