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## **"Anti-Israel bias on TV show", a Newspaper Clipping from the Jerusalem Post, November 1967**

Published on 7 November 1967, this newspaper clipping from the Jerusalem Post contains an article titled, "Anti-Israel bias on TV show", concerning a television programme on "Israel and the Arabs", which addressed the struggle of the Palestinian refugees. The show interviewed anti-Israel figures at the time, namely the Haifa lawyer, Ilyas Kusa, and Sheikh Abd al-Hamid as-Sayeh as well as Israeli figures, such as the Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Arthur Lourie, and Haim Landau.

*The Jerusalem Post of 7.11.67*

## Anti-Israel bias on TV show

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Tonight I watched a 45-minute anti-Israel T.V. programme on "Israel and the Arabs," broadcast by the Dutch Liberal Protestant broadcasting and T.V. company.

What was striking in this programme was that it not only placed great emphasis on the suffering of the Arab refugees, and contained interviews with a number of anti-Israel Egyptians, but that the very tone of voice of the reporter, Mr. Kool, was full of hatred and "noble indignation" against Israel. Whilst claiming to give an "objective" picture, he was extremely one-sided, representing Israel as a militarist country bent on expansion, a colonialist pawn of the United States, "cynical" in its attitude towards the Arabs, destroying the houses of innocent Arabs in Tulkarm just out of wantonness, etc.

Even more striking, however, was that the interviews taken by him in Israel were almost entirely with Arabs who expressed very anti-Israel views, such as Mr. Elias N. Koussa, the Haifa lawyer, the Jerusalem Moslem leader Sheikh Abdul Hamid el-Saeh (a few days before he was expelled), and some less well-known personalities. The only Jewish Israelis interviewed were Mr. Arthur Lourie, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, who spoke well, and, briefly, Mr. Haim Landau, Gahal, M.K. who, however was introduced by Mr. Kool as an anti-Arab die-hard from whom the Arabs have nothing to hope.

The programme was concluded by an indictment against Israel spoken by Mr. Kool himself, standing in front of the Knesset in Jerusalem and beginning: "If

you think that the Israel Parliament, in front of which I am standing here, will contribute to the solution of the conflict, you are mistaken. Israel has not fulfilled its obligations under the U.N. resolutions, and is most certainly co-responsible for the present situation, and now even makes territorial demands. I cannot see that Israel will do much to alleviate the suffering of the Arab refugees," etc. etc.

Needless to say that no Jews in concentration camps in Egypt were shown; and that Mr. Kool had no comments on the Egyptian Parliament.

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Amsterdam, October 16.