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END ISRAELI AGGRESSION, EXPOSE PROVOCATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ZIONISM

Israel's aggressive actions in the Middle East and the smear campaign of the ruling circles of Tel Aviv and international Zionist organisations are meeting with a determined rebuff from the Soviet people who fully approve their government's policy of support for the Arab peoples in their just struggle against the Israeli occupationists and its stand in favour of a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict.

Following are Soviet press items, the texts of statements made by public organisations, scientists, writers and artists, and reports about protest meetings held.

PEACE MUST BE RESTORED IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Disturbing reports are coming in from the Middle East on the aggravation of the situation there as a result of new aggressive acts by the Israeli military. Israeli aircraft bomb densely populated areas of the Nile delta in the United Arab Republic. Bombs and shells continue to fall on peaceful villages of Jordan and the Lebanon. On February 12 Israeli aircraft bombed the scrap metal plant in Abu Zaabal near Cairo. The shelling of the plant with rockets and the use of napalm and delayed-action bombs killed about eighty

workers and office employees and wounded nearly one hundred people.

The Tel Aviv ruling circles resorting to the most cruel methods, are trying to annex the occupied Arab lands. They have established there a regime of unbridled terror, are driving out the Arab population, destroying homes, throwing into concentration camps and prisons all who resist their inhuman measures, and setting up Israeli military settlements on the Arab lands—in a word, they are trying to speed up the colonization of the seized areas. The bellicose Zionists of Israel are openly stepping up chauvinist propaganda in the country, sowing animosity and hatred towards the Arab peoples and educating the population in a spirit of rabid racism.

It has lately become known that Washington is discussing plans of supplying Israel with more arms, including Skyhawk and Phantom planes. Delivery of planes is continuing under former contracts. And no juggling with words about the balance of forces in the Middle East will enable the Washington propagandists to hide the fact that these arms are supplied for the purpose of continuing the aggression.

At the same time news has reached the world press that Washington is taking a favourable position with regard to Israel's request for large new credits. West German monopolists are also giving Israel aid. More and more money is being given to Israel by international Zionist organisations for the purpose of financing the aggression.

Present-day Zionism is an ideology, a ramified system of organisations, the policy and practice of the Jewish big bourgeoisie that have become closely knit with the monopoly circles of the United States and other imperialist powers. The basic content of Zionism is frenzied chauvinism and malicious anti-communism. The Zionists have also placed at the service of imperialism the state of Israel, ignoring the genuine interests of the people of Israel.

By their barbarous aggressive actions the Israeli ruling circles have completely exposed themselves before the world public as an instrument of imperialist reaction. By using Israel the reactionary circles of the United States and other imperialist countries hope to turn back historical events in the Middle East, to inflict defeat upon the national-liberation movement and turn this area into a sphere of neo-colonialist domination. The Israeli extremists and their backers

are hoping that by blackmail, threats, and escalation of aggression they will undermine the will of the Arab countries to struggle, force them to give up their lawful interests and submit to imperialist domination.

Aggressors usually have a short memory and fail to draw lessons from history, even quite recent ones. Similar aims were set by the US military in their dirty war against the Vietnamese people. It is known, however, that this war has brought only defeats for the invaders.

Gone are the times when an aggressor could talk to the peoples defending their vital national interests in the language of gunboats and bombs. The Arabs are fully determined to rebuff the Israeli invaders and their imperialist masters, eliminate the consequences of the aggression, and continue progressive social reforms in their countries. Israeli raids are being avenged. Israel is suffering more and more losses in the "war of attrition" about which Tel Aviv is talking so much. The Palestinian resistance movement is growing stronger.

The impudent actions of the Israeli military are evoking anger and strong denunciation on the part of all peace-loving people who are pressing for an end to these aggressive Tel Aviv sallies. At meetings and rallies held throughout the country Soviet people are protesting the provocative actions of the Israeli rulers and demanding that they stop air raids against the Arab population. They wholeheartedly back the just struggle of the Arabs against the Israeli invaders and in defence of their national interests, against the encroachments of imperialism, neo-colonialism and Zionism, and condemn the crimes of the aggressors. On March 2, Soviet mass organisations held a day of protest against the Israeli escalation of aggressive military actions against the Arab countries.

Progressive people the world over are pressing for an immediate end to the dangerous armed attacks of Israel against Arab states, and for the implementation of the resolutions passed by the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly. Israel must be made to give up its policy of armed provocations. A lasting peace must be established in the Middle East.

The policy of hostility and aggression towards the Arabs will bring no dividends to its inspirers and organisers. Such a policy is bound to end in bankruptcy. This should be made

known to the Israeli rulers and their imperialist benefactors who continue to step up tension in the Middle East.

The Soviet Union believes that the sides concerned in the conflict must fully carry out the UN Security Council resolution aimed at a political settlement of the Middle East crisis. The withdrawal of Israeli troops from all occupied Arab territories was and remains the cardinal issue in any settlement. The state of war cannot be stopped or durable peace established in that region without the pullout of the Israeli troops. The USSR and other socialist states, all progressive forces are resolved to help frustrate imperialist ventures and restore peace in the Middle East.

Pravda, March 3, 1970

IMPORTANT INITIATIVE OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT

The attention of official circles and international public opinion has been drawn to the aggravation of the situation in the Middle East, brought about by new aggressive acts of the Israeli militarists, which found expression, specifically, in provocative air raids, shellings and attacks on populated localities of the United Arab Republic and other Arab states. All this is done to compel the Arab states to accept the demands advanced by Israel. In this the Israeli leaders rely on the assistance and support of the imperialist forces.

The interests of universal peace and international security obviously require that the Israeli Government should be warned against adventurism and that urgent and firm steps should be taken to help cut short the growing war tension and prompt Israel to heed the voice of reason.

As has been learned in journalistic quarters, A. N. Kosygin, Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, had, a few days before, addressed personal messages to President Nixon of the United States, Prime Minister Wilson of Britain and President Pompidou of France, calling their atten-

tion to the highly risky consequences of the line chosen by the Israeli leadership.

The messages point out that continuation by Israel of its present course expands and deepens the conflict in one of the most important regions of the world. It is impossible to force the Arab states to reconcile themselves with aggression, with the seizure of their territories. The situation calls for Israel's immediate discontinuation of the dangerous armed attacks and sorties against the UAR and other Arab states, for observance of the decisions of the Security Council and the UN General Assembly.

It is imperative to compel Israel to abandon its policy of armed provocations and to see to it that durable peace is established in the Middle East. With this aim in view, it is necessary, in particular, to use effectively the available opportunities for consultations between the powers, including the quadripartite consultations between the USSR, the United States, Britain and France, taking place within the framework of the Security Council. It is essential to secure the earliest withdrawal of Israeli troops from all occupied Arab territories and to establish peace in the Middle East, A. N. Kosygin's messages underscore.

The Soviet Union, as it is known, stands for an interconnected implementation by the sides concerned of all the provisions of the Security Council resolution of November 22nd, 1967, aimed at achieving a political settlement in the Middle East. As is surely clear to every unbiased person, the most important question of this settlement has been and remains the problem of withdrawing Israeli troops from all the Arab territories they occupy. Without the withdrawal of these troops it is impossible to achieve either an end to the state of war or lasting peace in that area.

The Soviet Union is fully resolved to help foil the imperialist ventures in the Middle East, and there should be no doubt on that score. The Soviet Government's initiative has found profound response in the Arab countries which saw in it a major step in the struggle against the adventurist policy of the Israeli ruling circles. "The Soviet warning," the Cairo newspaper *Al-Akhbar* wrote the other day, "is very important and serious." The Soviet Union's just stand is meeting with understanding and support in wide world public circles, which are interested in preventing a further

aggravation of the Middle East situation. This stand is welcomed as a manifestation of the goodwill of the USSR and its resolve to act in the interests of peace in that area. But what was the response of Western official circles to this initiative?

It has been learned that the United States, Britain and France have sent replies to the Soviet message. The US Government openly takes Israeli ruling circles under its protection, tries to equate the aggressor and the victim of aggression, strongly attacks the just struggle of Arab peoples for the liberation of their lands occupied by the invaders and threatens to increase its arms deliveries. This can hardly be qualified otherwise than an encouragement of the aggressor. Even judging by the pronouncements of American newspapers, President Nixon's reply is anything but constructive.

Prime Minister Wilson's reply agrees in the main with that of President Nixon. The British press also notes this. This once again confirms the fact that the British Government is following in the wake of American policy in the Middle East, a policy of supporting the aggressor and further aggravating the conflict.

Continuing the policy of protracting a political settlement in the Middle East and encouraging Israeli ruling quarters, the imperialist forces seem to believe that time is working for the aggressors and those supporting them. This is a gross delusion.

A conference of the leaders of five Arab states directly opposing Israeli aggression has just closed in Cairo. In their concluding statement the participants in the conference stressed that the Arab peoples are not alone in their struggle and that they are supported by all progressive, freedom-loving and peace-loving peoples. The participants in the conference expressed a firm resolve to strive for the liberation of Israeli-occupied Arab territories and a firm belief in the triumph of the cause of justice and peace.

The policy of animosity and aggression against the Arab peoples will bring no good to their foes. In the long run, this policy is in for bankruptcy with all the resultant consequences for Israeli ruling circles and their guardians who continue to work up tension in the Middle East.

Pravda, February 13, 1970

TASS STATEMENT

Soviet and world public opinion has already been informed of the fresh criminal act perpetrated by the Israeli military—the raid on February 12th by Israeli aircraft on the Egyptian metallurgical combine near Cairo. As a result of the rocket, napalm and time-bomb assault on the combine, about eighty workers and employees were killed and as many seriously injured.

In an effort to balk a peaceful political settlement in the Middle East, the Israeli leaders are, apparently, prepared to go to any length, commit any atrocities, in defiance of the elementary principles of humaneness and international law. The Israeli military and those who place the arms into their hands are apparently confident that they can, by blackmail and threats, and the notorious escalation of aggression, compel the Arab countries, above all Israel's neighbours, to waive their legitimate interests and accept the imperialist demands.

It would seem that the aggressors, in the past and present, have one feature in common: a very short memory. Temporary success befores their minds, but in the long run there comes the day of reckoning. This occasion is no exception. The farther the Israeli aggressors proceed along the criminal path the harder will be the verdict of the nations which today are rightly condemning Israel—which by the nature of its foreign policy is an imperialist state—as being a tool of neo-colonialism.

The Soviet people resolutely denounce Israel's savage, aggressive acts and voice their solidarity with the Arab peoples fighting for their legitimate rights. The policy of the Soviet Union is directed to restoring peace in the Middle East area and rooting out traces of national strife and wars. The Soviet Union will not slacken its efforts in achieving these goals.

But so long as the aggressor tramples underfoot the principles and aims of the UN Charter, and the decisions taken by this international organization to eliminate the aftermath of Israeli aggression and restore peace in the Middle East, the Soviet Union will give Arab countries the necessary support so that they can enhance their ability to protect their security and their legitimate interests.

The criminal policy of aggression and encroachment on

the national liberty of the peoples and their statehood and security cannot but meet with mounting resistance. That is also wholly in keeping with the interests of consolidating the pillars of international peace.

Pravda, February 17, 1970

STOP ISRAEL'S AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

A STATEMENT BY AUCCTU

Reports on the new bloody and aggressive act perpetrated by the Israeli military have roused profound indignation among all Soviet working people. Continuing the escalation of aggression in the Middle East the Israeli extremists, using the latest US-made aircraft, napalm and time-bombs, treacherously attacked on February 12, 1970 a civilian industrial enterprise in a Cairo suburb, causing heavy casualties among the civilian population. The barbarous air raid killed many Egyptian workers and left many wounded. This deliberate act is a flagrant violation of the UN Security Council resolution on cease-fire in the Middle East and a ruthless crime against humanity. It is the ruling circles of the United States of America that are the supporters of and accomplices in these aggressive actions of the high-handed Israeli expansionists, for these circles have been supplying Israel with ever increasing quantities of the latest offensive mass-annihilation weapons.

The statement reads that the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions, expressing the sentiments of Soviet working people, shares the sorrow of the Egyptian working class in connection with the tragic death of workers at the engineering plant in Abu Zaabal and conveys condolences to the families of the victims.

