



Middle Eastern Myths
"The Myth of Yasser Arafat"
By Dr. Richard Booker

One of the greatest myths is the myth of Yasser Arafat. To understand the deception of Yasser Arafat, we must look briefly at the situation in pre-Israel Palestine during the British Mandate. The moral of this story is that those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it.

At the end of the First World War, Britain was given the mandate to administer Palestine. The British government appointed Sir Herbert Samuel, a British Jew, as Palestine High Commissioner. Sir Herbert Samuel arrived in Palestine on July 1, 1920. Unfortunately, history tell us that Sir Herbert was a weak administrator who was all to ready to compromise for what he thought was for the sake of peace.

Perhaps because he was a Jew, and not wanting to appear partial, Sir Herbert appeased the extremist, nationalistic Arab minority led by a violent, fanatical zealot named Haj Amin al-Husseini. Husseini was from a prominent Arab Palestinian family who were fervent Anti-Zionists. The British had earlier imprisoned Husseini for instigating an Arab attack against Jews who were praying at the Western Wall.

A crisis that would have lasting consequences occurred in 1921 when the existing Arab Mufti (religious leader) died. Due to influence by anti-Zionist British officials on his staff, Sir Herbert released Husseini from prison and appointed him as the new Mufti, even elevating him to the title of Grand Mufti. He became the religious and political leader of the Arabs. Husseini was only in his mid-twenties at this time, but he already had a history of violence against Jews.

Husseini was the first proponent of militant, Arab Palestinian nationalism. He was an all or nothing terrorist who was determined to drive out or destroy the Jews or be destroyed himself, regardless of how many lives were wasted in the process. Once he was in power, he began a campaign of terror and intimidation against anyone opposed to his rule and policies. He not only killed Jews but also Arabs who did not support his campaign of violence. Husseini was not willing to negotiate or make any kind of compromise for the sake of peace.

Once again we turn to Winston Churchill who tried to reason with the Arabs with the Western understanding of "give and take" so that all parties would have at least some of their demands satisfied. Churchill noted that the Arabs refused to negotiate but



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came to the "peace talks" thinking they could give nothing while expecting the other side to make huge concessions with no guarantees that the concessions would lead to peace. He was baffled that the Arabs were unwilling to offer even one percent in order to get ninety-nine percent. They had no consideration of the claims and needs of others, but only their own.

Many moderate Arabs fled Palestine out of fear of Hussein. He raised the stakes of the Arab-Jewish conflict and took control away from the more moderate Arabs who desired to live in peace with the Jews. Mainly because of him, attempts to establish peaceful relations between Arabs and Jews came to an end. He plunged the Arab world into a political and religious "jihad" against the Jewish people that set the course for the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East.

Hussein instigated bloody riots against the Jews in 1920-1921 and again in 1929. In 1929, Hussein concocted a story that the Jews praying at the Western Wall were taking over the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Sound familiar? He massacred the Jews at the Wall. This triggered a riot by Arabs in Hebron. On the Sabbath of August 24, Arabs murdered sixty-seven Jewish men, women and children in Hebron and destroyed the synagogues. This violent action brought an end to a Jewish presence in Hebron that had been there for thousands of years.

He saw Hitler's "final solution to the Jewish problem" as the answer to his own desire to eliminate the presence of Jews in Palestine. Hussein imported Nazi influence into Palestine and used Nazi funds to finance his terrorist activities. He openly supported Hitler and Mussolini and led a revolt against the British in 1936-1939. He was forced to flee to Iraq where he cooperated with the Nazis in a failed coup attempt against the British. He then fled to Germany where, in November of 1941, he was greeted with open arms by Hitler himself.

Hussein was known as the "Arab Fuhrer." He used his program on Radio Berlin to exhort the Arabs in the Middle East to murder the Jews in a holy war that pleased Allah. While at the same time, he prodded the Nazis to further zeal in completing their "final solution to the Jewish problem." In one instance, he learned that Adolf Eichman intended to swap thousands of Jewish children for German POWs. His protest forced Eichman to cancel the swap, resulting in the children being sent to death camps in Poland. On another occasion, Hussein traveled to Bosnia where he recruited Bosnian Moslems for the SS. They slaughtered ninety percent of Bosnia's Jews. The only condition Hussein set for assisting the Nazis was that, after they won the war, they would murder all the Jews in Palestine. After the war was over, Hussein fled to Cairo where he was given a heroes welcome.



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During the war, Arab Nazi parties were founded throughout the Middle East. The most influential one was "Young Egypt" which was established in 1933. Young Egypt imitated the Nazi party in their ideology, slogans, processions, and anti-Semitic actions. When the war was over, a member of Young Egypt named Gamal Abdul Nasser led the coup in 1952 that overthrew the Egyptian government. He made Egypt a safe haven for Nazi war criminals and, in 1964, he established the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO). Eventually the leadership of the PLO was taken over by a man named Rahman Abdul Rauf al-Qudwa al-Husseini. Al-Husseini was a nephew and great admirer of Uncle Haj Amin al-Husseini. He was born in Cairo in 1929 and grew up in the Gaza strip. His mother, Hamida, was a cousin of the Grand Mufti. Due to internal Arab strife, his father Abdul Rauf al-Qudwa was forced to flee Gaza where the family took refuge in Egypt.

Al-Husseini's cousin is Faisal al-Husseini who is the grandson of Haj Amin al-Husseini and the PLO representative in Jerusalem who has directed attacks on the Jews praying at the Western Wall. When Rahman Abdul Rauf al-Qudwa al-Husseini enrolled at the University of Cairo in 1951, he decided to conceal his true identity and registered under the name "Yasser Arafat."

Yes, Uncle Haj, the Arab Fuhrer himself, passed his legacy of hatred of Jews to his nephew Yasser Arafat who has passed the same legacy of hatred to the next generation of young Arabs. Through the PLO, he seeks to further the Arab Nazi goal of eliminating the Jews from the Land. However, like his notorious uncle, Yasser Arafat will fail, and after he has passed from the scene, the Israeli flag will still be flying high over Jerusalem, the eternal, undivided capital of Israel.



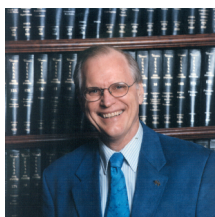
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