

# New Pro-Fascist Front in Israel

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A Revisionist Party conference convening in Jerusalem on Friday, August 27, voted to ratify an agreement reached by its executive committee and the leadership of the Irgun's "Freedom Movement" to merge both organizations.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Irgun is to receive fifteen seats on the top committee of the new political unit while the Revisionists must content themselves with six seats.

In addition, the Revisionist daily, "Hamashkif" (which used to herald Franco's victories in Spain as the victories of "our side"), will be discontinued. Its place is to be taken by the organ of the Irgun, "Haheiruth,"

under a combined editorial board headed by the notorious labor-baiter, Uri Zvi Greenberg.

This merger of the Irgun with the anti-labor, pro-fascist Revisionist movement of Palestine should occasion some soul-searching among "liberal" and "radical" American apologists for the Irgun, who vociferously denied or minimized the political kinship between the Irgun and the Revisionist movement out of which it emerged and with which it is now organically united.

It is not clear, as yet, whether the National Federation of Labor—a tiny, strike-breaking company union operated by the Revisionists in an attempt to break the Histadrut Haovdim, the general trade union of Is-

raeli labor—is to be disbanded or taken over by the new "Freedom Movement."

However, in view of the bitter anti-Histadrut campaign being conducted by Beigin & Co. [the Irgunists], it seems unlikely that use of this dual-union outfit will be foregone.

## SUCH FRANKNESS!

As we go to press, it is reported that Zhdanov, No. 2 warden in Stalin's prison state, has died. The Moscow announcement says cause of his death was "PARALYSIS OF THE HEART."