

ARIEL SHARON  
HOVERS BETWEEN  
LIFE AND DEATH  
AND DREAMS OF  
THEODOR HERZL

\*\*\*SOURCES\*\*\*

*This packet contains the direct quotes which I either lift or paraphrase closely. I wanted to have these attributions available after the show because: (1) I am drawing on decades of other people's scholarship that needs to be recognized and (2) many of the "controversial" statements in the play are in fact quotes. I have divided them into chunks, roughly corresponding to when they appear in the play.*

*This play is a blend of imagination and history and I could not footnote all the research I have done. Please see the last page, however, for some of the sources I drew facts and inspiration from.*

*Lastly, and most importantly, **all translations are by Harry Zohn, unless otherwise attributed.** I am deeply grateful for the support of Ms. Judy Zohn.*

Part 1:

Herzl the Playwright/the Self-Hating Jew

“[I am writing a new play]... though progress is slow, very, very, slow. But that doesn't matter. All good things take time, and *this play will be my masterpiece*. If I know anything at all, Germany has not yet seen so profound a comedy as this one”  
(Herzl, Letter 10/1/91)

“Yesterday at grand soiree at Treitel's. Some thirty-forty ugly little Jews and Jewesses. Not a very edifying sight.”  
[Herzl, Letter to parents, 11/25/85]

*Actor/Director Ernst Hartmann on THE FUGITIVE*

“Model your characters on real people rather than plastercasts from a museum. You obviously and without a doubt have talent, imagination – everything it takes, but it seems to me that you ought to treat human beings with a little more respect, that you ought to look at them more seriously and at greater depth if you want to portray them”  
(L. Kellner p. 69)

*A friend reads the play THE DISILLUSIONED to director of Burg Theatre*

“Mitterwurzer had me read part of the first act; then he abruptly cut me off with the terse remark that he could take no more of this boredom”  
(recorded in Herzl's “Youth Diary” 1/20/85)

Some synopses of Herzl's Plays

*See Ernst Pawel's excellent Labrynth of Exile for more on these)*

“The Hirschhorn Case”

A one act farce about fumbling lawyers, a beautiful young widow, and a contested inheritance. Herzl played the lead at a private performance (*Rejected by theatres in 1883, resubmitted in 1899, 2 years after 1st Zionist Congress and 5 years before his death. Still rejected*)

“The Princes of Geniusland”

Two women, one a countess, the other plebian, vie for the position of prima donna at a provincial opera house. The countess gets the job, the peasant girl gets the Count. (1889)

“The Fleishpots of Egypt” (renamed “Our Cathy”)

4-act comedy satirizing modern marriage (*written while on way to see Sultan, 1898*)

“We live in sobering times... without money no status, no honor, no pleasure, no comfort, no good dinners, no tasty drinks, no concerts and no theatre, no raincoats, no bowing waiters, no good cigars, in a word, nothing without money.”

[Herzl, Letter to father, year 7/22/83]

FROM HEINRICH KANA, *Herzl's best friend who killed himself in 1891*

“I’ve been living like a dog these past 5 months. ... But the moral and physical depression from which I’ve been suffering drains me of the strength I need to put my work {prose} in acceptable shape. I am unbelievably tired, I don’t know if you’ve ever experienced that sense of absolute loneliness” (Kana, 8/3/90)

“My dear, good Theodor, your old friend wants to bid you farewell before dying. Thank you for your friendship and for all your kindness. I wish you and your dear ones all the happiness in the world. I kiss you – Your Heinrich” (Kana, 2/6/91)

## Part 2

### Herzl on Anti-Semitism

On Karl Eugen Duhring’s book:

