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Look at history

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OH, see how one stumbles over the other, each trying to outdo the other, to demonstrate to the Zionists that the one is better than the other as a proxy of Zionism. Condemn Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad the person but never debate the issues/questions he raises. Australia, as usual, does not want to be left out, and offers its two cents' worth of prejudice.

Yet none could manage even a squeak to register outrage over the speeches of Lt Gen William G. Boy-kin, the US Deputy Undersecretary of Defence for Intelligence.

The strident Condoleeza Rice, who offered only explanations but nothing else; the regional spokesman for the United States, John Howard, hiding somewhere; and, the Italian Foreign Minister - all so quiet.

It would be nice to look at the history of anti-Semitism in these outraged European nations. Apart from Nazi Germany, what comes to mind is Shakespeare's Shylock in the Merchant of Venice. What other stories of mistreatment, ostracism, prejudice or cruelty towards the Jews do these countries have to hide?

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