

Day of Infamy

The Attack on the U.S.S. *Liberty*

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June 8, 1967, is a day which will live in infamy. On this day an American Navy vessel, the U.S.S. *Liberty*, was deliberately attacked in international waters by the armed forces of Israel in a treacherous attempt to sink the ship and kill everyone aboard it. The *Liberty* was an electronic intelligence gathering vessel, and it had been sent to the eastern Mediterranean to monitor radio communications. Israel had launched its latest land-grabbing war against its neighbors just four days earlier, and the U.S. government was curious as to what its Jewish "ally" was up to.

The Jews, on the other hand, were quite determined that the United States not learn what they were doing. The Jewish plan was to grab as much Arab land as possible before the United States could figure out what was going on and begin insisting that Israel halt its latest aggression. The Jews did not want the United States, their principal source of military, economic, and diplomatic support to tell them to "cool it" until they had achieved all of their objectives, and so it was important to the Jewish warlords to keep the American military in the dark for a few more days.

Early on the morning of June 8, 1967, the *Liberty* was just over 12 miles off the Egyptian coast in international waters and in sight of the Egyptian town of El Arish, monitoring radio signals and flying a large American flag. Jewish forces had occupied El Arish two days earlier, and the Israeli Army was involved in killing a large number of Egyptian prisoners of war that very morning. Groups of Egyptian prisoners were marched into the desert, made to dig their graves, and then were shot by their Jewish captors. American personnel on the *Liberty* would not have been able to see these atrocities from more than 12 miles away, but they were intercepting Israeli radio communications discussing local operations.

Of much more serious concern to the Jews was the interception by the *Liberty* of radio communications concerning their strategic military intentions: specifically their planned invasion of Syria.

Just after dawn, a twin-engine, propeller-driven Israeli reconnaissance plane flew out from the coast and slowly circled the *Liberty* three times. A little before 9:00 AM an Israeli jet fighter flew out and circled the *Liberty*. Throughout the morning and early afternoon, the Jews sent one aircraft after another out to circle the *Liberty*. Some of these aircraft flew so low that the crew members aboard the *Liberty* could see the faces

of the pilots. The Jews were keeping the *Liberty* under very close observation and seemed to be concerned about the presence of the eavesdropper.

The Israelis finally decided to get rid of this threat to the secrecy of their military operations. At 2:00 PM several Israeli jet fighters streaked out from the coast and without warning began raking the *Liberty* from stem to stern with rockets, 30-mm cannon fire, and napalm. A number of Americans on the bridge and deck of the *Liberty* were killed immediately. The Jewish aircraft made pass after pass over the ship, pouring their fire into the helpless, slow-moving American target, riddling it from stem to stern with explosive ordnance and leaving it looking like a floating piece of Swiss cheese. The hull and superstructure of the *Liberty* had 821 holes larger than a man's fist from the rocket and cannon fire. Among other things the Jewish air attacks had shot away the *Liberty's* radio antennas and wrecked the radio room.

As soon as the Israeli jets had exhausted their munitions and flown off, the crew immediately ran up another American flag to replace the one the Jews had shot away. The new flag was an oversize one, seven feet high and 13 feet long. Then, while the crew was fighting fires started by the aerial napalm attacks and attempting to tend to the wounded and dying men on the deck, three Israeli torpedo boats appeared and began raking the decks of the *Liberty* with 20-mm and 40-mm automatic cannon fire. The *Liberty's* life rafts in the water were machine-gunned by the Israelis. Then a torpedo from one of the torpedo boats struck the ship, tearing a large hole in its side below the waterline and killing 22 more crew members.

Just before the torpedo struck, the *Liberty's* radiomen had managed to rig an emergency antenna and get an auxiliary transmitter working. Throughout the attack the Jews were using radio jamming equipment in an attempt to drown out any radio message from the *Liberty*. Nevertheless, the *Liberty* managed to get off one radio message to the U.S. Sixth Fleet reporting the attack and calling for help. The Sixth Fleet, to the west in the Mediterranean, responded with a message that help was being sent. The U.S. aircraft carriers *America* and *Saratoga* launched jets which sped toward the *Liberty*.

As soon as the Jews realized that the Sixth Fleet had received the *Liberty's* signal, the attacks were halted. The clear intention of the Jews had been to disable the ship's radio communications and then sink it before a radio message could be sent. Any survivors in the water then would have been killed by the Jews. No one would be able to prove the Jews had done it, and it could be blamed on the Egyptians.

