

**Letter to the Editor of the National Post
March 4, 2010**

**Re: Defending Israel Apartheid Week
By Jaggi Singh**

Perhaps Mr. Singh and I do not share the same definition of antisemitism. If the continuous singling out of Israel for collective condemnation, while ignoring far greater human rights abuses throughout the Arab world is not in and of itself suggestive, perhaps the following Facebook posting on the site of a Jewish university student (typical of the frightening and frenzied attitudes and speech Jewish students across Ontario are confronted with during Israel Apartheid Week) may meet his standards of proof:

“ . . . i will make you regret the day not you were born in only , the day u existed, and israel as a nation existed. I will make regret everything you have done racist and hated. Zionist civilization is only 62 yrs, while other countries exceed 1000's... of years, shame on you and your people, there not even people , there apes. Mido Mishakel”

McCarthyism is indeed an apt analogy, although perhaps not in the way Mr. Singh intended. Like Israel itself, Jewish students are surrounded by the hostility of those who bring their own prejudices and hatred into a venue in which it does not belong, harassing and intimidating those students who don't agree with their views. IAW is and has never been about social justice for Palestinians, but the vilification of Israel and the attempts to marginalize her supporters on campus.

I find it hard to believe that an effort to organize a corresponding Muslim Terrorism Week would not elicit immediate cries of 'Islamophobia' from Mr. Singh. Like Joe McCarthy's vicious campaign, moral outrage has very selective targets.

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