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Palestine

Pride: A Lucrative Party Aiming To Work Out Its Growing Pains (June 3) makes a casual mention of “Israel’s presence in Palestine.” There never was a country called “Palestine.” The territory known before 1948 as the Palestinian Mandate was administered by the British and, in a historic vote at the UN in 1948, divided between two peoples. Jews around the world welcomed the offer to return to the land from which they had been forcibly removed centuries earlier, while the Muslim populations surrounding the nascent Jewish state declared all-out war – three times – and lost. The narrative of forcing the Jews to the sea and reclaiming ancient Jewish territory has not changed in the 63 years of Israel’s existence.

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