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A Palestinian Responds

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I'm writing this letter in response to Lael Kayfetz' "Is the Ad by H. Ahmed All True That he Said?" which appeared in the *Daily Nexus* of June 2, 1988. In a presumptuous letter to the editor, Ms. Kayfetz deployed her unqualified confidence in an attempt to inform us:

1) That Greg Apt never told Jay Hubbard to refrain from writing a feature article on me; 2) that my decision to bring to the public's attention Steve Elzer's discouragement of Mr. Hubbard from writing his feature article on me is "slanderous, outrageous and defamatory;" 3) that my publication of "I Smell a Rat" on May 24, 1988, in a paid advertisement after it had been suppressed by the then-editor-in-chief, Steve Elzer, and after he had displayed his tenacity in preventing not only the public but even the members of the Press Council from learning about the essence of the problem, was

motivated by a desire to monopolize the limited space in the Nexus; 4) that my persistence in letting the public know about the dynamics and the nature of Mr. Elzer's "unethical," "unprofessional" performance is arrogant and 5) that bringing to light the fact that Israel's burial of Palestinians alive, Israel's demolition of 375 out of 485 Palestinian villages and towns after 1948, Israel's collaboration with Botha in Apartheid South Africa and Somoza in Nicaragua before 1979, to suppress freedoms and oppress peoples and that Israel's genocide perpetrated against the Palestinian people and their culture is comparable to the Nazi crimes against the Jews is, in Ms. Kayfetz' view, synonymous with "likening the Jews to the Nazis."

Ms. Kayfetz' erroneous reasoning in trying to discredit my statements is just one more in a series of endeavors by Israel's apologists, the Zionism-ridden ideologues, to suppress critics of Israel's mad behavior. (Paul Findley's *They Dare to Speak Out* is instructive in illustrating this phenomenon.) Indeed, because of the contradictory information Greg Apt presented in his May 26, 1988, (sic May 27) letter to the *Daily Nexus*, one may excuse Ms. Kayfetz' hastiness to, in the commencement edition of the Nexus, fulfill his need to present a responsible explanation! Yet, one is compelled to question whether her mission was carried out with success in light of the fact that 1) she is not in possession of the information I was repeatedly provided with about Greg Apt's and Steve Elzer's complicity and 2) it is questionable whether she actually attended the Richard Hecht and Roger Friedland lecture, from which she sought to draw material with which to engage in telling untruths about my stand on the Zionist-Palestinian conflict.

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