The statement stresses that the AUCCTU resolutely condemns Israel's aggressive ruling circles and their imperialist patrons for the atrocities committed against the peaceful population of the UAR and again expresses its fraternal solidarity with the Arab countries' working people and nations who are defending their freedom and independence

against the encroachments of the forces of imperialism, world reaction and Zionism.

Soviet trade unions fully support the consistent efforts of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet Government to put an end to Israeli aggression and bring about a just political settlement in the Middle East.

Trud, February 17, 1970

MOSCOW UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS CONDEMN ISRAELI AIR RAIDS

Scientists at Moscow University learned with anger of the barbarous acts of the Israeli military against Egyptian civilians. They are raising their voice of protest against these aggressive actions of Israel's ruling clique and demanding an end to the bombing of peaceful Arab communities and punishment of those guilty of the crimes.

The Soviet people, who had suffered the horrors of the Second World War and nazi atrocities, understand the hardships of the freedom-loving Arabs. Therefore we scientists at Moscow University, together with the entire Soviet people, wholeheartedly support the just Arab struggle against the Israeli invaders and emphatically condemn the fascist methods used by the Israeli military against the Arab civilians.

We hereby express profound solidarity with the Arab struggle in defence of national gains and against the encroachments of imperialism, neo-colonialism and Zionism. We denounce the Israeli piratic air raid against the scrap metal plant near Cairo, as a result of which tens of workers and employees were killed.

In our opinion, there is direct connection between the Israeli barbarous actions and the atrocities of US imperialism in Vietnam. The Israeli military are resorting to the same dirty means and methods as the US military in Vietnam. We regard as highly important and timely the Soviet Union's warning of the danger to peace which the Israeli barbarous actions are likely to lead to.

We are demanding that every effort be exerted for the liberation of the Israel-occupied territory and the implemen-

tation of the UN Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967. We vigorously denounce the barbarous actions of the Israeli invaders.

We fully support the policy of the Communist Party and Government of the Soviet Union aimed at a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict and helping the Arabs in their just struggle against the Israeli invaders. We demand that the Israeli occupationists immediately withdraw from the Arab territory seized by them.

Shame on the Israeli provocateurs and their benefactors!

Academician I. G. PETROUSKY, Rector of Moscow University and Hero of Socialist Labour; Prof. A. A. SOKOLOU, head of the Theoretical Physics Department and State Prize winner; Academician S. N. UERNOU, head of the Nuclear Physics Institute of Moscow University and Lenin and State prize winner; Prof. K. K. MARKOU, head of Moscow University's Department of General Physical Geography and Paleogeography and Merited Scientific Worker of the Russian Federation; Academician S. Y. SEUERIN, head of the Department of Biochemistry of Animals and President of the All-Union Biochemical Society; Prof. K. A. SALISHCHEU, head of Moscow University's Cartography Department, a Merited Scientific Worker of the Russian Federation and chairman of the National Council of Cartographers of the USSR; Prof. B. A. RUBIN, head of the Department of Physiology of Plants, State Prize winner and Corresponding Member of the All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences; Prof. A. P. KAPITSA, Dean of the Geography Faculty; Prof. A. R. LURIA, head of the Neuropsychology Department, Member of the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of the USSR and Lomonosov Prize winner; Academician I. P. ALIMARIN, head of the Department of Analytical Chemistry; Academician A. N. BELOZERSKY, head of the Department of Biochemistry of Plants and a Hero of Socialist Labour; Academician A. N. KOLMOGOROU, a Hero of Socialist Labour; Academician S. I. VOLFKOUGH; Prof. N. U. YEFIMOU, head of the Department of Mathematical Analysis and Lenin Prize winner; Y. M. SERGEYEU, Head of the Department of Ground Science and Engineering Geology and Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences; Prof. L. Y. BERRI, State Prize winner; Prof. I. A. KHLIABICH.

Izvestia, February 26, 1970

SHAME ON ISRAELI AGGRESSORS

Meetings and rallies are being held all over the country at which the Soviet working people angrily condemn the unbridled Israeli aggressors. A meeting of Jewish workers of the Jewish Autonomous Region was held in the Palace of Culture in Birobidjan on February 27. The participants in the meeting unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

of the Regional Meeting of Jewish Working People of the Jewish Autonomous Region held in the city of Birobidjan on February 27, 1970

We working people of Jewish nationality of the Jewish Autonomous Region which has been awarded the Order of Lenin hold that the situation in the Middle East is becoming more aggravated every day as a result of the criminal aggressive policy pursued by the Israeli leadership backed by US imperialists. Following in the footsteps of the fascist barbarians the Zionist-racists on Israeli-occupied Arab lands are murdering peaceful inhabitants, razing to the ground entire villages, plundering the wealth of the Arab countries and have the impudence to demand that the Arabs reconcile themselves to this.

Inspired by the US reactionary hawks the Israeli aggressors are trying to expand the military conflict which threatens to develop into a world conflagration. It is for this purpose that frantic chauvinist propaganda is conducted.

On behalf of all working people of Jewish nationality of our Autonomous Region we participants in the meeting resolutely condemn the aggressive policy of the Israeli imperialists and their protectors, express our strong indignation over their atrocities. Clear and understandable to us is the provocative aim of the Israeli rulers' calls for the "return" of Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality to Israel. Israeli Government officials are resorting to anti-Soviet slander about anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union in order to lead astray world public opinion, to conceal their class imperialist interests and to replenish their gangs with cannon fodder.

The participants in the meeting and all the working people of our Region note with wrath the base slander conducted by the Zionist leaders against our Soviet system, against the unbreakable fraternity of the USSR peoples.

The Zionist gentlemen should know that we are not going to barter away our homeland.

We once again declare categorically to all unsolicited protectors of Soviet Jews: our homeland is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. For its honour and independence the best sons of the Soviet people, including many Jews of our native Region, have given up their lives and shed their blood. Only with it, with our only homeland, the Soviet Union, is associated the present and future of all of us, our children and grandchildren. All Zionists and their backers should know that we love our Region and are proud of it as an integral part of our great homeland.

It was not the Zionist "well-wishers" but Soviet power that delivered us and our countrymen from poverty and lawlessness and opened the road to constructive labour, to science, culture and education. During the years of Soviet power our Region has built dozens of new industrial enterprises, state farms and collective farms, schools and other educational establishments, clubs, cinemas and hospitals. But our greatest wealth are our wonderful people, active builders of communism.

We are proud of the fact that our Region has been awarded the highest decoration of the Soviet Union, the Order of Lenin, for successes achieved by the working people in economic and cultural construction.

Together with the working people of all the other nationalities living in the Region, the Jewish workers, as equals among equals, are implementing the great programme of building communism, the tasks set by the 23rd CPSU Congress, and are preparing to meet in a worthy manner the birth centenary of the founder of the world's first multi-national socialist state, leader of the world proletariat—Vladimir Ilyich Lenin.

No nationalist Zionist propaganda can conceal from us the aim of the whole country and our international aim—struggle for communism. We unanimously support and enthusiastically approve the home and foreign policy of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet Government directed towards strengthening peace and friendship among

nations, supporting the revolutionary and national-liberation movement of the peoples of the world.

Expressing the opinion of all the working people of the Jewish Autonomous Region we, participants in the meeting, firmly demand that an end be put to the criminal actions of the Israeli military and that the aggressor troops withdraw from occupied Arab territories!

Like all Soviet people, we cannot tolerate the atrocities and provocations of international Zionism!

We wrathfully condemn the provocative policy and actions of international Zionism!

We categorically declare: shame upon the Israeli aggressors and occupation forces and their Washington inspirers!

Selskaya Zhizn, February 28, 1970

ONE CANNOT REMAIN SILENT

We workers in Soviet sciences, literature and art are profoundly angered by the treacherous aggressive actions of the Israeli military against the Arab peoples.

Inspired and encouraged by US imperialists, they continue to perpetrate shameful military provocations in the Middle East, shedding the blood of innocent people. The world has been shocked by the piratical raid on the metallurgical plant in Abu Zaabal, which took a toll of dozens of Egyptian civilian lives.

The ceaseless armed provocations against the Arab states arouse a feeling of wrath and protest in the hearts of all progressive people and all champions of peace.

One cannot remain silent when crimes are committed against peace and humanity. We workers in the sciences and culture, who create spiritual values for man's benefit, severely condemn the aggressive policy of Israel's ruling quarters who maintain their wreckless policy of building up tension in the Middle East and endanger world peace and the security of nations.

One cannot remain silent when piratic raids are made on peaceful towns and villages, similar to the barbaric actions

of the US military in Vietnam, and reminiscent of the sanguinary crimes of the Hitlerites during World War II.

Trampling underfoot world public opinion, the Tel Aviv Zionist clique is set on frustrating the fulfilment of the UN Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967, on the peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict.

We voice our resolute protest against the actions of the Israeli aggressors, and those who spur them on into military provocations. Our sympathy and solidarity is with the Arab peoples who are fighting for freedom, independence and social progress. We support the courageous struggle of the progressive elements in Israel who are denouncing the reckless policy of the Tel Aviv rulers.

Scientists, writers and workers in art, just like all other Soviet people, ardently approve of the policy of our Communist Party and the Soviet Government aimed at rendering comprehensive assistance to the Arab peoples in their just struggle, and at establishing a lasting and just peace in the Middle East.

We appeal to our colleagues in other countries—workers in sciences and culture—to raise their voice of protest against the inhuman actions of the Israeli military, and in defence of peace and the peoples' freedom.

The Tel Aviv leaders must withdraw their troops from the occupied territories. They must stop their criminal actions against the peoples of the Arab countries. Let peace triumph in the Middle East, and all over the world!

I. I. ARTOBOLEUSKY, Academician, Hero of Socialist Labour; S. A. BARUZDIN, writer; N. G. BASOV, Academician, Hero of Socialist Labour; B. G. GAFUROV, Academician; S. A. GERASIMOV, film director, People's Artist of the USSR; A. A. GUBER, Academician; N. M. ZHAUORONKOV, Academician, Hero of Socialist Labour; E. M. ZHUKOV, Academician; A. Y. ISHLINSKY, Academician; M. K. KALATOZOV, film director, People's Artist of the USSR; B. M. KEDROV, Academician; N. I. KONRAD, Academician; F. U. KONSTANTINOV, Academician; U. A. KOTELNIKOV, Academician, Hero of Socialist Labour; L. A. KULIDZHANOV, film director, People's Artist of the Russian Federation; M. D. MILLIONSHCHIKOV, Academician, Hero of Socialist Labour; I. I. MINTS, Academician; M. B. MITIN, Academician; J. U. PEIUE, Acade-

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Pravda, March 3, 1970

REMEMBER THE LESSONS HISTORY TAUGHT YOU, GENTLEMEN!

History has shown that since the time a mighty socialist camp for peace came into being no country in the world has been able to carry out rapacious military plans with impunity. Good examples of this are nazi Germany and other states whose ruling circles succeeded temporarily in deceiving the people and involving them, in the name of interests which were actually alien to them, in unjust, dirty wars with tragic consequences.

Similar events are taking place in Israel. The Zionist leaders of that country have not learned the lessons of history; moreover, in their adventurism they are increasingly pursuing a course of crimes against humanity.

How else can one describe the senseless and absolutely unjustified raid of Israeli aircraft against a civilian target in a Cairo suburb?

We do not equate the working people of Israel with the extremist leadership in Israel which represents international Zionism. Zionism is an anti-popular political movement

which seriously harms the cause of proletarian class struggle. It was in the interests of the imperialist forces of the USA and Britain to foster, encourage and support Zionism. Having seized power and occupied alien territory, the Israeli extremists are poisoning the minds of their people with Zionist ideas and sermons and are continuing the senseless bloody war.

All talks about the need for Soviet Jews to go to Israel appear to us weird and insolent. It is not for you, Mrs. Meir, to care for us! Our lives, our destinies, our efforts, and our thoughts, as those of all other peoples living in Soviet Latvia, are inseparably and forever linked with the multi-national Soviet Land. In defence of its freedom many of us fought in the Great Patriotic War during which many lost their relatives and friends.

