

White Paper of 1939, which prohibited Jewish immigration to Palestine. It thus cut off six million European Jews from the only place in the world that could have saved them from Hitler's genocide.

Neither the Jewish or Arab inhabitants of Palestine wanted the British there, and armed chaos was proliferating.

So when Britain renounced its Mandate after the Second World War, the two-year-old United Nations took the problem over. Its United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) recommended that the only solution for Palestine was its partition into a Jewish state and an Arab state.

UNSCOP's proposed borders for the two suggested states were utterly impractical, and bear little relation to the frontiers that Israel achieved after its War of Independence. During that year-long war, of course, Jordan and Egypt stole all of the land that could have become UNSCOP's "Arab state."

The General Assembly—by a vote of 33-13, with 10 abstaining, including Britain—voted to accept the UNSCOP plan and to *recommend* its implementation.

The UN vote created nothing except more chaos.

With the Arab League promising to eradicate any Jewish state, the UN General Assembly requested that the Security Council assure the fulfillment of its partition recommendation. As David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, succinctly stated in 1949, "The UN didn't lift a finger" to stop the Arab onslaught. The Security Council surveyed the situation, including the massed Arab armies, and decided to let the chips—or the Jews—fall where they may.

So while the UN's suggestion of partition lent some level of international moral endorsement to the Zionist cause—as did European guilt over the Holocaust—Israel's birth in May, 1948 was fully the achievement of the Zionist dream through the efforts of the IDF and world Jewry.

Neither the Orwellian United Nations nor any individual nation—except Czechoslovakia—sent a single bullet to help Ben-Gurion and the *Haganah* bring Israel into existence. Having passed its toothless partition plan the world and its General Assembly turned its back on the Jews once again.

In fact, the partition plan was never implemented. It was rendered moot by a massive Arab invasion of the fledgling state. It is hard to see how the absence of such a UN plan would have altered history one little bit.

The UN's fecklessness in its partition plan has been multiplied many times over in the years since. Not only did the UN do nothing to help Israel survive the 1948 Arab assault, it has consistently been the faithful agent of anti-Semitic forces for seven decades in undermining Israel's legitimacy and survival.

So, in discussions with friends, family and adversaries, beware of the canard "the UN imposed the Jewish state into Palestine," or that "Israel should respect the United Nations, because it owes its very existence and legitimacy to the UN."

Explain patiently to them that Israel owes little to nothing to the United Nations, and that Israel's reason for existence is its own ability to assert the Jewish

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people's right as an indigenous people to its ancestral homeland. Oh yes—and Israel is also indebted to itself for its democratic vibrancy, its respect for its minority populations, and its ability to defend itself in the face of a hostile world . . . including the United Nations.

I hope you'll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to visit FLAME's lively [new Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME's new *hasbarah* campaign—a refutation of the myth of "Palestinian territories."

Best regards,

Ken Cohen
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P.S. Critics of Israel, from *The New York Times* to BDS and the United Nations, usually base their condemnation of Israel on accusations that Israel's settlements (or its "occupation of Palestinian territory") are illegal. These accusations are false and deserve to be exposed once and for all. That's why FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called "[What Is 'Palestinian Territory'?](#)" I hope you'll review this hard-hitting paid editorial, which will begin running in national media this month. It provides a plain-English explanation of the legal issues surrounding Israel's historical and entirely legal presence in its Biblical homeland. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Pence and President Trump. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to support us. Remember: FLAME's powerful ability to influence public opinion—and U.S. support of Israel—comes from individuals like you, one by one. I hope you'll consider giving a donation now, as you're able—with \$500, \$250, \$100, or even \$18. (Remember, your donation to FLAME is tax deductible.) To donate online, just go to [donate](#) now. Now, more than ever, we need your support to ensure that the American people, the U.S. Congress and President Trump stay focused on Israel's critical role in protecting U.S. interests in the region—as well as protecting itself.

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