

## Censorship and "Frankenstein"

It seems that the "Great Inquisition" has made its comeback to our beloved liberal abundant-life providing university. AUB "baydat-less" officials chose as a new victim a courageous anti-Zionist New-Yorker Jewish intellectual taking for granted false accusations of anti-Semitism, revisionism and negationism and many other meaningless "-ism" to justify their liberticidal decision of implicitly censoring his conference by imposing restrictions. They transferred the event from Issam Fares to Ada Dodge Hall and prohibited any advertising or book selling in order to minimize the importance of the event.

AUB is increasingly becoming a "university under control": articles censored in Outlook,

amorous behavior restricted, exhibitions submitted to "lifting", students warned because of their public speeches and communiqués etc.

The Finkelstein affair has brought a new dimension to the issue: henceforth, any intellectual discourse that bothers College Hall bureaucracy or their Awkar masters is "Khatt Ahmar" and banished from the university intellectual activities and exposed to public contempt. At this pace in the short-run, the only intellectual that the SRC will be allowed to invite will be Thomas Friedman. Finkelstein only "sin" is to be a Jew (his family perished in concentration camps) who is telling Westerners what in the Arab World all know:

- 1) Zionists have turned the Holocaust souvenir into an industry to serve their interests.
- 2) The Palestinian cause is legitimate
- 3) The Lebanese Resistance against Israel is not terrorism.

Even the fiercest "isolationist" in Lebanon would be ashamed to oppose such ideas...but AUB technocrats (encouraged by Awkar's clown-in-chief?) seem not to !

President Waterbury who celebrated pompously every year the useless "Founders' Day" may be well-inspired to deepen the knowledge he possesses on his venerable predecessors who spent a lot of energy fighting Israel creation and the proto-Zionist lobby because they knew that unlike AUB, Israel mission was not to "give life abundantly". President Bayard Dodge is remembered for the following quotation:

"Sending large numbers of Jewish immigrants to Palestine will wreck much of the work which missionaries have carried for a century [...] in southern Near-East." Should his successor take note?

Democratically yours,

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