Mankind will never forget the nazi crimes. The mass graves of defenceless Jewish civilians near the Bikerniek forest, Salaspils concentration camp, and Riga ghetto will never be forgotten in Latvia. The Jewish population of Latvia escaped the fate of total extermination only thanks to the heroic efforts of the Soviet Army which liberated our land from the nazi invaders.

That is why we, together with all Soviet people, angrily denounce the barbarous acts of Tel Aviv's military and condemn the Zionists who are an obedient tool of international imperialism.

Prof. S. A. GILLER, Member of the Latvian Academy of Sciences and Director of the Institute of Organic Synthesis;

Prof. A. F. Blyuger, Assistant Rector of the Riga Medical School;

Dr. I. A. STEIMAN, Professor at Daugavpils Pedagogical Institute;

Dr. H. B. KORDONSKY, Professor at the Institute of Civil Aviation;

Y. H. PASTERNAK, Head of the Fine Arts and Museums Department of the Latvian Ministry of Culture;

M. I. ZORIN, writer;

I. M. MIZRUKHIN, a noted Latvian industrial worker;

H. I. GIRSHOVICH, Director of the Riga Chemical Plant.

Pravda, March 4, 1970

REBUFF TO PROVOCATEURS

PRESS CONFERENCE ON QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

A press conference for Soviet and foreign correspondents, held in Friendship House on March 4th, was opened by L. M. Zamyatin, head of the Press Department of the USSR Foreign Ministry.

A group of public figures, statesmen, workers in literature and art, scientists—citizens of the USSR of Jewish nationality—he said, have asked to be given the opportunity to make a statement to Soviet and foreign journalists.

The text of the statement was read by Professor L. M. Volodarsky, D. Sc. (Economics).

S T A T E M E N T

Millions of upright people on all continents brand with shame the aggression of Israeli ruling quarters against the Arab peoples. Every day brings new reports about the crimes of the Israeli military, reviving memories of the barbarity of the Hitlerites. This aggression has become an integral part of the imperialist, neocolonialist plot directed against the peoples and progressive regimes of the Middle East, in which closely intertwined are the interests of oil monopolies and international Zionist organizations.

True to its policy of peace and friendship among peoples, the Soviet Union resolutely exposes the essence of the imperialist-Zionist plot in the Middle East, supports the just liberation struggle of the Arab peoples and insistently presses for a peaceful settlement in the area and a liquidation of the aftermath of the Israeli aggression.

Seeing in the Soviet Union and other socialist countries a force opposing its aggressive schemes, international imperialism tries to distort their peace-loving policy; a definite role in these designs is allotted to international Zionism.

Zionism has now become an instrument which the more reactionary and aggressive quarters are using in the struggle against the national-liberation movements, in undermining

progressive regimes and in various ideological subversions against the socialist countries.

Zionism has always expressed the chauvinistic and racist views of the Jewish bourgeoisie. It has now reached the apogee in preaching national intolerance and hatred. Zionists supply imperialism with cannon fodder in the struggle against the Arab peoples. They also replenish its depleted "moral arsenal" by distorting Marxism-Leninism, falsifying the history of the USSR and slandering its policy on the national question.

Acting at one with Zionist centres in the United States and some other Western countries, Zionist quarters in Tel Aviv allege that in the Soviet Union citizens of Jewish nationality lead a miserable life, are subjected to houndings, etc. They say that for this reason they ought better go to Israel.

The boundless cynicism and provocational methods used by the Zionists are illustrated by statements made by the former Israeli head of government, one of the leaders of Zionism, Ben Gurion. He urged sending people to various countries specially to whip up anti-Semitism and thereby cause a growth in emigration.

We know that Israeli rulers cannot be embarrassed even when confronted by facts and logical reasoning. And it is not to them that we address ourselves. We make this statement to open the eyes of gullible victims of Zionist propaganda in the whole world.

Our Motherland is the Soviet Union.

In the 240-million-strong closely knit Soviet family, the Jews of our country live shoulder to shoulder with the other fraternal peoples. Living now are the children and grandchildren of those Jews who after the October Revolution acquired the only and inimitable Motherland in the Soviet socialist state created by the Party of the great Lenin.

In landlord-capitalist Russia, the overwhelming majority of the Jewish population was subjected to terrible oppression—economic, spiritual and national. The capitalist Jews squeezed dry all the labouring Jews, just as oppressors of other nationalities did. An end was put to this forever by the Great October Socialist Revolution, accomplished under the leadership of the Communist Party.

Under the guidance of Lenin's Party Russia's entire proletariat, including working Jews, acquired genuine freedom

in the struggle against the hated tsarism, against exploitation and national strife.

In the difficult days of the fascist invasion all the peoples of the Soviet Union rose to defend the socialist homeland. Soviet Jews also donned army greatcoats. They defended freedom and independence, the socialist system that brought genuine equality and friendship to the peoples.

Working together with all the peoples of the USSR are the Jews—equal citizens of the Soviet Union, workers and engineers, collective farmers and agronomists, nurses and doctors, professors and academicians, officers and generals, writers and actors, public figures and statesmen. About eight thousand of them have been elected deputies to district, city, regional Soviets of Working People's Deputies and the USSR Supreme Soviet.

For successes in labour and participation in the Great Patriotic War nearly 340,000 Jews have been awarded orders and medals of the Soviet Union, 117 won the title of Hero of the Soviet Union and 71—the title of Hero of Socialist Labour, including nine who won this award a second and third time.

The great Soviet Union merits eternal gratitude for having saved millions of people of many nationalities, including Jews, from racist annihilation, for its decisive contribution to the rout of hitlerite Germany and for having saved mankind from fascist slavery.

Lenin's national policy, unswervingly and consistently promoted by the Communist Party and the Soviet Government, has won respect and appreciation in the whole world. It serves as a source of inspiration for working people of all nationalities and all countries. Irrespective of their nationality, men of labour have only one road—the road of international unity, social progress and socialism.

Together with all Soviet citizens, we fully approve of the policy of our Party and the Soviet Government designed to give all-round support to the national and social liberation of the peoples, against imperialism, for peace and universal security. We stand for the unswerving fulfilment of the November 22nd, 1967, resolution of the United Nations Security Council. This policy alone serves the cause of peace and mankind's progress.

Recent events again convince us that the adventurist course of conquest of the Israeli aggressors, who rely on Amer-

ican imperialism's support, brings the peoples of the Middle East—Arabs and Jews—only new sorrow and new sacrifices. An unbridgeable gulf exists between the sinister intentions of Zionists and the genuine interests of Israel's working people for whom the adventurist policy of their rulers is fraught with boundless calamities.

Being Soviet patriots and internationalists, we scorn the ludicrous claims of the rulers of Israel and their Zionist accomplices in other countries to speak on behalf of all Jews. Jewish working people, just as progressives of all other nations and nationalities of the world, have not and cannot have anything in common with the Zionist racists.

Together with all upright people on earth we declare:

Zionists are motivated by imperialist interests, by interests of conquest that are alien to the popular masses. Israel must stop its aggressive policy. The occupationists must get out of captured Arab lands, and a stable peace must be established for all peoples and states in that area.

Our demand is resolute and firm.

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Artist of the USSR, Lenin Prize winner; G. I. BUDKER—Academician, winner of Lenin and State prizes; M. I. KABACHNIK—Academician, State Prize winner; R. Kh. FREIDLINA—Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences; A. N. FRUMKIN—Academician, Hero of Socialist Labour, winner of Lenin and State prizes; M. A. MIL-SHTEIN—Lieutenant-General, Professor; L. B. KOGAN—People's Artist of the USSR, Professor, Lenin Prize winner; M. G. VAINRUB—Lieutenant-General of the Armoured Forces, Hero of the Soviet Union; Y. I. ZAK—People's Artist of the USSR, Professor; B. E. EFIMOV—People's Artist of the USSR, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Arts of the USSR, twice State Prize winner; S. L. ZIVS—LLD, Professor, deputy director of the Institute of State and Law of the USSR Academy of Sciences; I. A. KASSIRSKY—Member of the Academy of Medical Science of the USSR; A. I. RAIKIN—People's Artist of the USSR; I. M. RABINOVICH—Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Hero of Socialist Labour; B. Y. RISKIND—Engineer, Lenin Prize winner; Y. Y. RAIZMAN—People's Artist of the USSR, six times State Prize winner, Professor; V. N. PLUCHEK—People's Artist of the Russian Federation; M. L. SHTERN—Major-General, Honoured Builder of the Russian Federation; M. I. SHRAIBER—Major-General, Professor, D.Sc. (Medicine); A. I. POLTORAK—LLD, Professor; I. L. TAGER—Corresponding Member of the Academy of Medical Science, Honoured Scientist of the Russian Federation; A. D. TSIRLIN—Colonel-General, D.Sc. (Military Sciences), Professor, State Prize winner; M. S. STROGOVICH—Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences, LLD; B. A. BYALIK—Professor, D.Sc. (Philology), member of the USSR Writers' Union; E. E. RUBINCHIK—Major-General (Retired), Technical Troops, State Prize winner; I. A. EGUDIN—Deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian Republic, chairman of the "Friendship of Peoples" Collective Farm, Hero of Socialist Labour; Y. V. FLYIER—People's Artist of the USSR, Professor; P. V. GELMAN—Former Air Force navigator, Major of the Guards, Hero of the Soviet Union, now a teacher; Y. I. BOKSERMAN—Deputy Minister of the USSR, twice State Prize winner; M. I. PRUDKIN—People's Artist of the USSR, three times State Prize winner; I. L. BOKOR—First Deputy Chairman of the Regional Executive Committee of the Jewish Autonomous Region; N. A. KORCHMINSKY—Editor-in-Chief of the regional newspaper BIROBIDZHANER STERN; E. A. DOLMATOVSKY—poet, State Prize winner; B. A. GALIN—writer, State Prize winner.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION

After the statement had been read out, the participants in the press conference answered the questions of newsmen.

The first question was put to V. E. Dymshits, deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, by *U. Mayevsky*, *Pravda* correspondent, who asked: What do you think is Israel's role

as a tool of imperialist policies and aggression, as a policy of neocolonialism directed against the Arab peoples and peace in the Middle East?

U. E. Dymshits: Every objective person and all progressive people on earth clearly see that the Israeli leaders have turned the state of Israel into a tool of the most rampant reaction and flagrant aggressive designs of imperialism. No verbal equilibristics, demagogy, provocations, calumny and foul language issuing from Israel, the USA and certain other countries, nor the ideological subversion from the Zionist camp, can conceal the fact that Israel's aggression, her policy of terror in relation to the peaceful population in Arab countries are both adventurist and imperialist. This policy is accompanied by manifestations of anti-Sovietism and anti-communism, in various forms. But this is something we are used to.

Whereas in South Vietnam US imperialism is making futile attempts to establish its own domination, in the Middle East it tries to preserve its positions, through Israel, and endeavours to topple the existing state regimes in the Arab countries which have shaken off the colonial yoke and embarked on the road of independent development.

We know from official sources that Israel's military expenditure in 1969-1970 is almost 4,000 million Israeli pounds. This is the bulk of the budget. Where does this money come from? It is collected by Zionist organizations in Western countries. However, the main source is that supplied by the US monopolies, monopolies in Britain, the FRG and some other countries. And this is not philanthropy, but a deliberate policy.

The newspapers talk of the victims of aggression, about a bomb-destroyed factory near Cairo, about the peoples' grief. Meanwhile the New York Stock Exchange feels happy: the prices of oil shares are growing. Of the 37,000 million tons of prospected oil in the Middle East, more than half is controlled by the US oil companies. And here you have the commercial aspect of the aggression in the Middle East. By the way, a share of the profit of the oil monopolies is used to subsidize Israel's dirty war.

Our attitude to the policies of Israel's ruling circles is obvious, *V. E. Dymshits* went on. We regard this policy as the nationalist line of the Jewish bourgeoisie, pursued with the assistance of the USA and other capitalist countries. This

is a case of an ideology of chauvinism and flagrant anti-communism.

Zionism, he continued, is an ideology of the big Jewish bourgeoisie linked with US imperialism. Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality, like all Soviet people, reject the Zionist ravings. The Zionist slogan of "unification of all Jews" is opposed by Israeli Communists and the Communist Party of Israel. The working class and working people can have no common interests with the capitalists. Such is our course, our understanding of the issue.

