







Palestine and the Arab revolution

PART TWO

THE ISRAELI Defence Minister, Moshe Dayan, has once again added a new phrase to the Hebrew political vocabulary.

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population of the Israeli-administered areas. Maybe these Zionist propagandists can succeed in convincing themselves.



The Zionists' creation of more refugees, their repression and deportations, only succeed in building up against them a bigger wall of bitterness and hatred.

His previous contribution, made shortly after the June 1967 war, was in reference to his expansionist policy, when he used the phrase 'Merhav lehya'—living space, or as Hitler used to say 'lebensraum'.

plied. It was only the declaration that was new. On October 25, Israeli forces destroyed some 20 houses in the village of Halhul...

The village of Beit Sahur was placed under curfew following rocket attacks from nearby hills on Jerusalem. The curfew was for 22 hours a day, and was enforced for nearly four weeks.



'Neighbourhood punishment' was the phrase used by Dayan (above) to describe the official policy of the Israeli occupation forces.

Dayan's latest contribution to Zionist political jargon is 'haanasha s'vivavit'—neighbourhood punishment, the phrase he used recently when declaring the official policy of the Israeli occupation forces from now on; collective 'punishment' of Arab villages or districts for resistance activities.

General Barlev has said that if there are incidents in Bedouin areas, the whole tribe will be punished.

During this time people were not even allowed to open their windows. During a curfew at Rajah, Israeli troops shot two curfew 'breakers' on November 17.

Gaza's largest boys' secondary school has been confiscated for military purposes because of demonstrations by pupils.

Same course

The Zionists are embarking on the same course as led to the US imperialist murder of Tu Cung village.

The Israeli government is in the same trap as any other occupying, colonial power, oppressing another people.

In the past, Zionist propaganda pretended that the Palestinians did not exist.

According to a Zionist pamphlet distributed this summer entitled 'The Aim of Arab Terrorist Organizations'...

It claimed:

'The attempt to equate the aims of Arab terrorists with those of a genuine resistance movement is clearly invalid.

Moshe Dayan is a realist. There has been a division of labour within the Zionist movement between 'realists' like Dayan...

When Eshkol was asked by the American magazine 'Newsweek' about the Palestinians he answered:

'What are the Palestinians? When I first came, there were some 250,000 non-Jews here: mainly Arabs and Bedouins.

New state

Dayan, speaking inside Israel, is more honest:

'We came to this country, which was already populated by Arabs, and we are establishing a Hebrew, that is, a Jewish State here.

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this country that did not have a former Arab population... (Dayan's speech to students at Haifa Technion, March 1969.)

On another occasion, in 1956, Dayan spoke at Nahal Oz, near Gaza, at the funeral of a kibbutz guard killed by infiltrators.

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'For eight years now, they sit in their refugee camps in Gaza, and before their very eyes, we turn into our homesteads the land and the villages in which they and their forefathers have lived.'

'This is the fate of our generation, the choice of our I Speech quoted in 'Israica Information Bulletin', No. 2, June-July, 1969.

ing out successful attacks on other fronts, while all the Jewish forces proceeded to advance through Haifa like a knife through butter.

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In contrast with the myths of Zionist propaganda idealism, that 'we only wish to live in peace', etc., Dayan speaks plainly as a brute-force militarist.

The future offered by Zionism is war, oppression, and more war.

Zionist colonization created the Palestine conflict. The Zionists bought land from absentee landowners or terrorized Arab farmers into quitting.

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In 1936 came the Arab general strike, and between 1936 and 1939 there was peasant rebellion throughout the countryside.

However, the Palestinian masses lacked the leadership they needed for their struggle.

Dominated

The Palestine Arab community remained dominated by the landowners, who might incite anti-Jewish feeling, but were ready to profit from the sale of land to the Zionists.

The landowning class could not develop the popular struggle, and did not want to break with imperialism.

From 1947 to 1948, Zionist policy, following the United Nations (UN) partition decision, was carried out by military means.

Menahem Begin wrote: ... Arabs began to flee in terror. ... Hagana was carrying...

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From 1948 to 1967 the Palestine problem became obscured as the 'Arab-Israeli problem'.

Zionist propaganda presented it to the world as being purely a conflict between states, with 'poor little Israel' surrounded on all sides by aggressive neighbour states bent on her annihilation.

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Inside Israel, the government seized thousands of acres of Arab land, while denying the refugees the right to return.

In the late 1950s, however, a new generation emerged of young Palestinians seeking to lead the masses of their people in a popular struggle.

By 1965, groups of Palestinian commandos were making raids across the Israeli border.

The Arab masses must be mobilized, with revolutionary leadership. After many years of corruption, intrigue and betrayal, the Palestinian guerrillas have opened the door to a new kind of politics in the Middle East.



Dayan: 'There is not one single place built in this country that did not have a former Arab population...'

WEEKEND TELEVISION SATURDAY

- B.B.C.-1
10.00 a.m. Repondez s'il vous plait. 10.30-11.00 Wie Bitte? 12 noon Weatherman...

- B.B.C.-2
3.00-4.20 p.m. Saturday Cinema: 'Something Money Can't Buy'.

- I.T.V.
11.00 a.m. RAC Road Report. 11.15 Saturday Session: Families Talking. 11.40 'The English Sick-

- Southern: 12.55 p.m. News. 5.05 Ulster Sports Results. 5.15 Land of the Giants. 6.15 Wheel of Fortune. 8.00 Please Sir!

- Yorkshire: 12.55 p.m. News. 5.15 Cowboy in Africa. 6.15 The Saturday Crowd. 7.00 Please Sir! 7.30 Edgewise. 8.30 'The Fantastic Dis-

SUNDAY

- B.B.C.-1
9.0 a.m. Nai Zindagi-Naya Jeevan. 9.30 Repondez s'il vous plait. 10.00-10.30 Wie Bitte? 11.00 Seeing and Believing. 11.30 Buying a House...

- B.B.C.-2
7.00 p.m. News Review and Weather. 7.25 The World About Us: Hill tribes of the Philippines.

- I.T.V.
11.00 a.m. Church Service. 12.15 p.m. Sunday Session: Families Talking. 12.40-1.05 Your Living Body. 1.25 'The English Sickness': Fact or fiction? 1.55 Face The

- Westward: 1.05-1.25 p.m. You And Your Child. 2.00 Farm and Country News. 2.15 Star Soccer. 2.45 Sports Arena. 3.15 The Big Match. 4.15 The Flaxton Boys...

- Footbal: 3.50 The Baron. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 7.25 Peyton Place. 8.20 Star Soccer. 12.05 a.m. Weather.

- Yorkshire: 1.05-1.30 p.m. You And Your Child. 1.45 All Our Yesterdays. 2.15 Sunday Sport. 3.15 'I Was Monty's Double' with John Mills and Cecil Parker.