As soon as the Jews understood that their scheme had failed, they shifted from the military to the diplomatic mode. The murderous assault on the U.S.S. *Liberty* had been a "mistake," the Jews claimed. They had thought the ship was Egyptian, they told their media friends and their bought politicians in Washington.

President Lyndon Johnson didn't even wait for this excuse from the Jews. As soon as he was given word that an American Navy vessel had been attacked by the Israelis and that the U.S. Sixth Fleet was sending help, he ordered that the help be recalled. He was terrified that the U.S. aircraft would inflict casualties on the Jews attacking the *Liberty*, and the Jews would blame him. If the Jewish attack on the *Liberty* became a public "incident" involving conflict between the United States and Israel, Johnson would be forced to take the American side and might be regarded as "anti-Israel," which would turn America's Jews against him. So he sent an emergency message to the Sixth Fleet, ordering that the American jets flying to the relief of the *Liberty* be recalled and that no further assistance be given. Perhaps the stricken ship would sink, and the whole matter could be hushed up.

But the U.S.S. *Liberty* did not sink, much to the embarrassment of the Jews and their collaborators. The survivors among the crew even managed to get the ship's engines running again, and the *Liberty* limped out to sea, eventually rendezvousing the next day with an American destroyer, the U.S.S. *Davis*. The wounded crewmen — 171 of them — were airlifted off the ship. Many of the dead — 34 of them — could not be recovered from the interior of the ship until it had reached port in Malta.

Even while the wounded crewmen were in a Naval hospital, they were given strict orders not to tell anyone, not even members of their families, about the Jewish attack on their ship. The U.S. Navy went through the formalities of holding a court of inquiry, but it was a complete sham. No Israelis were even questioned during the inquiry, and the U.S. government meekly accepted the Jews' explanation that the attack on the *Liberty* had been a "mistake." The news media were indecently silent about the whole affair. The obvious concern of the Jews and their sympathizers in the United States was not that an American ship had been attacked treacherously and 34 Americans killed; their concern was only to keep Israel from being blamed for the attack. And the politicians were all too eager to go along with the Jews.

The members of the *Liberty's* crew who had been wounded during the Israeli attack asked for damages from the Israeli government. The Israelis refused to pay, and it was necessary for the wounded crewmen to hire attorneys and file suit. When the Israelis did eventually pay, nearly two years later, attorneys' fees ate up most of the payment.

The commanding officer of the *Liberty* during the Israeli attack was Captain William McGonagle. Though severely wounded during the attack he remained at his post throughout and behaved in a heroic manner. A year after the attack Captain McGonagle was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism, but so desperate was President Lyndon Johnson to avoid offending the Jews that he refused to present the medal himself, as always has been customary. Instead of receiving his Medal of Honor from the President in the customary White House ceremony, McGonagle was quietly given the medal by the secretary of the Navy at the Washington Navy Yard, so as to attract the least possible public attention. The citation accompanying the medal, which

customarily describes in detail the action for which the medal is being awarded, carefully omitted any mention of Israel. The *Washington Post* did not even report the award.

One of the *Liberty's* officers, Lieutenant James Ennes, wrote a detailed account of the Jewish attack on his ship and its aftermath, and his account was published in 1979 as a book under the title *Assault on the Liberty*. The Jews immediately began a campaign to keep the book out of bookstores and to keep reviews of the book out of newspapers. This campaign was much like the one the Jews have been conducting against one of my books, *The Turner Diaries*. Ennes reports that whenever a bookstore would stock his book, the local Jews would begin complaining to the store owner that the book is "anti-Israel" and is "offensive to Jewish people everywhere." The Jews have been fairly successful in keeping the book out of the hands of the public, and it is now out of print and generally unavailable.

I have been able to obtain a number of copies of the original hardback edition of *Assault on the Liberty* directly from Lieutenant Ennes, so this book is available from National Vanguard Books, the publisher of *Free Speech*. If you would like a copy see the National Vanguard Books Catalog section of this web page. The button for the catalog is on our home page.

To his credit Lieutenant Ennes has kept the truth about the Jewish attempt to sink the *Liberty* alive for 30 years, in the face of a concerted effort by the controlled media, the Jewish establishment, and the U.S. government, including the U.S. Navy, to kill this truth. In return for his efforts, the Jews and their collaborators have been calling Ennes an "anti-Semite," a "neo-Nazi," a "professional Jew-hater," and lots of things that are too crude for me to write. Among these collaborators of the Jews attacking Ennes are individuals claiming to be veterans and patriots, but it is clear where their allegiance really lies.