I would like to note that the Statement which was read out at the press conference originates not only from the people who signed it, but from hundreds of thousands of Jews living in our country. The imperialists and Zionists will not succeed in provoking us to national strife.

Question from *G. Shecter*, correspondent of *Time* magazine, USA: Would it be right to interpret the present Statement against Zionism as a preparation of public opinion for new deliveries of Soviet armaments, for instance MIG-23 planes, to the Arab countries?

Reply by *A. L. Vergelis*, poet, editor of the literary magazine *Sovietische Heimland*: It would be quite wrong to tie up the expression of our feelings and public opinion in the Soviet Union with any other actions, especially deliveries of armaments to the Arab countries. The things now printed in Soviet newspapers and the things being said by Soviet people in connection with Zionist actions and the criminal war waged by Israel in the Middle East, are a manifestation of public opinion, and not of preparation for something, as is being hinted by the correspondent. And if armaments are shipped, that is being done regardless of our Statement.

F. Kolar, Czechoslovak radio correspondent, asked who sponsored the press conference.

The question was answered by Major General *E. E. Rubinchik*: I think that our Statement made today supplies the answer to this question. In the past few years the Western press has engaged in outrageous anti-Soviet and anti-communist agitation and in disseminating cock-and-bull stories about the life of Jews in the Soviet Union. The impudent calumny is spread that we even strive to go to Israel. We Soviet Jews, as all working people in our country, have decided to rebuff this malicious campaign. We resolutely condemn Israeli aggression against the Arab countries, we condemn the

foul role which is being played by Israel's ruling clique in the Middle East. We condemn the barbaric bombings of the Arab countries by Israel. These actions are similar to the methods used by the fascists in the Great Patriotic War.

We stand for an early and just settlement of the conflict in the Middle East. This is the opinion of all our people.

U. Shragin, commentator, National Radio Broadcasting System, put a question to *P. U. Gelman*: You are a Hero of the Soviet Union and one of the women participants in the Great Patriotic War. We would like to hear what you think of Israel's war against the Arab people.

P. U. Gelman: I hate any antipopular aggressive war against any country. When the fascists started war against our people, I volunteered for the front. I hate all aggressors, including those in Israel, who kill peaceful inhabitants and children. I would like to mention my last air action. This was a long time ago, in May 1945, when our Army had already hoisted the Banner of Victory over the Reichstag. I was making my last combat flight, and my engine went dead, and the plane carried a load of bombs. Down below were villages with women, children and old folk. Dropping the bombs would have meant subjecting them to deadly danger. And at the risk of my life I landed in fog on our airfield, bombs and all. Now what can be my attitude to the killers of Arab women and children, the men who deliberately drop lethal cargo on peaceful towns and villages?

U. E. Dymshits replied to a question from *H. Shapiro*, the UPI correspondent, who asked whether the Soviet Union was supplying MIG-23 planes to the UAR: As is evident from reports in the press, President Nasser, when interviewed by Reston, the US correspondent, said that the UAR Government had not asked the Soviet Union to supply such planes. And I think that there is actually nothing to be added to this statement.

H. Shapiro: The leaders of the Fedain organization have said many times that their purpose is to destroy the state of Israel. On returning from the Soviet Union Arafat said that the Fedains would get support from the Soviet Union. Does this support include the approval of the intention to destroy the state of Israel?

U. E. Dymshits: As to the Palestine movement for the liberation of occupied territories, we regard it as quite just. Our policies in relation to the state of Israel are clear and

unequivocal. We are for this area having a peaceful state of Israel existing independently, but it must pull out of the occupied territories and live in peace with its neighbours.

H. Shapiro: What is the size of the economic and military assistance rendered by the Soviet Union to the Arab states?

U. E. Dymshits: There is a war on, and you naturally do not expect me to mention any figures. We are helping the Arab countries—victims of Israeli aggression—to strengthen their defences. And the USA is helping the aggressor, and, as you know, with this assistance Israel is expanding her military provocations.

Question from *J. Havel*, correspondent of the Hungarian Telegraphic Agency: Nixon's message to Congress on foreign policy issues alleges that the Soviet Union is working to have some kind of "prevalent influence in the Middle East" and that, according to Nixon, the USSR does not display "flexibility" in the talks on the Middle East. What can you say on this score?

U. E. Dymshits: Nixon misinterpreted the position which evolved as a result of the Soviet-American talks and the four-power contacts in New York. The Soviet Union pursues no selfish aims in this area and seeks a peaceful and fair settlement of the conflict. The facts show that it is precisely the Soviet Union which displays practical constructive flexibility and makes specific and detailed proposals for the implementation of the November 22, 1967, Security Council Resolution. At the same time the United States takes a one-sided pro-Israeli stand in the Middle East crisis and at the Soviet-American talks, a fact which undoubtedly cannot contribute towards a settlement in that area.

Question by *D. Levi*, correspondent of the *Montreal Star* (Canada): Are there Soviet pilots and military advisers in the UAR?

U. E. Dymshits: In accordance with an agreement with the UAR we have military advisers in that country who train our friends—Arabs in mastering Soviet materiel.

U. Kudryavtsev, Central Television commentator, asked actors *Bystritskaya* and *Raikin*: What is your reaction to the attacks by Zionist organizations in the USA during concerts by Soviet companies in that country?

People's Artist of the RSFSR *E. A. Bystritskaya*: What can one say on that score? It is a display of hooliganism, of the most base human qualities. The Soviet Union provides

our outstanding artists the opportunity of performing abroad. I know from my own experience how enthusiastically Soviet artists are received abroad. Naturally, we are most indignant with American Zionists who organize provocations during recitals by Soviet artists. Words fail me in expressing my indignation of this provocation organized by US Zionist circles. We know how the audiences regarded these provocations: they attempted to restore order although this was not their business but that of the authorities.

E. A. Bystritskaya's reply was supplemented by *A. I. Raikin*, People's Artist of the USSR: An actor performing abroad, he said, accomplishes a cultural mission, establishes cultural ties. I consider the uproar during the recitals of our actors as another provocation organized against the Soviet Union. All our actors are indignant.

Question by *J. Nemes*, correspondent of the *Nepszabadsag* (Hungary): How is one to explain Israel's continuous military provocations against the Arab countries, provocations which have lately assumed extensive and dangerous proportions? Does not such a policy contradict the national interests of Israel itself?

Twice Hero of the Soviet Union, Lieutenant-General of the Armoured Corps *D. A. Dragunsky* replied: The reasons for the military provocations are commonly known. They have been indicated in the statement which has been read out. I also touched upon this question recently in my article published in *Pravda* on February 27. What more can be said? The war in the Middle East is assuming a dangerous nature. The forces of imperialism are undertaking new provocations in this area, are attempting to undermine the progressive regimes in the Arab countries. Israeli militarists would also like to bring about a conflict between the great powers. These are the plans of adventurist ruling quarters in Israel. However, they are alien to the ordinary people in Israel. Israeli aggression is in fact directed against the Israeli people.

Questions by *O. Obukhova* and *O. Demenko*, Novosti Press Agency correspondents: Reuter reports that Golda Meir has lately asserted that the authorities in the USSR are compelling Soviet Jews to participate in a "hate campaign directed against Israel", and have also "organized an anti-Jewish campaign". What could you, the author of the well-known article in *Pravda*, say about this?

D. A. Dragunsky: I would like to reply as an armyman.

The war found me on the Bug River where I was on army service. I saw the first days of the war, the streams of refugees, old people and children, and how many of them perished. And today, when I ponder over the fate of the Arab refugees, I feel grieved. I understand the sentiments of the author of the note which has just been handed to me from the hall. It reads: "I was a refugee on two occasions and I offer you my deep thanks for the truth about Zionism which you presented in your article."

Golda Meir claims in her statement that a propaganda campaign is being conducted in the Soviet Union not only against Israel but also against "brothers in blood." It is fitting to ask: what "fraternity in Christ" can there be between workers and American millionaires, or between the Rothschilds and tailors in France? All this provocative hullabaloo is directed against the friendship of peoples in the Soviet Union. Meir speaks of brothers in blood. During the years of the war I saw service near Leningrad at Kolpino together with Major Gusev, a Russian by nationality. He was the secretary of the YCL bureau of the 10th Army. Also among my comrades-in-arms was Miroshko, a Ukrainian. During the war we fought together, shared the hardships, ate from the same mess-tin, shared our last piece of bread and never thought who was a Russian and who a Jew. We were and remain Soviet people. This is how we understand brothers in blood.

Or here is what Comrade Kandelaki writes to me: "There is not a drop of Jewish blood in me but I fully and completely support you in your stand against this crude aggression." Or what Comrade Mustafayev wrote: "I greet you for condemning racialism and Zionism."

The national question in the Soviet Union has been solved, D. A. Dragunsky continued. During the war we displayed models of genuine friendship, of genuine fraternity of all Soviet people. Our fraternity was sealed by the blood shed during the war. For instance, in one hamlet between Bryansk and Gomel, 74 people were shot. In one grave lie Ivan Usov, Grigory Sapozhko and others. My mother also lies in that grave.

On March 18, 1951, a bust of D. A. Dragunsky, as twice Hero of the Soviet Union, was unveiled in this hamlet.

Meir's statement and all Israeli propaganda are aimed at distracting public attention from the atrocities perpetrated

by the Israeli military in the Middle East, from the atrocities in Vietnam where the American aggressors are brazenly interfering.

D. Bonavia, a correspondent of *The Times* (London), asked: How many Jews are there in the Jewish Autonomous Region?

The question was answered by *I. L. Bokor*, First Vice-Chairman of the Regional Executive Committee of the Jewish Autonomous Region.

The Jewish Autonomous Region, he said, was set up in 1934. It is inhabited by 20-25,000 people of Jewish nationality. I cannot give you a more precise figure because the last census of the population was conducted 10 years ago. The data of the recent census will be published soon.

M. Stehlik, a correspondent of the CSSR television: What percentage of the Jewish population lives in the Jewish Autonomous Region? Are there Jewish schools, publications and theatres in Yiddish?

I. L. Bokor: I have already answered the first part of your question. The newspaper *Birobidzhaner Stern* is published and the journal *Sovietische Heimland* is circulated in the Jewish Autonomous Region. We have a Jewish National Theatre where plays by Sholom Aleikhem and other Jewish authors are staged. In our Region, Jews and their children have posed the question of joint education of Jews and Russians.

We have come here to voice, together with all the public and on behalf of all citizens of Jewish nationality, our wrathful indignation over the demagogical statements to the effect that Soviet Jews want to go to Israel. We found it very hard to understand what sort of "blood brothers" Golda Meir was speaking about. On what grounds does she claim to be my "sister"? I don't want to be her "brother". I have a much greater liking for my Russian brother Bestenikin, Chairman of the "Zavety Ilyicha" Collective Farm. The farm employs representatives of 14 nationalities: Tatars, Russians, Jews, Ukrainians, etc. This is real brotherhood. We cannot understand why we should further Israel's adventurist and expansionist designs. Such is my reply to Golda Meir's utterances.

We have grown up in the Soviet Union and received our education here, we have become Soviet people here. To conclude my statement, here is a short poem by L. Shkolnik, a worker of a Birobidzhan shoe factory:

"You don't have to 'save' me, madam,
We go different ways,
No gods will help you
Because your thoughts and your soul are black."

U. Nikolov, a correspondent of the Bulgarian Radio and Television, asked: What does the Soviet Union think of Zionism and its demand that all persons of Jewish descent be brought together in the state of Israel? What can you say about those who preach the idea of building up a "great Israel?"