“An infamous book. And unfortunately so well written. When such infamous nonsense is presented in so straight-forward a manner, when so well-schooled and penetrating a mind, enriched by scholarly and truly encyclopedic knowledge such as Duhring undeniably possesses, can write this sort of stuff – what, then, can be expected of the illiterate mob? He treats the Jewish Question as a racial one. The early chapters, however, despite exaggerations and clear bias, are rather instructive and should be read by every Jew. The slippery slope of Jewish morals and the lack of ethical seriousness that characterizes so many - all, according to Duhring – activities of the Jews are being mercilessly exposed and stigmatized. One can learn a lot from this! But reading on, one gradually comes to realize that, along with truths, comes a great deal of falsehood and, in fact, deliberate and mean forgery have gone into this brew ... This rascal – I was all the more outraged because it was written in so excellent and pure a German. Furthermore, despite its vicious rantings, it contains many an original and reasonable idea. And finally, one senses a certain independence ... which in spite of everything strikes one as refreshing.”

(Herzl, Diary 2/9/82]

“I understand the nature of anti-Semitism. We Jews, through no fault of our own, have maintained ourselves as a foreign body among various nations. In the ghetto we adopted a number of antisocial traits. Pressure has corrupted our character, and it will take a counter-pressure to restore it. Actually, Anti-Semitism in the consequence of the emancipation of the Jews – of letting them live outside the ghettos and letting them vote. It was an error on the part of doctrinaire libertarians to believe that people can be made

more equal by an edict published in the Official Gazette. When first we emerged from the ghetto, we were still ghetto Jews. We needed time to get accustomed to freedom. But when the Jews turn away from money and move into professions previously barred to them, they exert terrible pressure on the livelihood of the middle classes. Yet anti-Semitism, a strong and unconscious force among the masses, will not harm the Jews. I regard it as helpful in building the Jewish character, the education of the group by the masses, that may perhaps lead to its absorption.”  
(Herzl, Letter to Baron Leitenberger 1893)

“Please don’t think I judge the Jews too harshly, on the contrary I find them rather admirable, considering the age-old oppression they were forced to endure. When I watch the behavior here of many a German in France trying desperately not to be recognized as such, I realize there is much to excuse the Jews, who, after all, have been living in enemy territory.”  
(Herzl, letter to Baron Leitenberger 1893)

“The conversion was to take place in broad daylight. Sundays at noon at St. Stephen’s cathedral, with a solemn procession and a ringing of bells. Not furtively, the way individual Jews had gone about it until then, but in dignified pride. And because the leaders would take their people up to the gates of the church while themselves remaining Jews, the whole enterprise would attain a level of great sincerity. We who stood firm would have marked the last generation., still clinging to the faith of our fathers. But we wanted to make Christians of our young sons before they reach the age of reason., at which point conversion smacks of cowardice. As usual, I had worked out my plan to the last detail. In my mind’s eye I already saw myself dealing with the archbishop of Vienna, facing the Pope., both of whom regretted my decision to remain with the Jews – and bringing to the world this message of racial fusion  
(Herzl, Diary, 1895)

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*From his play “New Ghetto”*

ACT 3, SCENE 4

JACOB: I’ll remember the scene as long as I live. Everything, black in black, as though in mourning, all black with coal dust, and a sharp autumn breeze making the thin bodies shiver under the rags. Even the sky was leaden. And the children – enough of them to wring your heart. Tiny ones with grave wizened faces. They seemed to be looking with terror at the black hole that would engulf them too some day.

ACT 3, SCENE 8

JACOB (*cries out weakly*) Father! Mother!

HERR SAMUEL: (*Leads Frau Samuel to the couch.*) Kobi, here we are.

JACOB (*Tries to sit up*) Help me up!

*(Wasserstein weeps softly)*

REINBERG: Get a hold of yourself, old man!

WASSERSTEIN: Why does it have to be him? Why not us?

*(Dr Bischler helps Jacob sit up with Rheinberg's help)*

JACOB: *(Takes his mother's hand and kisses it)* Forgive me this sorrow Mother...  
*(Kisses his father's hand)* You can understand Father! You're a man!... *(Raises his voice)* O Jews, my brethren! They won't let you live again – until you – Why do you hold me so tight? *(Mumbles)* I want to – get – out! *(Louder)* Out - of - the - ghetto!

