

Change the World

The Holyland Exploited by Imperialists and Jabotinsky's Jewish Fascists

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IN conversation with a boring and pretentious female the other day, I learned a few interesting things. It is best to listen patiently to everyone, on the principle of the junk-collector, who finds something of value in every pile of rubbish.

This lady was a walking mass of mental rubbish. She had just returned from Palestine. She and her sister had been left an immense orange grove there. Papa was not a Zionist, but a smart businessman. Many of these Jewish businessmen have flocked into Palestine for speculation.

Many of them have become rich by exporting the pathetic passion of the Jews to build their own homeland. They smelled the money, and went after it ruthlessly. This is what is called bourgeois enterprise and patriotism.

Anyway, the girls are living in finest style. Papa is dead, the price of oranges is high this year, and an overseer does the slave-driving for them in the groves. The workers' wages there are something like 15 American cents a day, in a land where rent and food are almost as high as in New York.

So the girls have gone ritzy. Like many of the Palestinian profiteers, they do not stay too long at any one time in the lap of Zion. They travel.

The lady, who just arrived from Italy, crinkled her fat, foolish-enameled face at me and simpered when she mentioned the name of Mussolini. "He has made all the trains run on time," she said. You could have knocked me over with a feather. I didn't think anybody had the gall to repeat that stale gag any more.

Anyway, the interesting fact I gleaned from this fat, haughty, beauty-shop product, was that the Jewish Fascist group in Palestine is rooting hard for Franco in the Spanish invasion.

These are the followers of the unspeakable Vladimir Jabotinsky. This is the wretch who offered his services to the Jew-killing White-guard Generals in the Russian Revolution. He was ready to fight on the side of the pogrom-makers against the Bolsheviks. Now his gang wear brown-shirts in Palestine, make parades, assault labor leaders, and lift their hands in the fascist salute.

Imagine it, from the race that has lost most from fascism, a race that has been degraded, stripped of every elemental human right, forbidden even to earn a living or receive an education, treated as nobody has yet treated a yellow dog, it is from this very race that fascist admirers and imitators spring forth. To me it is as revolting as if Negroes should join a gang of Southern lynchers to burn one of their own people.

Such are the insane depths to which the bourgeoisie can sink in their fear of socialism, and what it may do to their property.

Insanity, however, has a rational core. It is sanity in a state of rot. The rational beginning of Jewish fascism is the legitimate desire of the homeless Jewish masses for a cultural fatherland. The Jewish fascists believe this can be attained by the methods of Hitler and Mussolini.

They accept the fascist idea that the world is divided eternally into races, each of which is the enemy of the other. The class war and brutal exploitation within each race they shut their eyes to, like good businessmen.

Besides, fascism is another name for imperialism. Can a minority race like the Jews or Negroes practice imperialism? No, they are predestined to be the historic victims of imperialism, so long as the system lasts.

Only socialism, which means the end of race war and class war, can bring freedom to the oppressed races. This has already happened in the Soviet Union, where Jews are freer than in the imperialist colony of Palestine.

Fascism means an intensification of the oppression of small nations and minority races. After Hitler in Germany, and Mussolini in Ethiopia, only traitors refuse to see this. But the Jabotinskys would rather see every Jew perish, than behold the triumph of socialism. Franco persecutes the Jew, but they whoop it up for Franco. Even from their own chauvinist viewpoint, they are quite insane. How long would a little Jewish state last in a fascist world?