

# Anti-Zionist comment is Arab propaganda

By JAY BELL

I read in Excalibur, with fascination, the speculation that certain Jews in Canada may have been responsible for blowing up buildings and manipulating the national media.

I could not help remembering the propaganda techniques employed by the Nazis in World War II. Arranging to have the German Reichstag (their parliament building) burned, they then blamed the communists and the Jews. The propaganda machine of the Nazis was based on half-truths, unfounded accusations, and often blatant lies.

The Nazis also painted themselves as underdogs. They only wanted living space. They had been deprived of

the Rhineland, the Sudatenland and the city of Danzig as well.

Austria too was German, they claimed. They claimed justice, what was theirs by right, and all the while they plotted world domination and genocide.

Time Magazine's Man of the Year was Hitler in 1939.

How we were all taken in then. There were even naive Jews who first believed, and even supported that man of the year. Some allowed themselves to be used; others apologized for the slips of the Nazi leader, wanting to be blind.

The letter from Wesfield and Gaybe, and Stuart's comment, are clever examples of the new carefully refined products of the Arab

propaganda effort, aimed at the educated North American middle class.

They suggest, by connecting two separate items — a quote from General Sharon taken out of its larger context, and an event which all agree was unfortunate — that Zionist Jews were responsible for the destruction of the Arab Information Office.

They do so without any proof of even the flimsiest nature. They use the word 'Zionist' like an obscenity, as though it meant more than simply a person of any religion who believes that the state of Israel has a right to exist. They speculate, they imply accusations against any organization or group which sympathizes with Israel's right to exist, even though time after time these same groups have spoken against such terrorism.

## TERRORISTS

Lest we forget (I need not list the incidents), it has been the Arab terrorists who have killed, murdered and maimed. No Jew will deny the basic principle that ultimately the Palestinians have a right to a homeland; but when the Arabs have so many countries, so much land, and so much blood money which they have squeezed from the whole world — even from countries now on the verge of bankruptcy and starvation — can any moral and thinking human being, Moslem, Christian or Jew, deny that two and a half million Jews also have the same right to live in peace, in one land of their own?

When we hear charges and counter charges, let us be critical; let us be objective. I do not suggest that just because no person was hurt in the fire that was referred to, that there

is no proof that any files of importance were really destroyed, or that the damage done could easily be undone with a small donation from the Middle East coffers, that the fire was in fact set by the Arabs as a propaganda move.

## NAIVETE

Even if I were suggesting that was the case, I would not suggest the Arabs in the information centre were necessarily aware of it. A terrorist group like Black September could have found a time when no Arabs would be in the office and blown up the office then — assuming that they care for the lives of their Arab brethren more than they obviously do for anyone else. But I do not suggest this.

Even if I were suggesting it, I certainly would not suggest that Weisfeld, Gayle, and Stuart are in the pay of the Arabs. I would suggest however, with a fair degree of certainty, that their political naiveté has

allowed them to be sadly and seriously misled as to what is happening in this world.

While we all must share in the hope for peace and justice for all in the Middle East, we must not allow ourselves to be misled by those who would employ the techniques of Adolph Hitler.

## OFFER ADVICE

This does not mean Israel, right or wrong. Canadians — all of us — can offer Israel advice. We can and should criticize both sides, whenever they are intransigent or unreasonable in their demands.

We must however understand the positions of all parties to the conflict, and we cannot expect that the Israelis will calmly accept advice to dismantle the country they have built and died for, and silently march into the sea.

We would not heed such counsel. Why should they?

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John Dean, the ex-White House lawyer who rose to stardom and a jail term for his activities in the Watergate cover-up, will regale the Carleton campus with a half-hour lecture on February 13 — if he makes it across the border.

Dean is being paid \$3,500 to deliver the lecture, followed by a one hour question-answer period. The speech, sponsored by Carleton's student council (CUSA), will kick off that university's Winter Week festivities; tickets are expected to cost \$2 for students and \$3 for others.

A major obstacle to the speech could be Dean's status as a convicted felon, and the Immigration Department's sour attitude toward accepting persons with a criminal record into the country. A Carleton law student is currently trying to iron out any potential problems.

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