*(Flails both arms, falls back, and dies. Frau Samuel utters a piercing scream, throws herself to the floor, and beats her head against it repeatedly.)*

BECHLER *(To the others)* Dead!

HERR SAMUEL *(Erect, in a firm voice)* The Lord hath given, the lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the lord!

WURZLECHNER: Amen!

*(Curtain)*

*from: NEW GHETTO 1894, trans. Ludwig Lewison, "Theodor Herzl: A Portrait for this Age" 1955 The World Publishing Company. p. 193*

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#### ARTHUR SCHITZLER IN A LETTER TO HERZL

"Which brings me to the final sentence, where Jakob Samuels is made to utter: Jews, They won't let you live again until you learn to die. Well there was a time when Jews were burned at the stake by the thousands. They had learned to die, all right, but for all that they still weren't allowed to live... I miss the figure of the strong Jew in your play." (Schnitzler Briefe, pp. 237-239 **trans. Ernst Pawel**)

#### PART 3

##### Ben-Gurion, Scheinerman, and 1948

"Why should the Arabs make peace? If I was an Arab leader, I would never make terms with Israel. That is natural; we have taken their country. Sure, God promised it to us, but what does that matter to them? Our God is not theirs. We came from Israel, it is true, but two thousand years ago, and what is that to them? There has been Anti-Semitism, the Nazis, Hitler, Auschwitz, but was that their fault? They see but one thing: we have come and we have stolen their country. Why should they accept that? They may perhaps forget in one or two generations time, but for the moment there is no choice. So it's simple: we have to stay strong and maintain a powerful army. Our whole policy is there. Otherwise the Arabs will wipe us out.

... goes on to talk of where his son might one day be buried, and suggests Israel has only a 50/50 chance of lasting another generation.

- But how can you sleep at night with that prospect in mind? And be Prime Minister of Israel too?

-Who says I sleep?"

[Conversation between Nahum Goldmann and Ben-Gurion, recounted by Goldmann in *The Jewish Paradox*, p99. trans. Steven Cox)

“During those years my ideas about the function of these operations changed too. I came to view the objective not simply as retaliation or even deterrence in the usual sense. It was to create in the Arabs a psychology of defeat, to beat them every time and to beat them so decisively that they would develop the conviction they could never win”

[Ariel Sharon from *Warrior: an autobiography* 1989. p. 120, auth: Sharon with David Chanoff]

#### SHARON’S OWN DEFENSE OF QIBYA:

“I couldn't believe my ears [about the 69 dead]. As I went back over each step of the operation, I began to understand what must have happened. For years Israeli reprisal raids had never succeeded in doing more than blowing up a few outlying buildings, if that. Expecting the same, some Arab families must have stayed in their houses rather than running away. In those big stone houses [...] some could easily have hidden in the cellars and back rooms, keeping quiet when the paratroopers went in to check and yell out a warning. The result was this tragedy that had happened.”

[Ariel Sharon from *Warrior* 1989. p. 120, auth: Sharon with David Chanoff} // (Note: U.N. investigators and Jordanian forensic teams reported “**most bodies discovered were killed by bullets, not by falling masonry**” Israeli historian, Benny Morris from *Righteous Victims*, P278-279)

#### SECONDARY SOURCE referenced in text:

“They [members of Unit 101] were proud of their status and believed that they could get away with anything, relying fully on Arik and the support he gave, as long as they proved themselves. They enjoyed working with him: his air of informality, his love of singing with them, and his encouragement of initiative. They treasured the way he shared their values and opinions about the politics of the military.

Very few of them tried to understand his other self: his violent temper, his gluttonous appetite, his willingness to expel men from his unit for minor infractions. Nor did they reconcile the contradiction between his love of animals and his total disregard for the enemy’s humanity. They saw many examples of his contradictions. They witnessed him laughing as a junior officer tormented an old Arab man and then shot him at close range; they noted his composure as he planned

operations designed to kill as many civilians as possible; they carried out his intricate plan to trap a peaceful Bedouin boy shepherding his flock. Still he would save a wounded falcon, treating it with the same kindness usually reserved for babies. They accepted him as he was, the way members of a religious sect worships their leaders.”