Academician *M. B. Mitin*: First of all, a few words about Zionism. Back at the beginning of this century Lenin, our great teacher, the founder of the Soviet state, gave a clear-cut definition of Zionism. It is a reactionary, false, bourgeois, nationalistic doctrine spearheaded against proletarian internationalism, against international friendship, against the working class. This Lenin's definition is just as true today. All subsequent events only proved the reactionary essence of Zionism no matter what form it now assumes. If we approach Zionism from the sociological, moral, political or any other angle we can say that the idea of collecting all people of Jewish nationality who are spread all over the world, who are firmly rooted in these countries, and who have assimilated their traditions and culture, under a "single roof," is absurd. It is unthinkable under any laws. We think it absurd on the part of Israel's leaders to urge that millions of Jews be brought together on the territory of that country. After all, there live Arabs, too, who have towns and a culture of their own. This would mean ejecting them from their homes. And the calls on youth of various countries to go to Israel? This actually is an appeal that the youth should become cannon fodder for the Israeli and American imperialists.

The leaders of Israel call on Soviet Jews to settle in Israel and thus change the socialist system for capitalism. It is known that most young Jews in the USSR, aged from 14 to 28, are members of the Young Communist League. It would be interesting to see what they would say at a meeting if Golda Meir, Dayan and others turned up and suggested they go to the capitalist "paradise". What would our young people, who have every opportunity for all-round development, who breathe the air of friendship and freedom, the air of socialism, say to that? I think the representatives of Israel would find things hard at such a meeting.

I should also like to stress that though the ideas of the Israeli Zionists are absurd, they rest on a certain basis—using them, Israel is trying to find support for its imperialistic aspirations. They have no need of peace, they want tension.

E. Seybold, a correspondent of the GDR Radio, asked *I. A. Egudin*, Chairman of the "Druzhba Narodov" Collective Farm (the Crimea), who was present at the press conference, to comment on the press conference and to describe the past and present of his collective farm.

I. A. Egudin: I am a son of the great Soviet people. I am a Soviet Jew, and I have children and relatives. About twenty-five members of our family were killed by the nazis at the time of World War II. I lost my elder brother, sister and three of my children. What is Golda Meir talking about? Who of us Soviet Jews living in friendship with the great Russian people, with whom we shared the last crust of bread, would want to go to Israel and become cannon fodder there at the grace of that country's leaders?

The Israeli leaders are becoming more and more like those who murdered 20,000,000 people—including over 2,000,000 Jews—in our country during World War II.

About our collective farm. I have been elected chairman 11 times. For 22 years I have been managing a diversified economy. Among our 10,000 farmers are representatives of nine nationalities. For a number of years, they have entrusted me with its management. Russians, Ukrainians, Byelorussians, Jews, Estonians and representatives of other nationalities of our country have placed their trust in me. I am a deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR, member of the Budgetary Commission of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR, holder of three Orders of Lenin and a Gold Star of Hero of Socialist Labour. I am a member of the All-Union Council of Collective Farms.

My children have acquired an education. My elder son is a graduate of an agricultural institute; his junior graduated from a pedagogical institute; and the younger boy graduated from a special secondary school. He did not go to an institute, because he did not feel like it. What talk can there be of the inequality of Jews? We believe our elder brothers, the Russian people, and, together with them, we are a part of the great Soviet nation.

Our collective farm takes up an area of 16,500 hectares. It produces 12,000 tons of grain, 10,500 tons of milk,

1,200 tons of meat, from 10,000 to 11,000 tons of grapes, 12,000 tons of fruit, and many other products a year. Ours is a large and well-organized economy. The farmers work on the tasks set to us, people engaged in agriculture.

Our collective farm was recently visited by L. I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee. The General Secretary of the Central Committee of our Party dined in my Jewish home, at my Jewish table. I received in my home D. S. Polyansky, First Vice-Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers. And recently we received G. I. Voronov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Russian Federation. We also had a guest from Sweden: Erlander. There were 40 news correspondents with him and you may ask them about our life. We live wonderfully in our country and we shall not go anywhere. And I don't think that after all I've told you here you, correspondents accredited in the USSR, need ask us whether we want to go to Israel.

Question put by *O. Marusiak*, correspondent of the Slovak *Pravda*: Are there any restrictions for persons of Jewish nationality in accepting them to higher school, to a job at a state establishment? Can you name any prominent military leader of Jewish nationality?

Poet *E. A. Dolmatovsky* answers: Representatives of dozens of nationalities, Jews among them, study at the Literary Institute named after Gorky. If the writer of this note is a man of letters we can "give him the chance" to take entrance exams to our Institute, on a par with representatives of other nationalities, and, if he is good enough, we will accept him.

As for the second part of the question, I myself have seen action in the war and there are many military men among my friends. The presence of well-known Soviet generals here is the answer to your question.

Question put by *G. Prokot*, *Neues Deutschland* correspondent: The press in the capitalist countries allege again and again that the Soviet Union does not permit its citizens of Jewish nationality to leave for Israel. What can you say to this?

The answer is given by *M. S. Strogovich*, Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences: We know that a number of Soviet Jews who had gone to Israel and taken Israeli citizenship were deceived in their expectations and, after a time, asked for permission to return to the Soviet

Union. Such permission was granted. But the Israeli authorities obstructed their return.

In the Soviet Union, there is a law on Soviet citizenship and a statute on USSR citizenship, in accordance with which questions connected with acquisition of Soviet citizenship or loss of citizenship are decided. The decision rests with the USSR Supreme Soviet. This means that all applications and all affairs connected with departure to Israel or any other country are dealt with by the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

Allow me to express my own point of view. In examining questions of comings and goings, the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet regards all aspects of the matter. In this connection, I'd like to draw your attention to the fact that we must not increase the Israeli aggressive armed forces at the expense of our people reared in Soviet society; must not permit their use for carrying out racial policy, for destroying peaceful Arab cities, for killing women, old people and children. Naturally, every citizen has the right to freely choose his citizenship and live in one or another state. This principle is recorded in the Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the UN General Assembly. It is a democratic, progressive principle. But no one has the right to use it for the aims of a racialist, aggressive, man-hating policy, as Zionist circles are trying to do now.

We believe that the Israeli people must not be identified with their leaders. We hope that the situation will change in the future and the Israeli people will have the leaders they deserve. We believe that the policy which is now being pursued by Israel's leaders is a ruinous and disastrous policy for the Jews living in Israel and we must do nothing that could in any way facilitate that policy.

A question from *L. Leibosicas*, a correspondent of the Peace and Progress Radio Station: What is the opinion of the authors of the Statement about the struggle waged by the progressive forces of Israel?

A. L. Uergelis: The Soviet people draw a distinction between the Israeli people and the ruling extremist forces in that country. There is a progressive movement in Israel with the Communist Party of Israel at its head. We Soviet people like the main programme proposed by the progressive Israeli leaders. We share their demand: "Not together with Israeli imperialism against the Arab countries, but together with the

Arab countries against imperialism." We wish them every success.

A question from *E. Seybold*, a GDR Radio correspondent: In connection with the Israeli aggression, Tel Aviv alleges infringements of the rights of Soviet Jews. What can you say on the matter?

U. E. Dymshits answers the question:

This is an instance of the ideological "pricks" one comes across in the Western press. Today's press conference gives the lie to such insinuations.

While preparing for this press conference, I decided to look into the history of the question of the position of Jews in the USSR. If we come to think of it, we shall see distinctly that it is precisely our ideological enemies who are trying to put the so-called Jewish question at our door. It is tantamount to raising a "Kazakh", "Ukrainian", "Russian" or "Uzbek" question, i. e., the question of any of the 100 nationalities inhabiting the USSR. There is no such question. It is nothing but a concoction.

In his day Lenin wrote that the capitalists of all countries were enemies of the workers. There are workers among the Jews living in various countries. They constitute a majority, they are our brothers and comrades. The imperialists, however, are trying to kindle animosity between workers of different nationalities, between the peoples.

There are highly educated people among the Jews. In the USSR there are 343,000 Jews with higher education. Is there any other country that can boast of such results?

Lieutenant-General Dragunsky has just addressed this gathering. He became a general not because he is a Jew, but thanks to his ability; he received this high rank because of his services. In our country a working man who shows his ability in the service of society cannot fail to meet with recognition, irrespective of his nationality. The so-called question of the position of Jews in the Soviet Union is a provocation fabricated from beginning to end.

Peaceful communist construction is now under way in our country, with the working people of all nationalities contributing to new achievements in the absence of any kind of national strife. It is this that Zionist circles dislike. Their sabotage is aimed at undermining the unity of the Soviet people, but they will never succeed in their efforts.

The Soviet people are entitled to ask the following:

Where were you, Messrs. Zionists when the war was on, when millions of people in all countries were dying? We cannot recollect any Zionist activity then. They forget that the Red Army saved millions of people, including Jews, from fascist slavery.

We shall permit no one to discredit our Soviet system and our Leninist national policy, V. E. Dymshits said in conclusion. On behalf of those who signed our Statement, on behalf of all Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality, permit me to declare that we stand for our Leninist policy, for our Soviet state, for the policy of peaceful coexistence of states throughout the world. We oppose Israeli aggression and stand for peace and the security of all states and peoples, for peace in the Middle East.

Pravda, March 5 and 6, 1970

SHAME ON THE INVADERS AND SLANDERERS

There are moments in history when man must speak out, when he cannot and must not remain silent. Urged by our conscience and reason, we representatives of Judaic clergy in the USSR and of people of Jewish faith would like to address the following words to people of our faith and to all honest people in the world.

The international Zionist circles, having scorned the behests of the ancestors, spread evil and calumny; they zealously implement plans of aggression and tirelessly concoct lies about the position of Jews in the Soviet Union. We are religious leaders and not politicians, but it is quite clear to us that the activities of the Zionists have nothing in common with religion. These activities are merely a camouflage, they serve to cover up the interests of the most reactionary circles.

There is a golden shower of Zionist donations from American and other Western "benefactors" filling the treasury of the rulers of Israel. These rulers are also getting substantial military and other assistance. For what purposes? There

can be only one answer: for the sake of terrible evil and injustice, in the name of seizing foreign lands and enslaving neighbouring nations. Is there a crime graver than murder?! The moral traditions of man are imbued with the ideals of humanism, brotherhood and love for one's fellowmen. These ideals have been barbarously trampled on by those who had sent Israeli fliers to bomb Abu Zaabal, by those who are every day sowing death and destruction on the occupied Arab lands.

One often says that there is a limit to everything. But hypocrisy is apparently limitless. The rulers of Israel, apart from committing military crimes, are disseminating monstrous lies to the effect that they are authorised to speak "on behalf of all Jews," and Mrs. Meir even talks about some kind of "lawful interests" which the state of Israel has in the Jews living in the USSR who are "invited" to go to the "Promised Land."

We would like to tell the following to these vicious slanderers: the real homeland of the Soviet Jews is the Soviet Union. Like Soviet citizens of other nationalities, Jews in the Soviet Union enjoy all the rights guaranteed by the Constitution, including the right to profess their faith. The peoples in our country live as brothers, and nobody will ever be able to incite enmity among them.

The fate of slanderers and quack prophets has always been an unenviable one. And let shame and disgrace be the lot of those who have not learned anything from history.

L. I. LEVIN, rabbi of the Moscow Central Synagogue; Z. E. KARDONSKY, cantor of the Synagogue; M. S. MIKHAILOVICH, chairman of the executive body of the religious community; A. R. LUBANOV, rabbi of the Leningrad Central Synagogue; D. M. STISKIN, cantor of the Synagogue; M. L. LITUNSKY, chairman of the executive body of the religious community; G. I. MIZRAKHI, rabbi of the Baku Synagogue of mountain Jews; I. B. SHWARTS-BLADT, rabbi of the Odessa Synagogue; M. Z. OPPENSTEIN, rabbi of the Kuibyshev Synagogue; I. S. LIUSHITS, rabbi of Novozybkov Synagogue, Bryansk Region; S. W. LUOUSKY, chairman of the executive body of the religious community.

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RESOLUTE CONDEMNATION AND PROTEST

In February and March the working people of the entire Soviet Union protested against fresh attempts by the Israeli aggressors to exacerbate the Middle East situation and against the provocations of international Zionism. Whatever their nationality they denounce the Zionist provocation-mongers, unanimously condemn the predatory policy of Israel's ruling circles and voiced solidarity with the Arab peoples in their just struggle for independence and social progress.

Following are press reports of the speeches made by working people at protest rallies and meetings.

