

DEBUNKING THE “ETHNIC CLEANSING” BLOOD LIBEL

The Near East Arabic Broadcasting Station confirmed on 4-3-49: “It must not be forgotten that the Arab Higher Committee encouraged the refugees’ flight from their homes in Jaffa, Haifa and Jerusalem”. “Battleground: Fact & Fantasy in Palestine”, by Samuel Katz, page 15

In October 1948, the Greek Catholic Bishop of Galilee, George Hakim, explained that Palestinian Arabs were assured by Arab leadership that they should not fear leaving their homes because the Arab armies were going to quickly defeat the Jews so those leaving would shortly return. “Battleground”, pages 14 – 15

In 1951, Lebanese journalist Habib Issa wrote that the secretary-general of the Arab League, Abdul Rahman Hassan Azzan said Palestinian Arabs should leave to stay temporarily in neighboring states “lest the guns of the invading Arab armies now them down”. “Battleground”, page 17

In 1955 the secretary of the Office of the Arab league in London, Edward Atiyah, admitted this: The wholesale exodus of Palestinian Arabs was encouraged by Arabs in the belief that the Jews would be rapidly defeated enabling the Palestinian Arabs to quickly return. “Battleground”, page 15

Kenneth Bilby, American journalist who covered the Israeli War of Independence, recounted that many Arab leaders including the exiled pro-Nazi mufti of Jerusalem and Arab Higher Committee for Palestine encouraged the Arab exodus from Israel promising that Jewish property would be rewarded to the Arabs on their return when the Jews were driven to the sea. “Battleground”, page 16

Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Said boasted that the Arabs will smash the country, obliterate every place the Jews seek shelter in, Arabs should conduct women and children until the fighting has died down. “Battleground”, page 17