*From: Sharon: An Israeli Caesar, Uzi Benziman, p. 56-57, 1985 Adama Books, Tel Aviv, translated from Hebrew Louis Rousso*

After an attack on a refugee camp, 1953 that resulted in 15 deaths: a number of Sharon's soldiers asked him:

“Are a few hundred miserable refugees , including women and children, our real enemy?  
(Sharon replies)

“The women are the whores of the Arab infiltrators who have been attacking our civilians. If we don't act forcefully against the refugee camps, they will turn into comfortable nests for murderers!”

(Quoted in Uzi Benziman's Israeli Caesar, p50)

*\* The story about Sharon's mother knocking down the fence in the moshav can be found in ISRAELI CAESAR, Uzi Benziman, P 15*

Part 4.

Herzl the Prophet

“And where was he condemned? In France. In republican, modern, civilized France, one hundred years after the Declaration of the Rights of Man.” Zionismus vol 1, pp 390)

“Dear sir: When may I have the honor of calling on you. I should like to discuss the Jewish Question. I do not want to interview you nor to talk about a disguised or undisguised financial matter” ... I simply wish to have a discussion with you about Jewish political matters, a discussion that may have an effect on times that neither you nor I will live to see”

(Herzl, Zionist Diary p14)

“What you (Baron Hirsch) have undertaken till now has been as magnanimous as it has been misapplied, as costly as it has been pointless.”

(Herzl, Zionist Diary p16)

HERZL: do you have a full hour for me? Because if it isn't at least an hour I'd rather not even get started. That much I need just to tell you how much I have to say.

BARON HIRSCH: Just go ahead.

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HERZL: You may find some of what I am going to say too simpleminded. Some of it too fantastic. Bit simplemindedness and fantasy are what move people. It is astonishing – and well known – with what little intelligence the world is being governed.

(...)

Throughout our 2000 year dispersion, we have been without unified political leadership. This strikes me as our chief misfortune. It has done us more harm than all the persecutions. **This is why we have inwardly gone to rack and ruin. For there has been no one to train us to become real men** (*emphasis my own*)

(...)

Now, with regards to education, I propose to employ from the outset, methods quite different from those you are using. First of all, there is the principle of philanthropy which I consider completely erroneous. You are breeding schnorrers, It is symptomatic that no other people shows such a great incidence of philanthropy and beggary as the Jews. It strikes one that there must be a correlation between these two phenomena, meaning that philanthropy debases our national character.

BARON HIRSCH: You are absolutely right.

HERZL: Your argentine Jews behaved in a disorderly fashion I was told. One item am told. I was struck by one detail in particular: that the first house they built was a brothel.

BARON HIRSCH: Not so. It was not built by my colonists.

(...)

HERZL: But enough now of criticism. What is to be done? Whether the Jews emigrate or stay put, **the race must be improved right on the spot. It must be made warlike, eager to work. And virtuous** (*emphasis my own*)

(...)

BARON HIRSCH: No no no raising the level is precise what I don't want to do. Our whole misfortune comes from aiming too high. We have too many intellectuals. I want to keep the Jews from always wanting to get ahead. They ought not to make such big strides. That is what causes all the hate. Emigration is the only solution. There are many countries up for sale.

HERZL: Who tells you that I don't want to emigrate?! It says so right here in my notes. I am going to see the German Kaiser! He will understand me, because he has been raised to take measure of great things. (Hirsch laughs) I am going to tell the Kaiser let us go. We are strangers. They won't let us assimilate. Nor are we able to. Let us go.

BARON HIRSCH: Where are you going to find the money? Rothschild? He will give you 500 francs.

HERZL: Money? I'll raise a Jewish national loan of ten million marks!