LENINGRAD. "Our plant smelted the steel for parts of the Aswan turbines. These turbines are now generating electricity for the United Arab Republic, a country which is developing its national industries and farming." These words, expressing the friendly feelings of the Soviet people for the people of the United Arab Republic, were uttered by steel smelter *M. Nishchev* in his speech at the meeting held at the Nevsky Machine-Building Plant in Leningrad. The participants passed a resolution in which they supported the initiative of the Soviet Government aimed at curbing Israeli aggression and stated their solidarity with the Arab peoples in their struggle against reaction, for peace, freedom and independence.

MINSK. Workers of the Minsk Worsted Wool Mills have held a meeting at which they denounced the crimes committed by the Israeli military.

U. Pavlov, an assistant foreman, *A. Veremenkova*, a weaver, and others branded with shame the Israeli aggressors and voiced their unreserved support for the struggle of the Arab peoples.

VOLGOGRAD. Meetings at the Krasny Oktyabr Iron and Steel Works and other industrial enterprises in Volgograd have expressed solidarity with the Arab people in their fight against Israeli aggression.

A regional trade union conference has been held in the

city. The delegates, representing about a million trade unionists, passed a resolution expressing complete confidence that the Arab peoples would uphold their freedom and national independence against the imperialist attacks.

MOSCOW. Ardent support for the Arab peoples has been expressed by the workers of Moscow's Hard Alloy Combine named after S. Solovyov.

"I am a Soviet citizen, and a Jew," said *I. Sukherman*, a fitter. "I wish to state my complete agreement with the Leninist policy of the Communist Party and the Soviet Government in supporting the just struggle of the Arab peoples. Soviet Jews, like all other Soviet citizens, resolutely denounce the policy pursued by Israeli extremists and their patrons, as well as Zionism, which is an antipopular, reactionary ideology professed by the Jewish imperialist bourgeoisie."

In a unanimous resolution the meeting expressed resolute support for the just struggle of the Arab peoples for freedom and independence.

"Young Soviet citizens," said *Valentina Chernova*, a worker at the Voskhod firm, "are lucky to live and work in peace. However, we know full well that this happiness was won at the cost of the millions of lives of our fathers and brothers, who were killed during the last war against fascism. At a time when Israeli leaders and their US patrons, through their aggressive action, are intensifying the tension in the Middle East and threatening the cause of peace, the youth of our planet must raise a resolute voice of protest and thwart the criminal imperialist plans."

BAKU. The barbarous acts of the Israeli military in the Arab East have been vigorously condemned by Caspian oil workers.

"Tel Aviv aggressors hope to intimidate the Arab peoples by their provocations," said chief geologist *A. Sultanov* of the Narimanovneft oil field. "The raid on the iron and steel works near Cairo proves anew that Israeli ruling quarters are not at all inclined to live in peace and friendship with their neighbours. Let those who engineered the predatory aggression know that their doings are doomed to failure."

GORKY. The attack on civilian targets in the Arab countries has aroused profound indignation among Gorky factory workers who at their meetings strongly protest against the fresh atrocities perpetrated by the Israeli military. The workers have firmly come out in favour of the Arab states.

KISHINEV. "Soviet workers," declared fitter *L. Chesnokov*, addressing a meeting at the Kishinev pump factory, the biggest in Moldavia, "support the just cause of the Arab peoples. We shall not allow their legal right to a free existence to be trampled underfoot."

DUSHANBE. The hearts of the peoples of the Soviet Asian Republics are filled with wrath and indignation. A large meeting has been held by office and factory workers of the Dushanbe Silk Mills. "Tajik women," said cocoon-winder *Safargul Salomova*, "are filled with profound indignation at the piratic air attacks made by Israeli planes on the territory of the United Arab Republic. The barbarians will never be forgiven the blood shed in Abu Zaabal. We wholeheartedly support the stand taken by the Soviet Government, which sternly denounces Israel's aggressive policy."

KARAGANDA. "Israel has again manifested its perfidy and brutality," said *V. Sinitsyn*, an operator employed at the Karaganda Iron and Steel Works in Kazakhstan, where meetings were held as part of the national campaign of protest against the Israeli criminal policy. "Its policy is obvious. Israel wants to intimidate the Arabs. But that card will be beaten."

"Not a single day goes by without the Israeli military staging fresh and vile provocations against Arabs," said welder *A. Khvostov*. "We brand the provocateurs with ignominy. We wholeheartedly and unreservedly support the action taken by the Soviet Government to establish a fair peace in the Middle East."

VLADIVOSTOK lies thousands of kilometres from the Middle East. But its residents take the fate of the Arab peoples close to heart.

"The savage bombings of Arab cities, the extermination of peaceful civilians are a shameful blot not only on the government of Israel, but also upon the American imperialists who are providing the lethal weapons. US ruling circles and the Tel Aviv ringleaders must bear full responsibility for their doings," said foreman *A. Rudnitsky*, addressing a meeting at a ship-repair yard.

Vladivostok shipbuilders have also passed a resolution stating their solidarity with the Arab peoples who are defending their just cause, and have approved the position of the Soviet Government regarding the Middle East crisis.

On March 2nd a joint session of the presidiums of the Soviet Peace Committee, the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee, the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions, the Committee of Youth Organizations of the USSR, the USSR Society of Friendship and Cultural Relations with Arab Countries, and other public organizations was convened. It was held in a spirit of ardent support for the appeal made by the World Council of Peace to mark March 2, 1970, as International Day of Protest Against the Israeli Escalation of Aggressive Action Against the Arab Countries. It was opened by writer *Nikolai Tikhonov*, Chairman of the Soviet Peace Committee. The speakers, *Ivan Uladychenko*, Secretary of the AUCCTU, *Uladimir Kudryavtsev*, *Izvestia's* political commentator, and *Raisa Smirnova*, M. Sc. (Hist.), Member of the Soviet Women's Committee, denounced Israel's treacherous aggression against the Arab countries. They also denounced the imperialist circles in the USA and other countries which provide a backing for the aggressor. They declared the unflinching determination of the Soviet people to continue rendering broadscale, comprehensive aid to the Arab peoples in their just struggle. They voiced ardent support for the efforts made by the Soviet Government to protect the national interests of the Arab countries which are victims of an arbitrary attack by Israel's leading circles—the servants of world imperialism and Zionism. They emphasized the importance and timeliness of the messages addressed by Alexei Kosygin, Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, to US President Nixon, British Prime Minister Wilson and French President Pompidou.

Representatives of the Soviet public once again declared their resolve to intensify their struggle for the speediest implementation of the Security Council resolution of November 22nd, 1967, which opened up a path to a fair peace in the area of the Middle East.

In conclusion the session unanimously passed a resolution, which was read out by *Viktor Chkhikvadze*, director of the Institute of State and Law of the USSR Academy of Sciences, which said: "On behalf of millions of Soviet people, Soviet public organizations resolutely denounce the criminal policy of Israel and its backers—Zionism and US-led world im-

perialism. We denounce the barbaric crimes perpetrated by Israel against peaceful civilians in the United Arab Republic and other Arab countries.

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The Soviet Women's Committee has made a statement in connection with the fresh outrages perpetrated by Israeli aggressors—the raid on the Egyptian metallurgical mill near Cairo.

This is further proof of the aggressive intent of the Israeli government, and a flagrant attempt to frustrate a peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis, reads their statement. The Committee, speaking on behalf of millions of Soviet women—workers and mothers—has resolutely denounced Israeli ruling quarters and their imperialist patrons for their crimes against UAR civilians and has expressed solidarity with the population of the United Arab Republic and other Arab countries fighting for their legitimate rights, for their security.

Soviet women wholeheartedly support the statement of the Soviet Government that the Soviet Union will continue giving all necessary assistance to the Arab countries in their just struggle.

THE WRATH OF MILLIONS

Abu Zaabal—a short while ago few people knew the name of this small community near Cairo. Now, Abu Zaabal has become the symbol of protest of millions of people on all continents against the crimes of Israeli aggressors. It was here that Israeli air pirates on February 12 dropped their deadly load upon Egyptian workers doing peaceful work.

A mighty wave of protest is sweeping our country. Soviet people condemn the Tel Aviv criminals and protest vehemently against the unceasing provocations of Israeli invaders against Arab states, against the atrocities committed by the Israeli troops on the occupied areas of the UAR, Jordan and Syria and against daily raids upon the positions of Arab troops at the Suez Canal, the Jordan River, the Golan Heights and the frontiers with the Lebanon.

The hearts of Soviet people are filled with wrath and indignation. At numerous meetings, in letters sent to newspapers, radio and TV stations and in resolutions adopted at meetings at enterprises and public organisations, they condemn the Israeli aggressors' criminal actions and justly compare the piratic attack upon Abu Zaabal with the barbarous activities of Hitlerites and with the devastation of Coventry and Lidice. Millions of people compare the atrocities committed by Israeli aggressors with the crimes of US butchers in the Song My community in South Vietnam; they consider the Israeli actions as crimes against humanity.

Foreman V. Telegin of machine shop No. 4 at the Dynamo electrical-engineering plant, Hero of Socialist Labour, pointed out in his speech at a meeting at the plant: "Our working brothers and class brothers perished in the fire of the Abu Zaabal air raid. This crime again reminds us of the barbarous actions of Hitlerites against humanity."

Today the whole world realises the real position of Israel as an imperialist, aggressive state. The expansionist foreign-policy course followed by the Israeli ruling élité is designed to realize the aims of world Zionism whose principles presumably justify interference into the affairs of other states and violation of their sovereignty, aggression and the policy of piracy. Israeli rulers are openly talking about plans for further conquests of Arab territories.

Israeli leaders are conducting rabid Zionist-chauvinist propaganda, inciting hostility and hatred towards Arab peoples; they have taken the dangerous road of propagating racist ideas and are trying to colonise the Arab population of Israeli-occupied territories. Israel attempts to establish its "law" on occupied Arab territories and organise Israeli militarised settlements there. Thousands of Arabs who resist the establishment of an Israeli "new order" on occupied lands have been flung behind bars and into concentration camps.

These, as well as other atrocities perpetrated by Israel, are being wrathfully condemned by the Soviet people and the world public, by all those working for peace and justice in the Middle East. They cannot reconcile themselves to the fact that the Israeli rulers continue to trample underfoot the elementary norms of international law, human morals and humaneness and defy the United Nations and all peace-loving peoples. In the resolution adopted at a meeting held to protest the Israeli raid on Abu Zaabal, the workers, en-

gineers and employees of the Hammer and Sickle Plant justly pointed out: "The Israeli pirates have dropped delayed-action bombs and napalm as a result of which many workers perished. These actions must be regarded as violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War and the UN Declaration of Human Rights."

Tel Aviv continues to ignore the UN Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967, for this important United Nations document constitutes a basis for settling the Middle East conflict by peaceful means. While the United Arab Republic and a number of other Arab countries only several months ago agreed to carry out the November resolution and agree to do so today, Israel tries to dictate its terms to the Arab countries through military force, refuses to withdraw its troops from the occupied Arab territories and wants to establish such a "peace" in the Middle East that would actually mean the complete acceptance by the Arab countries of Israel's aggressive demands.

While denouncing Israel's aggressive actions against the Arab states, the Soviet people, together with the entire world public, resolutely condemn also those who continue to encourage Israel to carry out new military ventures. That is why at the many meetings at which the Israeli aggressors are denounced, voices of condemnation also rise against imperialism, primarily US imperialism, which gives political and economic support to the Israeli aggressors and places weapons in the hands of the Tel Aviv hawks that have brought death to Abu Zaabal and other Arab communities.

But the time has gone forever when the Asian and African peoples could be spoken to from positions of strength. The Arab peoples cannot be intimidated and brought to their knees. They are fully determined to resist the Israeli extremists and their imperialist patrons and to fight for the complete elimination of the consequences of the Israeli aggression, for further social transformations in the Arab land.

Expressing full solidarity with the Arab peoples, the Soviet people vigorously condemn Israel's barbarous actions and hold that the establishment of a just peace in the Middle East is one of the most pressing tasks now facing the peace-loving forces.

The Soviet people and the progressive forces of the world actively support the policy of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries which resolutely condemn the aggressive

policy of imperialism in the Middle East and persistently work for the implementation of the well-known decisions of the United Nations Security Council and the establishment of a just and stable peace in this part of the world.

