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Description

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Sir:

The blind ignorance and prejudice that permeate your two letters on "Israel's Air Force" (Look, August 1) can only be exposed through the official figures and facts included in every encyclopedia and atlas. The land that is now Israel was for four hundred years under Turkish rule, a sparsely inhabited heap of barren sand and rocks, as a result of centuries of Turkish and Arab neglect. Compare its 8,000 square miles and 2.8 million inhabitants to the one half million square miles and 35 million population of the four countries surrounding Israel, i.e. Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. The figures rise steeply to two and a half million square miles and 75 million people if one adds some of the other Arab countries such as Iraq, Libya etc. Compare the hundreds of thousands of Jewish victims of Arab persecution which Israel has promptly absorbed and resettled in its tiny country, with the inhuman Arab treatment of its refugees, cruelly exploited for propaganda purposes.

One would have thought that after the grisly murder of six million Jews in World War II, climaxing two thousand years of monstrous persecution, the Christian and Moslem world would have felt some pangs of conscience with regard to the Jewish survivors in Israel but evidently no such conscience exists. The miraculous transformation wrought by Israel on the previously barren land, the incredible flowering of its arts, industry, agriculture, education, health and its truly democratic structure have only aroused the greed and envy of the Arabs. On a recent visit I saw the President and Prime Minister of Israel mingling freely with the audience at a concert in Jerusalem, without visible protection. I have seen the wretched Arab people cross the borders into Israel to receive, free, the modern medical treatment which they are unable to receive in their own country. They are coming by the thousands.

You, the editors of Look, have it in your power to expose the wicked and dangerous lies of the vast Russian-Arab propaganda machine. I see millions of uninformed, gullible people being whipped into the same kind of frenzied anti-Semitism that we remember so well from the Hitler era.

Yours sincerely,

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