BARON HIRSCH: You're dreaming. The rich Jews won't give. The rich are evil.

They don't care about the suffering of the poor.

HERZL: You talk like a socialist baron Hirsch.

BARON HIRSCH: I am one. I am quite ready to give everything up provided others do likewise.

[Herzl, Zionist Journal, 1895 p19-22]

“Dear sir, for the sake of coherence I had made notes before I went to see you. Back home I now find that I stopped on page 6 out of a total of 22 pages. Because of your impatience, you only got to hear the beginning. You would have been able to provide this dream its initial momentum. But there are others not the least the masses themselves. You are the great money Jew. I am a Jew of spirit. Please note that my ideas seem revolutionary to you only because you are the first I have spoken to. But I am on my way now.

You cut me off with your polite sarcasm. I tend to let myself get distracted in conversation. I have yet to acquire the poise I need to break down resistance, to shake up the indifferent, comfort the distressed, inspire enthusiasm in a cowardly and demoralized people., and deal with the rulers of this world. And yet I have already worked out the plan down to its details. I know exactly what it requires: money, money, money. Means of transportation, providing for large masses of people (which includes not just food and drink as it did in the simple days of Moses. , maintenance of manly discipline, the organization of departments, releases from some heads of state, transit permission of others, formal treaties, the building of marvelous new residential housing.

To begin with, however, intensive propaganda - newspaper, books, lectures, pictures, songs. And a flag. A flag? You would have waxed sarcastic. A flag is nothing but a rag on a stick. No sir I a flag is more than that. With a flag you can lead people wherever you want them to, even into the promised land. They will live and die for a flag. It is, in fact, the only thing for which masses are prepared to die. If duly educated in that sense.

Believe me, policy for an entire people - especially one scattered over the globe – can be made only with lofty imponderables. Do you know what the German empire was made up of? Dreams, songs, fantasies, red and black and gold ribbons. All Bismarck did was shake the tree planted by the dreamers.

You don't have any use for imponderables? What then is religions? Just think what the Jews have suffered over the last 2000 years for this fantasy of theirs? Yes – it is a fantasy that holds people in its grip. He who has no use for it may be an excellent worthy and sober minded person, even a philanthropist on a large scale – but he will never be a leader of men, and no trace of him will remain.”

[Herzl, Zionist Journal, 1895 p26-28]

*RABBI GUDEMANN (after learns son isn't circumcised)* Then why this sudden interest in the Jews?

HERZL Because I have the solution to the Jewish Question. I know this sounds crazy. In the beginning people will often take me for a madman. Until they see the truth of

what I have to say. I have found the solution. And it is no longer mine alone. It belongs to the world at large.  
[Herzl, Zionist Journal, 1895]

“I want to raise my children with the so to speak historical god. God to me is a beautiful dear old word I want to preserve. It is a marvelous metaphor for the concepts that would be inaccessible to the mind of a child or a person of limited intellect. God means the will of the good. Why then does this will to the good permit epidemics? Because they wipe out musty old cities and create bright healthy new ones for free breathing humanity.  
[Herzl, Zionist Journal, 1895]

“I wrote walking, standing, lying down. On the street, at the table, at night when it roused me out of my sleep. The notes are dated. I started a second diary to record the major events of the day and put the slips aside. I am asking my good dad to copy them in chronological order. I now know, and was even aware of it throughout this entire period of turbulent productivity, that much of what I wrote was wild and fantastic. But – for the first time ever in my writing – I withheld any self critique so as not to inhibit the flow of this inspiration. Time enough later, I thought. In these notes a Jewish state is at times conceived as a substantive reality, at others the subject of a novel, because at the time I had not yet decided if I would dare publicly advance it as a serious idea”  
[Herzl, Zionist Journal, 1895, p96]

“These notes are not work but a relief – by writing them down I am ridding my self of them. Like bubbles in a test tube and which – without the outlet – would in the end burst the vessel”  
[Herzl, Journal, 1895]