The peoples demand an end to Israel's military ventures against the Arab countries. The cause of a just and stable peace must triumph in the Middle East.

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THE LYING MASK AND TRUE FACE OF ZIONISM

Following are articles taken from the Soviet press, written by prominent Soviet public figures. The articles show Zionism as an instrument of imperialist reaction and point out what Zionism really brings the peoples.

ZIONISM'S CRIMINAL METHODS

The escalation of war continues in the Middle East. The Israeli military, fed and encouraged by US imperialist circles, are becoming ever more arrogant. Recently Israeli airmen, flying US Phantoms, committed a monstrous crime—they bombed homes of peaceful civilians on the UAR territory. The Israeli "hawks" trample upon all principles of humanity. They violate the UN Declaration of Human Rights, show total disregard for the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian's in Time of War, insolently reject the UN Security Council Resolution of November 22, 1967.

The piratical air raid of the Beirut airdrome in 1968 and the destruction of civil passenger planes there, unceasing persecutions of the peaceful Arab population on the occupied territories, the destruction of Arab villages, the forcing of scores of thousands of people away from their native land—all these acts of vandalism actually do not differ from the methods used by the US military in South Vietnam where it has been destroying peaceful towns and villages. The tragedy of Song My is now repeated by the Israeli occupationists on Arab soil.

The actions of the Israeli occupationists remind us of the grim years of war against Hitlerism.

In summer 1943, shortly after the Soviet Army's victory at Stalingrad, a group of Soviet Jewish intellectuals went to the United States—US anti-fascists wanted to learn the truth about the destruction of the Jewish population by Hitlerites. The group travelled to the USA in a roundabout way, through Middle Eastern and African towns.

"Is it true that Germans kill children?" a Jewish hospital nurse asked the guests in Jerusalem.

I don't know whether this girl is alive, whether she has a family today, but I know that in order to break down the resistance of the Arabs, Israeli soldiers destroy their homes and kill their children in Jerusalem.

When I saw on television photographs of the ruins of the Abu Zaabal metallurgical plant bombed by Israeli planes on the morning of February 12, I recalled another morning, another factory and another raid. There is much in common between these two events.

On an early morning in August 1941 nazi planes bombed a photographic equipment plant some 25 km away from Moscow. It happened during a change of shifts. Several score people were killed and about 100 wounded in the factory yard. Those were youngsters, elderly women and old men, because people aged from 20 to 40-45 were in the army then. All through the morning workers carried their wounded mates to the small factory clinic. "When will the Hitlerites pay for all this?" they asked.

On the morning of February 12, 1970, Israeli planes bombed the plant in Abu Zaabal near Cairo. According to an official report, more than 70 people were killed and about 100 wounded. And among the debris of the factory yard people asked themselves: "When will the Israeli extremists pay for this?"

It may be recalled that the question asked in the yard of the plant near Moscow did not remain unanswered. This is known even to those who have never been in Europe but who saw Hitler's hangman Eichmann sitting under a glass hood in a Tel Aviv court-room.

Do those who shoot Arab children in Gaza or send planes to bomb civilian homes in Egypt think that they will be able to get away with what they are doing? Do they think that mank-

ind will not keep count of their crimes? This count is being kept now, and even orthodox Zionists like Naum Goldman, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress, is forced to admit that since the Middle Eastern war (June 1967) world public opinion has turned against Israel.

When Shapiro, Israel's Minister of Justice, works out his bill on "who can be considered a Jew" and when Golda Meir demands that he be backed up in this, the people who read this racist document cannot help recalling the dividers used in nazi concentration camps to measure foreheads and noses in order to find out who "can be considered an Aryan." Such is the extremism of those who subscribe to the false doctrine of "Jewish exclusiveness."

Encouraged by US moneybags the Israeli Zionists are committing outrages in the Middle East. Encouraged by Israeli "hawks," the sons of US moneybags are committing outrages in the USA. Boys wearing berets at a rakish angle organize anti-Soviet demonstrations; they brandish baseball bats and bicycle chains, break into a concert hall, try to wreck a concert given by David Oistrakh and Sviatoslav Richter in order "to protect" Jews in the Soviet Union.

A respected US public figure was right when he said that Jews brandishing baseball bats and bicycle chains, lining up like stormtroopers in front of synagogues, present no less a repugnant spectacle than people in the hooded robes of Ku-Klux-Klan.

There is a good deal of truth in this comparison. Modern Zionism is an ideology, a ramified system of agencies and political practice of the Jewish big bourgeoisie closely linked to the monopoly groups in the United States and other imperialist countries. The Zionists are the shock force of world imperialism. This explains why the main content of Zionism is bellicose chauvinism and anti-communism. While attacking the socialist community and the international communist and working-class movement, Zionism also wages a fierce fight against national-liberation movements. The press, radio and television daily give new evidence of this.

The working people of Israel, however, are not silent. The documents of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel exposing the racist policy of the Tel Aviv rulers show, contrary to Zionist propaganda, what the Israeli work-

ing people actually think. They show the path which, if followed, will help to retain respect for Israel by other nations and contribute to achieving genuine peace in the Middle East.

Ever greater numbers of Jewish working people throughout the world and in Israel are coming to understand that it is the Zionists who are their worst enemies. There can be no common interests between working people and moneybags, between the Zionist top-crust which fattens on the labour of Jewish working people and those who are being exploited and robbed.

I have frequently thought: is human memory so short as to forget the tragedy of Babi Yar, Oswiecim and Buchenwald, the Warsaw Ghetto and Lidice? No, they must not be forgotten!

My family suffered terribly at the hands of the nazi monsters. My father, mother, sisters and most of their children were tortured and killed by Hitlerites. Three of my brothers died at the front during the Great Patriotic War, while defending Moscow and Stalingrad.

The Soviet Union lost 20 million lives in the defence of its land and of all mankind from the fascist plague. That is why, when in the Middle East the Israeli invaders are reviving the ideology and policy of fascist thugs and racist theories are being upheld, I cannot be silent, I cannot be indifferent to the sufferings of the Arab population temporarily under the occupationist boot. I, a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, a Soviet man, one who comes from a working Jewish family, cannot understand why many Israelis, in a frenzy of nationalism, follow the rabid Zionists and extremists Meir, Dayan, Eban, Shazar and others.

The longer aggression in the Middle East continues, the more clearly the real causes of this war come to light. The aggression of course is not prompted by concern for working Jews. On the contrary, this aggression is directed against the working masses. The bloodshed is committed only to please a handful of US oil kings and bankers, as well as the Zionist bosses who are hatching crazy plans to create "Great Israel" stretching from the Nile to the Euphrates. These schemes have been nurtured for decades.

The events of 1956 remain fresh in my memory. It was late October. A monument to the Unknown Jewish Martyr was unveiled in a Paris square. It was a monument to millions

of Jews—victims of fascism. Representatives of 24 states attended the ceremony. I represented the Soviet War Veterans' Committee. We bowed our heads in memory of those who were killed in antitank ditches, slaughtered in gas chambers and murder-buses, burnt in electric furnaces, who perished in hundreds of death camps. Thousands of Parisians came to honour their memory. The French Guard stood still in mournful silence. A choir of boys—children of the dead—sang funeral songs. Chopin's melodies rang out over the square.

The French President was present. There were speeches.

Naum Goldman, the leader of international Zionism, also spoke. I quote him: "Such crimes must not be allowed to happen again. It must be understood that peace and justice are inseparable from each other, that all nations have a sacred obligation to prevent the perpetuation of similar methods in our time. . ."

Baron Rothschild, one of the financial magnates of the capitalist world, whose money is now being used to make it possible for Israel to wage her aggressive war, said then: "I hope very much that this monument, put up to serve the living rather than to tell the story of the dead, would not allow future generations to forget it all and go away appeased. . ."

I would not have dwelled on this at length, were it not for one circumstance of which I shall now speak. . .

The veil dropped onto the plinth, and the words "Do not forget" stood out clearly on the pediment. . .

But what followed?

On the same day that Zionist leaders vowed "love of peace" and homage was paid to the victims of Nazism, Israel, Britain and France unleashed aggression against Egypt. Bombs were dropped on peaceful people, while Israeli tanks rushed into the Sinai Peninsula.

News of this open imperialist conspiracy reached me as I was leaving the square. I was shocked, I could not stop thinking: "What perfidy! We had gathered to honour the memory of the dead only to become involuntary witnesses of a shameful pretence."

But Paris heard at that time the resolute protest voiced by Soviet people against the Suez adventure. At meetings and rallies, in working-class quarters the imperialist designs in the Middle East were denounced.

At a reception at that time I was approached by Israel's

Minister of National Education, Shazar, who had headed the Israeli delegation at the unveiling ceremony. "General, why does the Soviet Union attack our legitimate rights?", he asked arrogantly. "We need land, we lack space. . ."

A leader of international Zionism stood before me. What could one expect of him? I only said:

"Minister, it seems that I am listening to the familiar jabbering of Goebbels about living space for Aryans. You know what Hitler's adventure cost humanity? Fifty million people died during World War II."

Now ex-Minister Zalman Shazar is President of Israel. So what can you expect of him?

The imperialist forces in the United States, the FRG and Great Britain are antagonistic towards people who have taken the road of complete liberation from colonial oppression, the road of revolutionary regeneration.

As a result of the policy pursued by the Zionist rulers Israel has become a police club in the hands of foreign magnates. It performs the unseemly role of strangler of the freedom of nations and of an occupation force in the Middle East. The reactionary forces of Israel shun no means to achieve their aggressive aims. The honours with which yesterday's butchers of the people of Europe, the murderers of millions of Jews, are today received in Tel Aviv make one shudder.

France-Josef Strauss, revanchist No. 1, who is a strong advocate for the return to the old days of Hitler's Reich, is now the best friend of Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan. Is this not blasphemy of the memory of millions who died? German weapons, the same that sowed death in the West and in the Middle East, are now, in modern form, flowing into Israel. The Israeli Foreign Minister, Abba Eban, is now travelling to Bonn to negotiate fresh supplies of arms and financial assistance for strangling the freedom and independence of the Arab peoples. What cynicism! What a disgraceful mission the Minister has undertaken!

The Soviet people, irrespective of nationality, are indignant about the impudent, false statements of Prime Minister Golda Meir and other Zionist rulers about the "hard" position of Jews in the Soviet Union.

I recently learned that Zionist elements have attempted to make similar statements in the United Nations, supposedly in "defence" of human rights, in order to accentuate Golda

Meir's insinuations. The demagogy of the imperialist rulers is more than obvious. They are trying to divert public opinion from Israeli aggression in the Middle East, from the dirty US war in Vietnam and from the Negro problem in the United States.

I would like to ask, what juridical and moral right do people have to talk about humanism—people on whose conscience lies the destruction of many Arab families, on whose conscience are hundreds of thousands of homeless people, refugees driven from their lands and forced to wander beneath the scorching sun, to starve and die?

The national question in the Soviet Union has long been solved and for all time. It was solved by the Great October Socialist Revolution which put an end to the state of rightlessness of all peoples, including the Jews. The Jewish Pale, pogroms and the Jewish people's rightlessness have completely disappeared.

My family, the Dragunskys, an old dynasty of poor tailors, has earned its living by hard work. My father wandered with his machine from village to village so as to feed his large family. Soviet power opened a broad road to my family as to all other working class families, a life of labour and knowledge. Among my relatives, my family, you will now find teachers and doctors, technicians and engineers, physiologists and writers, officers and artists, workers and scientists. No wonder all my four brothers fought for our homeland. I must say a word or two about my mother. For a long time Russian neighbours concealed her at the risk of their own lives, but the fascists eventually found her. That was in the Bryansk Region in January 1942. It was freezing cold. She was led into the rural square. The entire population was driven to the Rural Soviet building. An SS man shouted at the top of his voice:

— "Hey, you, Jewess, curse your sons and we shall give you your freedom."

The people stood spellbound waiting for the answer.

The small, grey-haired and sick woman stood up, straightened her shoulders, took a deep breath and shouted: "I bless my sons and bless the sons of Russia in the fight against the hateful enemy."

