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Dear Paul,

I enclose a copy of a letter I am going to send to The Voice, in response to Bill Frank's ga cock ta column of 29 Sept. 82.

If any of you think it best not to have it published, it is okay with me. Just let me or my secretary (wife-Dian), know as soon as you get it. I'll hold off on sending it until Friday Oct. 8, 1982.

Sincerely,

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Editor:

NO CROCODILE TEARS FOR BILL FRANK

Apparently Mr. Frank's guilt feelings cried out for someone to share his personal feeling. His column prominently printed in the News-Journal on Sept. 29 failed miserably in trying to hang his albatros around the necks of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and other Jewish Community Leaders.

Did it ever occur to him that many of us do not believe it is necessary to respond to every reporters effort to expand on every issue that affects Israel? Mr. Paul Fine gave as complete a response as the authenticated facts permitted. Authentication or verification of the facts was less important to some newspapers than obtaining an unreliable reaction from a Jewish Community Leader. We are grateful that our leadership could not be bullied into making a reckless statement. When was Mr. Frank appointed as the conscience of Delaware Jews?

We have very recently seen what happens when unverified "facts" are presented in media stories. Israel took the brunt of a lousey press because Media hatchet men saw a change to ease the world of a sick conscience that remained after the Holocaust.

Mr. Frank's reliance upon sources that have been questioned on past occasions by the National Jewish Community doesn't cause this reader to place too much faith in his research.

Had Mr. Frank properly researched his complaint, he would have known that more than 2000 P.L.O. members did not ship out. Arafat lied and cheated. An agreement is to be honored by both sides, not just Israel. All P.L.O. members were to leave, but 2000 lost themselves in the very same Chitila and Sabra. Israel had obtained rosters of the various P.L.O. units during its battle to Beirut when it overran various P.L.O. Headquarters. This is the reason they wanted a head count as the P.L.O. was evacuated. They knew from the head count; even allowing for women and children being passed off as evacuees, that cheating by the numbers was going on.

Then, there was the assassination of Bashir Gayemal. Was the assassin a Christian Arab or Moselm Arab? Recent reports indicate it was a hired gun; hired by an out of country source. We don't recall Mr. Frank writing about his inability to get statements from the States Arab Community condemning the assassination. Why the double standard? There are those who badly want to have an offset. If they can blow up the West Beirut tragedy and somehow hang it on the Israelis and world Jewry, they they can save their conscience for all of histories atrocities perpetuated against the Jews for the past 1500 years. Thus, the double standard. Don't cry out when Moslems and Christians in Lebanon kill 70,000 of each other in 1975-76, but raise all kinds of hell when 300 are killed in a blood revenge because Cayemal and 36 of his top aids were blown to bits. Today, one of the Phlanagists involved said he killed 15 of them and will kill them as long as he lives. The loss of his family members by previous P.L.O. atrocities justified his doing what he did, so he says.

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It is a part of the Arab culture in the Middle East; Moselm, Christian and Druse, to avenge a wrong done to one or ones family. It is a matter of personal, family or clan honor to avenge a wrong. Until vengence is obtained one is dishonored. Everyone knew revenge had to come just as sure as day follows night. Those in Chitila and Sabra expected, but hoped it would not be them.

For whatever reason, Mr. Frank just couldn't wait to vent his spleen on our Leadership. Had he but only read the column by Norman Podhoretz, printed on the Op-ed page immediately below his column, he could have understood why our Leadership would not join the Media chorus of condemnation.

Historically, Court Jews are not new in our history. There have been those who used their position to help and protect the Jewish Community, and then there have been others whose names live in infamy.

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