“I am afraid of going mad these few days. Dizzy spells headaches. An entire lifetime won’t be long enough to carry out all these plans. But I am leaving a spiritual legacy. To whom? To all people everywhere. I believe I shall rank among mankind’s greatest benefactors. Or is this belief already a symptom of megalomania? I think life has ended for me and world history begun.”  
[Herzl, Zionist Journal, 1895]

**IDEAS FROM HIS JOURNALS REFERENCED:**

“Keep the army well in hand. All officials are to wear uniforms. Smart, soldierly, but not ridiculous. The high priests shall wear impressive vestments. Our cavalry yellow trousers, white tunics. The officers silver breastplates.”

“I have 20 years in which to train my boys to be warriors. Trained by patriotic songs, the Macabees, religion, stage plays on heroic themes, honor. “

“We shall probably model our constitution on that of Venice and profit from their experience. If the Rothschilds join us, the first Doge shall be a Rothschild. I myself shall never be a Doge, because I want to lead the country beyond my lifetime. It occurs to me that someday I might be crowning my boy Hans as the Doge and that – in the temple before the leaders of the nation I would address him as “Your highness, my dear son” I had tears in my eyes. “

“I hope when the Jews put up a statue of me, it shall be nicer than the statue of Gambetta in the Tuileries.”

“First I’ll negotiate with czar about releasing the Russian Jews. Then with the Kaiser, *then* with the emperor of Austria. Then France about the Algerian Jews, but first I must obtain the highest imperial honors – English ones first.”

“I need the duel in order to raise decent officers and lend an air of French refinement to high society. And a patriotic suicide mission will be an acceptable substitute. “

“Only children and old people will be permitted to play. The children’s play, however, must serve the purpose of physical training: Running and ball games, cricket for boys, tennis for the girls. Old people may play cards. But not for money. Because that might tempt onlookers and is unseemly for patriarchs. And I want patriarchal families. “

**“At bottom I am still the dramatist in all this. I am taking ragged beggars off the streets, dressing them in magnificent costumes, and having them perform in a glorious pageant designed by me. (p67)**

[Herzl, Zionist Journal, 1895 p45-69]

“All of world history is nothing but noise.”  
(Herzl, Zionist Diary, p633]

“A kike is anti-Zionist. We’ve known him a long time and just merely to look at him, let alone approach or heaven forbid, touch him was enough to make us feel sick. But our disgust until now was moderated by pity. We sought extenuating, historical explanations for his being so crooked, sleazy, shabby a specimen. Moreover we told ourselves that he was, after all, our fellow tribesman, though we had no cause to be proud of this fellowship... Whenever he perpetrated some dirty deal, we tried to hush it up. Whenever he compromised us all, we felt ashamed but kept quiet. Now at last the kike has done something that merits praise. He has rejected us. But who is this kike anyway, this Yid? A type, my dear friends, a figure that pops up time and again, the dreadful companion of the Jew, and so inseparable from him that they have always mistaken one for the other. The Jew is a human being like any other, no better, no worse.... The Kike, on the other hand, is a hideous distortion of the human character., something unspeakably low and

repulsive. Where the Jew experiences pain or pride, the Kike feels only craven fear or twists his face into a sardonic grin. The kike is the curse of the Jews.  
[Herzl, Open letter in "Die Welt," his Zionist paper, Oct 15, 1897]

"Shall we choose Palestine or Argentine? We shall take what is given us, and what is selected by Jewish public opinion. The Society will determine both these points. Argentine is one of the most fertile countries in the world, extends over a vast area, has a sparse population and a mild climate. The Argentine Republic would derive considerable profit from the cession of a portion of its territory to us. The present infiltration of Jews has certainly produced some discontent, and it would be necessary to enlighten the Republic on the intrinsic difference of our new movement. Palestine is our ever-memorable historic home. The very name of Palestine would attract our people with a force of marvelous potency. If His Majesty the Sultan were to give us Palestine, we could in return undertake to regulate the whole finances of Turkey. We should there form a portion of a rampart of Europe against Asia, an outpost of civilization as opposed to barbarism."  
[From the Jewish State, 1896]

