

Unmasking the Zionist myth

Alfred M. Lilienthal, the long-time crusader against Zionism, has written what truly can be called an encyclopedic work in his *The Zionist Connection*. To most Americans, for whom even the very word "Zionism" is a strange and unfamiliar one, the book is something of an eye-opening tour de force, recounting in incredible detail the extent and nature of Zionist and Israeli influence on American policy.

In almost 900 pages, including over 100 pages of footnotes and index material, in often bitter and sometimes ironic reporting, Dr. Lilienthal systematically demolishes what he calls "Zionist myth-information" to present his case.

But something is missing. Almost dizzying in its mass of compiled information, Dr. Lilienthal's book in fact presents the reader with a major detective problem: he has presented us with the trees; it is up to us to determine the nature of the forest. The empirical *what* of Zionism is there in useful and valuable detail, but the *why* and *how* of Zionism is, unfortunately, sorely lacking.

Dr. Lilienthal is not a newcomer to the question of Zionism. After a brief sojourn in the State Department, he has spent virtually all of the past 30 years fighting Zionist propaganda and political sleight-of-hand, in an almost obsessive — and to some, quixotic — drive to enlighten the American population about the real and urgent danger in the ardently pro-Israeli course that has been followed by every U.S. administration since the founding of Israel (with, of course, the exception of General Eisenhower's presidency).

In that fight, Dr. Lilienthal has been, for the most part, alone and with few friends. A gregarious and delightful man, with a fine knowledge of history, he has nonetheless been a voice crying in the wilderness for several decades. His previous books, such as *What Price Israel?* and *There Goes the Middle East*, have been the target of concerted efforts at suppression and conspiracies of silence. According to very reliable sources, on the eve of the publication of one of his previous works, a hatchetman from the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League — a wholly-owned subsidiary of the

Mossad, Israel's intelligence service — used both blackmail and attempted bribery to stop the publication. His current book has met something of the same reaction.

I have a great deal of sympathy for Dr. Lilienthal's courageous effort. He has been acting, with deliberation, as the conscience of the American Jewish community and the citizenry at large, as a member of a rare breed, the active, humanist anti-Zionist Jew. In so doing, Dr. Lilienthal speaks for the silent majority of American Jews who, were it not for the atmosphere of terror and the sophisticated mass conditioning techniques created by the ADL and the other Zionist organizations, would join his crusade to free Jews of the Zionist cult. Dr. Lilienthal's humanist outlook is stated forthrightly in the dedication to his book:

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To Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Non-Believers, living and dead, who have had not only the courage to place their concern for mankind above their allegiance to any group or sect but also the willingness to do battle in behalf of this conviction.

In the introduction to *The Zionist Connection*, Dr. Lilienthal presents the ultimate indictment of Zionism: that it defines the Jew in terms put forward by the anti-Semite:

In doling out incarceration and death while sweeping through conquered Europe, did not the Führer undo the laws of emancipation for which so many Jews had so long struggled, as he decreed: "You are not German, you are a Jew — you are not Frenchman, you are a Jew ..."? Yet these are the identical words that Zionist leaders have been intoning as they have meticulously promoted the ingathering to Israel (Palestine) of Jews from around the globe....

There is no questioning that Dr. Lilienthal's book contains valuable information, references, and anecdotes that, taken together, prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Zionist disease has indeed almost fatally infected the American body politic. For anyone

interested in either American politics or the Middle East, the work is a useful dictionary of Zionism.

For instance, particularly interesting is his account of the actions of the Vatican during the era of Hitler, where he refutes the frequent Zionist charge that Pope Pius XII collaborated with or ignored Hitler's extermination policy against Europe's Jews. Because Eugenio Pacelli, the future Pius XII, had spent many years in Germany before the war, he was known as the "German pope," and around this and precious little else, the Zionists claimed that the Vatican leader was pro-Nazi. But Lilienthal shows the reality behind the Zionist myth: not only did Pacelli repeatedly denounce the Nazi race policy, but the Vatican actively helped smuggle tens of thousands of Jews out of Europe. Lilienthal quotes French historians to the effect that, by 1942, "over one million Jews, on Vatican directives, were being housed in convents and monasteries throughout Europe." In addition, Lilienthal reports the activity of Vatican secret intelligence agents against the Nazi Reich, including Pacelli's involvement in the aborted military coup against Hitler, an involvement that could have led to a Nazi occupation of Vatican City if it had become known.

In fact, as Dr. Lilienthal points out, it was the Zionist establishment, especially the Jewish Agency, that cooperated with Nazi authorities during the entire period of the Nazi Jew-killing policy, a hideous, almost unspeakably evil historical fact documented in the little-known book *Perfidy*, by Ben Hecht, cited by Lilienthal.

Scattered throughout the book are literally hundreds of interesting bits of information. One in particular is the account of the unsavory association among Joseph Churba, Rabbi Meir Kahane, and General George Keegan. Lilienthal reports that Churba, the fanatic Zionist of U.S. Air Force Intelligence who was sponsored by General Keegan, was a childhood friend of Jewish Defense League-founder Meir Kahane, and that together Churba and Kahane set up Consultant Research Associates and then co-authored a book entitled *The Jewish Stake in Vietnam*, a prowar diatribe.

But it is in the essential method used by Dr. Lilienthal that the chief weakness of the book lies. Nowhere in the book does the author attempt to present a coherent explanation of the origins of Zionism, except to present the standard account that the early Zionists established a tactical alliance with the British which simply served "British self-interest." That same "self-interest," asserts

Lilienthal, caused London to abandon the Zionists in the interests of currying Arab favor.

But what Lilienthal ignores is the overwhelming evidence that, from the very beginning until the present day, the leadership of the Zionist movement — including the government of the State of Israel — has been wedded permanently into alliance with the British oligarchy, the British Secret Intelligence Service, and the Royal Institute of International Affairs, as a deployable "Jewish cult" to serve London's foreign policy aims. In one egregious instance, Dr. Lilienthal even cites favorably the notorious homosexual-fascist British agent T.E. Lawrence ("of Arabia") as condemning the alleged "betrayal" of the Arabs by London — when it was the evil Lawrence who was chiefly responsible for that betrayal!

Such relative naivete is also shown by Dr. Lilienthal in his frequent quotations from Prof. Arnold Toynbee, the British Intelligence chieftain whose responsibility it was in the 1918-1926 period to oversee the deliberate fostering by London of the Arab-Jewish conflict over Palestine. Toynbee made a studied effort during his lifetime to assume a thin "pro-Arab" posture.

Again, during his correct and often shocking indictment of the *New York Times* as a virtual mouthpiece of the Zionist establishment — citing over 40 pages of examples of black-propaganda distortion — Lilienthal incredibly cites the *Washington Post* and the *Christian Science Monitor* as favorable standards of comparison with the *Times*. (The *Post*, as is well known, is run by the notorious Lazard Freres Zionist clique of Andre Meyer and Katherine Meyer Graham, while the *Fabian Monitor* is virtually a direct outlet for British Intelligence, founded in Boston during World War I by a member of the British Round Table!)

Despite his myopia on the question of the British, Dr. Lilienthal's magnum opus is an important work. It sums up the work of a lifetime. On almost every page is revealed Dr. Lilienthal's outrage at the sheer effrontery of the Zionist myth-makers in befogging the American public, combined with his deep and genuine commitment to justice for the Arab Palestinians. He manages to make his work read not like mere propaganda — as, unfortunately, is so much of Arab publication on this issue — but like the result of the personal crusade for truth that it is.

— by Robert Dreyfuss