

THE DIOGENES REPORT

“a few steps ahead of the curve”

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IF TWO SAY YOU'RE DRUNK. . . .

There is an old Yiddish saying, which is echoed in many other cultures, which advises that if two people say that you are drunk, go lay down. One group where this message has not penetrated is the editorial staff of The New York Times. I have just been re-reminded of this by an interview with Ethan Bronner, an assistant editorial page editor at The Times.

“I think it’s good”, was Bonner’s answer to the question: “What is your assessment of The Times coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? Instead of lying down quietly in the gutter in the face of many thousands of Times readers who claim that the coverage is highly biased, he goes on to say that “Overall, it is certainly fair and balanced.”

Why bother interviewing someone in his position? What do you expect him to say when his job and so-called professional reputation are on the line? But to prove his “objectivity”, he further notes that: “Obviously, like any news organizations, it doesn’t mean that it has been entirely error free....” He neglects to mention that there are an overload of errors, most of them purposeful but some based on ignorance, every time that there is Middle Eastern coverage in The Times.

While Mr. Bronner should not twist the obvious editorial and news bias of The Times against Israel, he can excuse the bias by blaming tradition. Not exactly the TRADITION of Fiddler On The Roof but the tradition of the Ochs/Sulzberger family. As a matter of fact, Bronner notes that the person who holds the ultimate editorial decision-making position on The Times is Arthur Sulzberger, the publisher. Everyone else is merely a somewhat talented writing hack, in my humble opinion.

As Diogenes and many others have pointed out, the Ochs/Sulzbergers through their mouthpiece, The New York Times, have been opposed to a Jewish State even before Israel was established. When The American Council for Judaism was beating the drums against the formation of a Jewish state, not only was the family strong supporters of the organization, but its newspaper served as a house organ for its anti-Zionist views.

The fact is that The Times editorial policy on the Middle East is transmitted directly from the publisher to the editorial staff or by editorial staff’s unerring knowledge of what the family’s tradition demands. And that tradition is **DO NOT BE FAVORABLE TO THE JEWISH STATE**. Only when Times’ editors are no longer under the heel of the family do they admit to this reality.

RELIGION IN THE NEWS

The following proposal has been offered by one of my readers. My reader tells me that Chaucer suggested this treatment for priests over 600 years ago. I have not decided whether to endorse it, since I am still carefully studying the proposal.

I have the perfect solution for all the problems the Roman Church is having with its clergy, although my solution could cause more difficult recruiting problems.

The Church brought the scandal on itself by separating two venerable old traditions instead of combining them in its priesthood.

I say it's about time to make celibacy a true commitment by making priests castrati.

The recruitment would be made easier by doing it when a family's designated priest would be operated on as a boy, just like the church used to do, except now the castrati, after serving in a beautiful boy's choir, would have a career path into a "higher" calling, the priesthood.

If you object to this violation of privacy, just think how the other child abuse would disappear completely.

And with a castrati priesthood, they would really be able to celebrate a High Mass...in High C.

And then, that incomprehensible term, "lay people," would be a real double-entendre, as differentiated from the priesthood.

ACROSS MY RADAR SCREEN

The Tenet Of Tenet

George J. Tenet, the director of the CIA appears to have only one tenet, and that is saving the asses of Yasir Arab-rat and his noch-schlepper, as we are wont to say in Sanskrit. It would be nice for the US of A if George J.'s tenets would extend to removing the stupidity and lack of professional capabilities that infests the "Company"

By the way, Tenet threatened to resign, if Bill Clinton pardoned Jonathan Pollard. There appears to be no question but that the security of the United States would have improved substantially if the president pardoned Pollard and caused Tenet to slide into oblivion. As it turns out Tenet has caused more harm to the U. S. by supporting the terrorist Palestinian Authority than Jonathan Pollard ever did by providing Israel with information about Arab terror and plans of aggression.

Tripping Over The Truth.

