OUR MAN IN HAIFA



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Communications Swindle of 1982

HAIFA -- In recent weeks the Western world has been treated to one of the major brainwashing experiences in recent history. Via television, radio and press the public has been subjected to a huge swindle in the communication of information from the Middle East,

Whether the systematic misinformation that has been disseminated is the result of deliberate and malicious anti - Israel influences, or of a breakdown in Israel's public relations program is for the moment not important. The fact remains that an inaccurate, distorted report of what has been going on in I ebanon has contributed to a completely erroneous conception of Israel's objectives and actions.

It has been said that a camera does not lie, but everyone who has ever clicked the little machine knows full well that the camers is highly selective, recording only what it is aimed at, to the exclusion of all else.

You can judge the accuracy of what you read and saw and heard in recent weeks by asking yourself if your local media of communications gave any kind of prominence to the following:

I. While focussing on Israel's siege of Beirut, did any major TV network or news agency make it clear that the PLO had hijacked an entire city and was holding its population hostage, as they had previously held all of Lehanon hostage?

2. Were there any pictures of the cheers and tears of relief with which Lebanese village after village greeted the Israelis who had freed them from terrorist occupation?

Did any of the scenes of roads packed with refugees make it clear that many of these were Lebanese villagers now making their way back home to southern Lebanon, from which they had fled after the terrorist invasion began seven years ago?

4. Was there ever any adequate correction or apology when it was ultimately revealed that the early PLO claims that Israelis had killed thousands of civilians was shown to be a figment of Arab imagination, cooked up by propagandists to prejudice the public?

Did you see the breathtaking pictures of the enormous underground depots of weapons and ammunition and heavy equipment which the PLO had been stockpiling for its future massive assault against northern Israel?

6. Who reported how PLO armed guards prevented civilians from getting food supplies from the UNRWA warehouses in Beirut?

7. Was there adequate and full explanation that some of the recent full - page ads in American papers, presenting utterly false statistics on Lebanese casualties, were infact hoaxes,

and that the prominent organizations presumed to have endorsed the ads disavowed such signatures?

Did TV prominently feature the Red Cross ship at Junia, deliberately shelled and hit by PLO guns?

Did anybody know how many Israeli soldiers had been killed and wounded because they refrained, under orders, from firing on

10. Were there any pictures of the corpses of Lebanese patients in the Sidon hospital, whose bodies had been drained of blood to provide transfusions for wounded PLO terror-

11. Did TV take its viewers up and down dozens of streets in Sidon, untouched by battle, in a city where selected pictures made it appear as if the whole city had been razed?

12. Were there any closeups of the truly awesome damage done to buildings in Damour, so that viewers could see the weeds growing out of the ruins - ruins created by the PLO when they had seized the city long before and had massacred many of the Christian population?

13. Did the media of communication make anything of the fact that the PLO had turned Lebanon into a center of international terrorism, where trainees came from the German Bader-

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Meinhof Gang, the Italian Red Brigades, the Japanese Red Army, the Irish Repuglican Army, and other lesser known bodies from other countries? Did any of this get through to Western public opinion?

14. Did the PLO permit any pictures to be taken of its terrorist "heroes" as they hid behind women and children to fire their guns into the Christian quarters of Beirut?

15. Public opinion has been disturbed by the fact that civilians are falling victim in Israel's attempts to root the terrorists out of Beirut. But where was that public opinion during the recent bloody civil wars in Lebanon, when thousands of Christians were massacred, as the terrorists took over? Is there a double standard? And where is the sense of propor-

When this is all over, there are many questions that intelligent people will be asking, and many explanations that the media of communications will have to give if they wish to retain public confidence.

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