

Banning Away Fans



I HAVE NO DOUBT, no doubt at all, that many, perhaps even a majority, of *Maccabi Tel Aviv* football fans are vile racists, capable of chanting obscene and murderous things at the drop of a hat.

However, in the wake of the recent killings at the synagogue in Manchester, and the chant popularised by Samuel Williams (an undergraduate at Balliol College, Oxford), calling for the slaughter of Zionists, it is plainly absurd to argue that the dispute in Birmingham is about the potential for violence perpetrated by Israeli football hooligans.

It is frankly delusional to argue that the proposed ban of *Maccabi Tel Aviv* fans from *Aston Villa*'s ground, and the City of Birmingham, is about the danger posed by Israeli football hooligans. This explanation was fully rehearsed last week by Aaron Bastani of *Novara Media*, in a lengthy tirade on the racism of *Maccabi* fans. Clearly, he is wandering towards an historical re-enactment of Cable Street,

except that it is now the Jews standing in for Oswald Mosley and the Black Shirts, while the diverse community of Moslems in this Socialist-Islamist fantasy are now playing the part of the embattled Jews of London's East End in 1936 – presumably Aaron and his pals are playing the part of dockers and militants from the Communist Party in this trip down memory lane. Aaron went so far as to muddle up this historical pantomime, by comparing *Maccabi Tel Aviv* supporters to *Combat 18* – the shadowy Hitlerites and white supremacists of the nineteen nineties.

Clearly Aaron Bastani is 'losing it', finishing up by backing operationally independent policing, and supporting the ban on Jews put in place Craig Guildford the Chief Constable of the West Midlands Constabulary. The case made by Bastani is that these Israeli fans are not only violent racists but likely to pose a danger to the people of 'diverse' areas of Birmingham.

Of course, the 'diverse' areas to which Aaron refers are not 'diverse' at all, they are largely Muslim majority areas where most people are, like Aaron, and his colleagues over at Novara Media, virulent enemies of Zionism who seek the destruction of the Jewish state. Now, they all make a great palaver of distinguishing Jews from Zionists and Zionists from Israelis, as they insist that they do not have an antisemitic bone in their bodies. Their concern is merely for the safety of the *diverse* people of Birmingham.

The phrase "pull the other one" springs readily to mind.

Those supporting the ban on *Maccabi* fans, the local 'Gaza' MP, Ayoub Khan, and the usual suspects: Zarah Sultana, Jeremy Corbyn, and Aaron Bastani, are all supporters of a boycott of everything Israeli. This is because they oppose the existence of the Jewish state on the grounds that it is an ethno-nationalist state, uniquely evil, guilty of genocide, starvation, colonialism, racism, apartheid, and ethnic cleansing.

The left inside the Labour Party, the Greens, Plaid Cymru, and those grouped around Jeremy Corbyn, Zarah Sultana, the Socialist Workers Party, Palestine Solidarity, Stop the War Coalition, and a raft of Marxist groupuscules, all take the view that Israel should not exist – they think the country and its state should be liquidated by diplomatic and military means. They have garnered much support for this murderous position within trade unions, local authorities, universities, and the NHS. They insist that they are not motivated by antisemitism – hating Jews could not be further from their minds – it is the ethno-nationalism of the Zionist state that fuels their anger.

Strangely, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey, does not attract the virtuous ire of Novara Media and the broad left. Unlike Zionist Israel, these countries are apparently not ‘ethno-nationalist’ states. Nor do the enemies of Israel spare any time for the killings of tens of thousands of Christians by Muslims in Nigeria or the huge slaughter of civilians in Sudan, Yemen, and Syria. The Chinese Communist Party’s commitment of wiping out the Uyghurs as an ethnic and cultural group in favour of Han Chinese characteristics, has not brought forth any left-wing campaigns or protests.

This is because, the Jews cannot be blamed for these myriad tragedies.

Only when Jews can be blamed does the Left’s alliance with Islamism swing into action. Only when Jews are in the frame is it worthwhile printing the placards and banners, calling out the stage army, and spreading lies and slanders while chanting for the destruction of the uniquely wicked Jewish state, the only state in the world that the Socialist-Islamist alliance believes should be destroyed by any means available.

Consequently, we should not give the slightest credence to the idea that the Socialist-Islamist alliance is not antisemitic. It is based entirely upon hatred of Jews. The ‘set-dressing’ provided by the presence of tiny Jewish organisations amid the feverish crowds chanting “From the River to the Sea Palestine will be

Free” does not, and cannot, disentangle the anti-Israel alliance from its Jew hatred – it is baked into their entire political outlook.

In the delusional world of Socialist-Islamism, from allegations of genocide, to football hooliganism, Israel is the prime offender – this is why people are calling for Jews to be kept out of *Aston Villa* and Birmingham. Jewish hooliganism, like Jewish genocide, must not be tolerated in or around ‘our diverse’ Muslim enclaves in the East Midlands.

This dispute – banning Jews from *Aston Villa* and Birmingham – is not about hooliganism or the operational independence of the police. When the prime movers seek the destruction of a single state, and that state is the only Jewish state in the world, we know that Jew hatred is at the heart of the matter.

This ban on Jews going to *Aston Villa*’s ground or to Birmingham must not stand. The preservation of Western culture and civilisation must prevail over Socialist-Islamic barbarism. Jew hatred must be fought tooth and nail.