Ennes always has declined to respond in kind to these attacks and has been unfailingly polite. We might fault him for failing to draw some general conclusions about the Jews and for continuing to maintain that he is **not** anti-Jewish, but let us instead credit him for standing up for the truth in his own way against the almost unbelievably intense barrage of hatred that has been directed against him.

What should be shocking and disgusting to every American, what should outrage us all, is not the lies of the Jews or their attacks on Lieutenant Ennes — we expect that sort of behavior from the Jews — but rather we should be outraged by the collaboration of the U.S. government with the Jews. During the attack on the *Liberty*, when it was calling for help and was in danger of being sunk, President Lyndon Johnson recalled the U.S. aircraft that were rushing to assist the *Liberty*. He was more concerned about not offending the Jews in the United States than he was about his responsibility as commander-in-chief of America's armed forces.

And Johnson's recall of these American jets cannot be explained away as a mix-up or a misunderstanding in the heat of the moment. This action of Johnson's was deliberate. It was consistent with his behavior in every instance involving the *Liberty*. Johnson even checked with the Israeli ambassador a year after the attack to see if the government of Israel had any objection to Captain McGonagle's receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor, and then he refused to present the medal himself. That sort of behavior goes beyond outrageous, even for a Democratic politician. It is nothing but the basest treason.

Now do you understand why we have a piece of filth like Bill Clinton in the White House? We had a piece of filth in the White House 30 years ago. It is the system itself which is filthy, and so it should be no surprise when filthy individuals rise to the top of it.

One of these days we have to change the system itself radically, but that will take a full-scale revolution. What we must do until then is make ourselves heard. What we must do is raise our voices. The reason that Israel is able to lead America around by the nose is that the Jews, through their control of the news and entertainment media in America, have the only effective voice, the only voice that the damnable politicians respond to. Lyndon Johnson didn't betray the men of the *Liberty* because he loved Jews. Nobody loves Jews. They are the most unlovable race on this earth. Johnson behaved as he did because he feared the Jews. And he feared them because he knew that they control the political process in this country through their control of the media.

That is the key fact, the salient fact, the most important fact in the life of our people today: Jewish control of the media.

Why do you think the Jews did such a rash thing as attack the *Liberty* in the first place? That, after all, was a very rash thing to do. If the United States were a nation led by honorable men, a nation in control of its own destiny, such an attack would have meant the end of Israel's existence right then and there. Why did the Jews do it? Are they stupid?

I think not. They did it because they knew they could get away with it. They did it because it might have worked, and they had nothing to lose if it didn't work. They knew they could get away with it. And they knew they could get away with it because they control our news and entertainment media.

And so here we are, 30 years into this shameful episode, 30 years after the treacherous and arrogant attack by Israel on the U.S.S. *Liberty* which killed 34 Americans and wounded 171 of them — an attack which was intended to kill everyone aboard our ship. And for 30 years the media have maintained their blanket of silence, and the politicians have maintained their sickening pretense about our "gallant, little Jewish ally" in the Middle East. This is the Jewish ally which continues to moan to the world about how it

is "persecuted" by everyone else and continues to make demands on the world for money which it claims the world owes it.

Our politicians make pious speeches about China's abuse of human rights — and I have no doubt that the charges against China are true — but then these same politicians vote for more of our money to be given to Israel, a country which murders prisoners of war wholesale and which routinely tortures Palestinians suspected of wanting freedom for their people. These are the same politicians who vote for laws requiring that our children be brainwashed with Jewish propaganda about the so-called "Holocaust" in their schools and who express their abhorrence of "anti-Semitism" whenever any American, such as Lieutenant Ennes, tells the nasty truth about our "gallant, little Jewish ally."

Surely, the citizens of Sodom and Gomorra were paragons of virtue and rectitude compared to the current inhabitants of Congress, the White House, and the Federal courts. And surely, what happened to the citizens of Sodom and Gomorra will happen to them.

But until that cleansing fire comes, let us raise our voices. Let us speak out ever more boldly and ever more loudly. Let us remind all of our fellow citizens about the U.S.S. *Liberty*. And let us resolve now that we will put an end to the shame that has been brought on us by our government and by the controlled media!

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