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Arabs and Final Solution

Despite mounting pressure, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum refuses to inform the public about the role of Arab Nazism in the Final Solution. Your article ("Museum urged to expose Arab anti-Semitism," Jan. 26) quotes Michael Berenbaum, a founding creator of the museum, claiming the mufti of Jerusalem (the head of the Arab Nazi party) was a "bit player" and deserves "one or two [photo captions] at best."

Yet the Encyclopedia of the Holocaust devotes more pages to the mufti than to any Nazi leader other than Hitler himself. This indicates how important the Arab role was in the genocide of Europe's Jews.

Arab Nazis took direct part in killing Jews as volunteers in the Waffen SS. Their leaders, based in Berlin, ensured Jewish children were sent to Auschwitz instead of being deported to safety.

Most fatally, they helped Hitler succeed in genocide by slamming shut the door to safety in Palestine.

This is a key part of the success of the Final Solution.

We all know of the Hebron massacre and other riots in Palestine in the 1930s - how many of us know they were funded by Hitler? Shouldn't the USHMM be telling us this?

Arab Nazis in the Middle East conducted riots, sabotage and a coup in Iraq that produced a pro-Axis regime. This was not trivial, for it threatened Britain's access to Middle East oil. Their stated goal was the genocide of Jews in Europe and the Middle East. The British caved in and closed Jewish immigration to Palestine, trapping them in Hitler's Europe.

A new activist group has formed, Holocaust Museum Watch. Our message is simple. It's time the Holocaust museum set the record straight with both permanent exhibits and public programs.

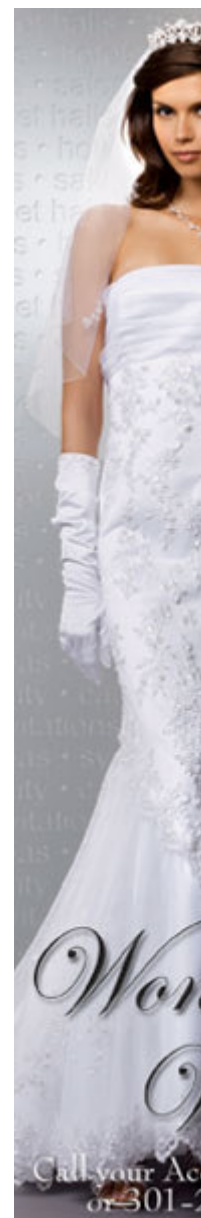
The Museum tours the country and asks audiences, "What would you have done in the 1930s?"

We ask the U.S. Holocaust Museum: "What are you doing now?"

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