"If you will it, it is no dream!"  
[Herzl's inscription on cover of The Jewish State, 1896]

#### AFTERMATH of FIRST CONGRESS

"Have you heard Dr. Herzl's plan? He wishes to gather the Jews of the world together in Palestine, with a government of their own – under the suzerainty of the Sultan I suppose. At the convention in Bern (sic), last year, there were delegates from everywhere and the proposal was received with decided favor. I am not the Sultan and I am not objecting, but if that concentration of the cunningest brains in the world was going to made in a free country (bar Scotland) I think it would be politic to stop it. It will not be well to let that race find out its strength. If the horses knew theirs, we should not ride them anymore."  
Mark Twain, "Concerning the Jews": Complete Essays p. 248

"Completely accurate statistics about the number of inhabitants does not precisely exist. One must admit that the density of the population does not give the visitor much cause for cheer. In whole stretches throughout the land one constantly comes across large Arab villages, and it is an established fact that the most fertile areas of our country are occupied by the Arabs ... According to the usual estimates, based on reports...Palestine contains 650,000 inhabitants, but this seems a questionable figure."  
From the speech of Zionist student leader Leo Motzkin, after his tour of Palestine.  
Protocol of the Second Zionist Congress, p. 103)

Part5

Sharon the Bulldozer 1 (1967)

“Mr. Deputy Prime Minister (Yigael Yadin) I’ll strip you bare and naked on the table of this meeting! These are not the Dead Sea Scrolls but the minutes of government meeting”

*Menachem Begin ordered that Sharon’s comments be struck from the record and Sharon burst out again, this time attacking Begin*

“Your decision means nothing. I’ll knock this government down yet!”

[Sharon, quoted in Israeli Caesar., Uzi Benziman, p224]

“It is foolish and irresponsible not to allow someone like me to reach the highest levels of command in the army. How many other officers of my caliber are in the IDF?”

[Sharon quoted in newspaper interview (Yedith Ahronot) 1973]

"We'll make a pastrami sandwich of them, ... we'll insert a strip of Jewish settlements in between the Palestinians, and then another strip of Jewish settlements right across the West Bank, so that in 25 years' time, neither the United Nations nor the United States, nobody, will be able to tear it apart."

(Ariel Sharon, reported in Ha'aretz, Dec 1973)

Part 6.

Herzl in the Holy Land

HERZL: We can supply the country (Palestine) with it (water). It will cost billions but it will yield billions.

KAISER: Well money is what you have plenty of! More money than any of us!

COUNT BULOW: Yes the money which is such a problem for us you have in abundance. “Herzl, Zionist Diary, p756

“Now I realize that nine tenths of all Germans will be horrified and shun me if they find out at some later date that I am in sympathy with the Zionists and might even place them under my protection if they call on me to do so. On that point, let me say this: That the Jews killed our savior the good lord knows better than we do, and he has punished them accordingly. But neither the anti Semites nor I nor anyone else has been authorized by him to abuse these people in our own fashion ad majoram Dei gloriam. ... And from the viewpoint of secular realpolitik, we cannot ignore the fact that given the enormous and dangerous power represented by international Jewish capital, it would surely be a tremendous achievement for Germany if the world of the Hebrews would look up to Germany with gratitude.” (Kaiser’s Letters, 1899)

“The protectorate! To live under the protection of the strong great moral splendidly governed tightly organized Germany can only have the most salutary effect on the Jewish national character. “

[Herzl, Zionist diary, p 693]

SULTAN: Do you like Jews?

COUNT VON BULOW: As a decent Christian, I cannot.

SULTAN: I am quite fond of my Jewish subjects and would wish no fewer. But no more either.