It's The New York Times, again and again. The following doesn't compare to their regular menu of lies and distortions they serve up from Israel and the Middle East, but it makes you wonder about the capabilities of it's staff.

An August 11 news story on a book sale carried the following sentence: "It began sporadically in 1911." Please explain.

HEADLINES AND COMMENTS

Headlines from the world's press. Comments by Diogenes.

Sex Offender Demands Time In Jail

Insists on a juvenile facility.

Heston Says He Has Symptoms Of Alzheimers

He can only remember 7 commandments.

3 Killed At Pakistani Church

Is this a reflection of Islamic peace or Islamic tolerance?

Civil Sex Abuse Suit Filed Against Former Norwich Priest

Civil! Civil! Is the whole world going secular?

Britain Frees Muslim Accused Of Recruiting Terrorists

Please extend the same courtesy to the Irish.

Martha Stewart May Receive A Subpoena From Congress

Careful, she may throw a bud vase at them.

U. S. Seeks To Limit Conservation Law

If you've deja vued one sequoia, you've deja vued all sequoias.

Catholic Religious Orders Let Abusive Priests Stay

It's a shame that laypeople can't tell the difference between abusers and lovers.

Five Allege Abuse By Ex-Priest

What do you mean "ex-priest"?

Auschwitz Repairs Force Tough Debate

I'll wager that this debate is tougher than the debate on whether to bomb the crematoria.

Virgin Takes First Commercial Flight

Were the professional hookers cheering her on?

Reconstruction Of Afghan Roads Stalls, Despite Promises

How about the promises to fix the potholes in the New York metro area?

Talent Hunt Is Still On In Biotech

Can't find enough Ph.D.s who'll fit into a test tube?

Romney Seeks High Office With Confidence, Pedigree

If he is elected, he will be the only governor with a blue ribbon from the American Kennel Club

Shortages Of Housing And Water Multiply Algerians' Woes

It must be the work of the Mossad

N. Y. Firm Recalls Pork Product

Tha' that's all folks.

Ousted Members Say Jehovah's Witnesses' Policy On Abuse Hides Offenses

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Jehovah's Witnesses.

We already belong to a church.

That's not why we're here. Just send out your daughter.

4 Top Elected Officials To Give Up Scandal-Stained Contributions

Gov. Pataki will only give back half of his contributions. If he is reelected, will he serve from the waist down or the waist up? Which half will it be George?

As The Market Falls, The Con Games Rise

That's strange. It's the same when the market goes up.

Texas Executes A Foreigner

Did they run out of Americans?

Sears Sues Craftsman Tool Supplier

A poor workman always blames his tools.

Kozlowski Lawyer Outlines Strategy In Tax Case

Lie.

Mirant Says Accounting Errors May Hit \$1.1 Billion

Just another misplaced decimal.

QUOTES I LIKE

In heaven they will bore you, in hell you will bore them.

Katherine Whitehorn

A guilty conscience is the mother of invention.

Carolyn Wells

An Englishman does everything on principle: he fights you on patriotic principles; he robs you on business principles; he enslaves you on imperial principles.

George Bernard Shaw

The translation of Islam is not peace. The correct translation is peace process which is just an Arab myth.

Emanuel L. Strunin

There is a limit to wisdom, but there is no limit to foolishness.

Turkmen Proverb

Game Boy and Pokemon: Japan's revenge for Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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The heart has its reasons, which are quite unknown to the head.

Blaise Pascal

A book that furnishes no quotations is no book—it is a plaything.

T. L. Peacock

I am in earnest—I will not equivocate—I will not excuse—
I will not retreat a single inch—and I will be heard.

William Lloyd Garrison

It is extremely difficult for a Jew to be converted, for how can he bring himself to believe in the divinity of—another Jew.

Heinrich Heine

They made peace between us; we embraced; and have been mortal enemies ever since.

Alain Rene Lesage

Virtue is the roughest way,
But proves at night a bed of down.

Henry Wotton

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