Lebanon massacre inquiry necessary

Thousands of Israeli citizens have taken to the streets in recent days to call for the resignations of Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon in the wake of the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camp massacre in Lebanon. Despite Sharon's admission to Knesset that the Israeli military in allowing a group known hostile to Palestinian civilians in Southern Lebanon. Sharon has admitted to a Knesset investigation that Israeli forces were involved in the massacre and that they should be held accountable. Sharon's admission comes as a result of the increasing pressure from both domestic and international sources. The massacre, which took place in 1982, resulted in the deaths of thousands of Palestinian civilians and has sparked widespread condemnation.

Begin and Sharon must accept full responsibility for the role of the Israeli military in allowing a group known hostile to Palestinian civilians in the camps and allowing the senseless massacre to take place. If the UN investigation confirms their complicity, Begin and Sharon will be held accountable for their actions.

It is the responsibility of the Israeli government to ensure that such atrocities are never repeated and to take steps to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. The international community must also hold the Israeli government accountable for its actions and ensure that justice is served.

By writing this column, I, Andrew Lake '84, Faculty Advisor: Edwin Diamond, sincerely hope that my views will contribute to the ongoing discussion on this important issue.

Oruc's View

Japanese censor textbooks

In a blatant attempt to change history, the Japanese government has ordered at least 100 high school textbooks that denigrated the history of Japanese aggression against the people of Korea and China. This action has already raised furor never seen before in the diplomatic circles of Asia. The people and governments of mainland China, Taiwan, and Japan are saddened by this one-sided history. In effect, the Japanese are attempting to present a one-sided history that is not a true reflection of the events that took place.

To counter this, the Asian Journal of Education has published a report showing that the Japanese government is censors the textbooks. This is a serious issue that must be addressed. The Japanese government should allow the publication of textbooks that present a balanced and accurate representation of history.

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