[as recounted in: Herzl's Diary, 6/96]

The SULTAN, from a letter to a contact of Herzl:

“... Advise him not to take one step further in this matter. I cannot sell a single foot of land. My people have won the empire with their blood... We will drench it again in blood before we let it be wrested from us... The Turkish Empire belongs not to me, but to the Turkish people. Let the Jews save their billions. When my empire is carved up, they may even get Palestine for free. But only her corpse will be divided. I will not consent to her vivisection”

[from: Herzl's Diary, 6/19/96]

“You see this is why I am your leader. Time and again I prove myself. I am neither smarter nor better than any of you. But I remain undaunted and that is why I am entitled to leadership. In moments far more difficult than this I never lost courage. On the contrary, they only spur me on to ever greater sacrifice. “

(Herzl, Zionist Diary, p767-768)

Part 7.

Sharon the bulldozer 2 (Sabra/Shatilla)

*SECONDARY SOURCE: From Israel's KAHANE COMMISSION REPORT 1983*

“... it is impossible to justify the Minister of Defense's disregard of the danger of a massacre. We will not repeat here what we have already said above about the widespread knowledge regarding the Phalangists' combat ethics, their feelings of hatred toward the Palestinians, and their leaders' plans for the future of the Palestinians when said leaders would assume power. Besides this general knowledge, the Defense Minister also had special reports from his not inconsiderable [number of] meetings with the Phalangist heads before Bashir's assassination.

...In the circumstances that prevailed after Bashir's assassination, **no prophetic powers were required to know that concrete danger of acts of slaughter existed when the Phalangists were moved into the camps** without the I.D.F.'s

being with them in that operation and without the I.D.F. being able to maintain effective and ongoing supervision of their actions there. The sense of such a danger should have been in the consciousness of every knowledgeable person who was close to this subject, and certainly in the consciousness of the Defense Minister [Ariel Sharon] , who took an active part in everything relating to the war. His involvement in the war was deep, and the connection with the Phalangists was under his constant care. If in fact the Defense Minister, when he decided that the Phalangists would enter the camps without the I.D.F. taking part in the operation, did not think that that decision could bring about the very disaster that in fact occurred, the only possible explanation for this is that he disregarded any apprehensions about what was to be expected because the advantages - which we have already noted - to be gained from the Phalangists' entry into the camps distracted him from the proper consideration in this instance.

**... the Phalangists were liable to commit atrocities and that it was necessary to forestall this possibility as a humanitarian obligation and also to prevent the political damage it would entail. From the Defense Minister himself we know that this consideration did not concern him in the least."**

#### IN ACT 2. SCENE 7, SETTLER QUOTES:

[The Palestinians are] beasts walking on two legs." Menahim Begin, speech to the Knesset, quoted in Amnon Kapeliouk, "Begin and the Beasts". New Statesman, 25 June 1982.

"Everybody has to move, run and grab as many hilltops as they can to enlarge the settlements because everything we take now will stay ours... Everything we don't grab will go to them."

Ariel Sharon, Israeli Foreign Minister, addressing a meeting of the Tsomet Party, Agence France Presse, November 15, 1998.

#### Part 8.

##### Herzl, Desperate

“Great things don’t need a solid foundation. An apple will fall unless put on a table, the earth floats on the air. Thus I may perhaps be able to found and consolidate the Jewish State without any firm support. The secret lies in motion. “

Herzl, Zionist Diary, 5/12 1895]

“The bride is beautiful but she is now married to another man.”

[Telegram sent to Herzl from 2 Austrian Rabbis, upon their visit to Palestine, 1899]

“I much preferred the days of my youth, despite their melancholy aspects. In the Jewish question I have become world famous, as a propagandist, As a writer, notably as a dramatist, I am considered a nothing. A less than nothing. I merely referred to as a good journalist. And yet I feel, I know, that I am – or was – a writer of the highest potential who simply did not give his full measure because he became disgusted and discouraged. (Herzl, Diary, June 02)

“Don’t do anything stupid while I’m dead.”  
[Herzl to David Wolfson May 6, 1904]

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