A burst from a submachine-gun cut off the life of my mother, a Soviet woman, who understood with her heart the

meaning of friendship among peoples and the love for her country although she was barely able to sign her name. She was not only a mother but a Soviet patriot.

Much research has been carried out and many books written about the humanity of the Soviet Army. I have been in its glorious ranks for more than thirty years. I was convinced hundreds and thousands of times of the internationalism of our soldiers, officers and generals. During the war I was in command of a tank brigade made up of representatives of 30 nationalities. It was a united combat family. For 1,418 days and nights we waged a battle against Hitlerism, and faced death each day, hour and minute, but it did not scare us. We understood that we had to destroy the hateful enemy, we offered our lives for the sake of our homeland, for the sake of the liberation of the peoples of Europe from fascism.

I cannot forget an incident that took place on the Polish border in Germany. During one of the battles on the Oder, we captured the Woldau Village and in the deep catacombs my soldiers discovered more than 50 people who by a miracle had survived the Warsaw ghetto. The tankmen carefully carried them out, fed them, treated and cared for them. To this day the words of gratitude addressed to my lads from the group of Jews that had been saved ring in my ears. This is real human friendship, and many hundreds of such examples might be cited.

I deal with this at length in answer to the slanderers who are sowing animosity among peoples in order to expose once again those who pursue an unbridled racialist policy in Vietnam, in the Middle East and in the United States itself.

I have the greatest respect for the Israeli people and wish them, as all nations, peace and prosperity, but at the same time I strongly protest against the predatory policy of the Israeli aggressors against imperialist aggressive aspirations, against the activities of those who are drawing the people of Israel into war.

General Dayan loves to talk about "sudden" blows, about "impetuous" offensives, about "pursuits," and so on. I would like to remind him that the military vocabulary contains also such terms as defence, retreat and flight. One day these terms may be applied to the Israeli army.

The Israeli rulers have been playing too long and too arrogantly with fire, placing their people on the brink of dis-

aster, but it is to be hoped that a correct way out of the difficult position into which the Israeli people have been placed by the Tel Aviv rulers will be found.

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THE ADVENTURIST NATURE OF TEL AVIV'S WAR DOCTRINES

Every day telegraph brings news about fresh crimes and provocations committed by the Israeli invaders who continue to play with fire in the Middle East. Filled with national-chauvinism, the ruling Zionist circles in Israel slavishly copy the Hitlerite nazi methods of barbarously bombing cities, destroying peaceful communities under the pretext of fighting guerillas and setting up concentration camps in occupied areas.

As a veteran of the Great Patriotic War who had walked a long way through the Ukraine, Moldavia, Rumania, Hungary, Austria and Czechoslovakia, I had seen quite a few examples of nazi atrocities. I never thought that a thing like this could be repeated twenty-five years later.

The Israeli occupationists' treatment of the Arab population shows the same inhumanity that was practiced by the nazis on occupied territories, particularly with regard to people of Jewish nationality.

The policy of building up military tension and intimidating peaceful Arab population is a part of the strategy of the Israeli gamblers who seem to have completely gone out of their mind in a fit of militarism. But the experience of previous wars tells us that the factors of surprise and certain

successes in the initial period of a war are far from being decisive.

Acting on direct guidance from the United States, Tel Aviv hoped to crush the progressive regimes in Arab countries by surprise attack from air and by armoured forces on land. The West German *Die Welt* pointed out that Israel had borrowed its strategy from the Hitler army which had demonstrated its main strategic principles in the initial period of World War II.

The Tel Aviv rulers' choice of teachers is an unhappy one indeed. We all know that Hitler's ignoble venture ended in the storming of Berlin and the Nuremberg Trial. But it seems that the Israeli "hawks" have learned nothing from history. They continue to whip up tension in the Middle East, endangering peace not only in that area but in the world as a whole.

It is clear to everyone that neither Golda Meir nor General Dayan, nor any other Israeli ruler would be rattling their sabres, committing downright war crimes and defying the United Nations, were it not for the support they are getting from the United States and international Zionist circles.

Incidentally, Zionism has never been the ideology of the Jewish working people. Since its inception it has always been connected with big capital and has come out as an agent of imperialism. This shameful role of Zionism has become particularly evident in the last few years when it has been frankly serving imperialism—notably US, British and West German imperialism. The Tel Aviv Zionist rulers have readily assumed the role of agents of imperialist powers which try to place the yoke of colonialism on the Arab peoples again.

At the same time, the Zionists are advertising the exclusiveness of the Jewish nation. This "theory," which is the basis of Zionist ideological training of Israeli armed forces personnel, is, in many respects, a repetition of the concepts of Hitlerite nazism and the racist views flourishing in the United States.

Backed by Zionist propaganda, the Tel Aviv rulers have militarized Israel to the utmost. More than 10 per cent of manpower resources have been mobilized for the armed forces. This is the world's highest percentage. Israeli economy

has been placed entirely on a military footing. One day's upkeep of the armed forces costs a million dollars. This is not at all in the Israeli people's interests; it is in the interests of a sinister force—world Zionism—a servant of international capital.

Exploiting sentiments of nationalism, the Zionists mislead the working people of Israel, concealing from them the true aims of the aggression against the Arab countries and slandering the Soviet Union and other socialist states. The Zionist leaders in Tel Aviv, supported by Zionist elements in the Western countries, lay brazen claims to representing Jews of the whole world.

This is nothing but base ideological subversion. Like any other capitalist country, Israel has a strong bourgeois clique whose interests are diametrically opposed to those of the working people. There are healthy forces there, too, which, headed by the Communist Party, struggle against the gambling, anti-popular policy of the government. These forces are supported by countries of the socialist community and by peoples being liberated from colonialism.

As for Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality, they have nothing in common, nor can they have anything in common, with the Zionist leaders and their ideology.

In the years of the Great Patriotic War, Soviet Jews fought shoulder to shoulder with working people of other nationalities of the Soviet Union. Together with all the other peoples of our country, they are now actively building communism.

Soviet policy in the Middle East is clear. Our country has consistently called for the establishment of a lasting and reliable peace in that area, based on the UN Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967.

So long as the Israeli gamblers go on with their provocations, the Soviet Union will continue to help the Arab peoples in their just struggle against Israeli aggression. All the working people of our country unanimously support this policy of their government.

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ZIONISM'S FOUL AIMS

*Interview with Leib I. LEVIN,
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Q. Leib Ilyevich, you know, of course, that the so-called Jewish Defence League is organising fascist-type provocations against touring Soviet artists and some of the Soviet agencies in the United States. Did you happen to meet members of this notorious organisation on your US tour?

A. In 1968 when I visited the United States, this organisation did not yet exist. But I must have met some potential members of it. At the first rally, attended by some 3,000 Americans, a group of hooligans tried to interrupt my speech. They, you see, did not like what I told the audience about our country. Certain groups in the United States, big capitalists and rich Jews in the first place, evidently do not want the Jewish workers to know the truth about the USSR.

That was not new for me. Quite a number of US tourists of Jewish nationality have visited the Moscow Synagogue. It is significant that most of them have a very vague idea about the Soviet Union and about the life of Soviet Jews. You could not listen without a smile to questions put by some of such guests. In such cases I always advised them to walk around Moscow, talk with Muscovites, read newspapers and journals and visit theatres. I thought that then they would perhaps realize that all the stories they had been regaled with by Zionist propaganda are vile lies. However, such an advice could be given to honest people who had been misled by propaganda.

During my trip to the United States I also met a man of a different kind. He was the first secretary of the Israeli Embassy in Washington. Among his questions was the one usually put by Jews from other countries: "Is there anti-Semitism in the USSR?"

I read to the diplomat a short lecture on history, though, I think, he knew it very well. I reminded him of the times, half a century ago, of the "Pale" for Russian Jews and raids organised by Black Hundred members. I witnessed them while I was a boy in Yekaterinoslav, now Dnepropetrovsk. Then I told him about the present life of the Soviet Jews, about our scientists, world-famous workers in art and

culture, Heroes of the Soviet Union and Heroes of Socialist Labour.

"Where would these people be without the October Revolution of 1917?" I asked the Israeli diplomat. He did not answer. Then I answered this question myself: "They would have been small shopkeepers, junkmen, cobblers and tailors." In those times, I reminded him, the Jews had very few opportunities. Only the revolution in Russia, only Soviet power opened to them the road to happiness, as to Soviet citizens of all other nationalities."

Q. Leib Ilyevich, you mentioned Zionist propaganda. Whose interests does it serve?

A. At any rate, it does not serve the interests of the Jewish workers, honest people. It plays into the hands of those who are seeking to disunite peoples, especially the peoples of socialist countries.

Zionist ideology is not innocent at all. Zionism has never had anything in common with honest Jews, whichever country they live in, and of course it has nothing in common with Soviet Jews. Those who try to identify Zionists with the Jewish people and lump them together for provocative purposes are bringing grist to the dirty mill of anti-Semitism.

Q. What in your opinion is the essence of the Jewish Defence League?

A. If the point in question is the defence of American Jews from their compatriots, then this defence would really be needed, for there exists open racial discrimination in the United States and anti-Semitism is flourishing. The police, the court, the entire system of the much-lauded American "democracy" are unable to protect American Jews against American racialists-anti-Semites and thugs. As you see, the League would have a good deal of work to do in its own country.

However, in the hands of Zionist organisations in the United States, in the hands of moneybags and pogromists, the League has turned into a dirty weapon of rabid anti-Sovietism, a weapon of provocations against the Soviet Union. This is clearly shown by hooliganism against our artists and some of the Soviet agencies in the United States. The League leaders are going to ridiculous extremes in order to be known as "defenders" of Jews living in the Soviet Union.

They should be told: "No, gentlemen, Soviet people,

including Jews, do not need protection from outside. All of us are full-fledged citizens of our great socialist country."

I know some people abroad will say: "But what else could a Moscow Rabbi say to a Moscow journalist?" I can reply at once that I said the same thing to correspondents of US newspapers and news agencies who interviewed me the day after the provocations of the League took place. Only what I told them did not appear in US newspapers.

Moreover, I shall tell these critics from overseas that what I have said is not only my personal opinion, the opinion of a 77-year-old rabbi in the USSR. Recently Pinhas Teiz, a rabbi from New Jersey, came to our country. His trip coincided with reports of hooligan acts by members of the Jewish Defence League. I saw his anger and shame for his compatriots and heard him telephone his son, also a rabbi, from the Moscow Synagogue. He asked his son to tell newspapers that he was profoundly indignant over the disgraceful actions of this organisation.

And it could not be otherwise, for all honest people, all honest Jews are disgusted with the provocations arranged by members of the League.

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THE REACTIONARY ESSENCE OF ZIONISM

Bombs are falling on peaceful workers in Abu Zaabal. Bulldozers are demolishing Arab homes at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. Speeches defying the United Nations Organisation resound from the rostrum in the new Knesset building. More "Phantoms" are undergoing urgent quality control in an US plant; some time from now these planes will be delivered to Israel. And underlying all these events is an ideological doctrine—Zionism. It is in the name of this doctrine that outright violations of international law, extremely dangerous armed aggression and crimes against humanity have been committed by Tel Aviv.

Zionism as a doctrine is generally considered to have come into being after the publication in 1895 of the book

The State of Jews by Theodore Herzl, a Viennese journalist. This religious-political theory called upon all Jews to return to their "Biblical" fatherland. It proclaimed the racial and cultural superiority of Jews over other nations. Originating in Western Europe in the heyday of colonialism, this reactionary theory bore prominent colonialist features.

Herzl wrote: "For Europe we shall create there (in Palestine) an outpost against Asia; we shall be the vanguard of the civilised world against barbarity."

The Zionist conception of Israel is based, first and foremost, on aggression and territorial expansion. Catholic scholastics have long stopped claiming that an infinite number of angels can stand on the tip of a needle. Zionist theoreticians seem to realise, too, that no infinite number of immigrants can be settled in the vicinity of Mount Zion. And so, in the course of half a century we have been witnessing the metamorphosis of initially modest Zionist claims about a "national hearth," proposed after the end of World War I by Lord Balfour, into the idea of a great empire which the present champions of the "movement for Great Israel" are striving to set up.

Every armed conflict unleashed by Israeli extremists invariably ended in the annexation of Arab land. And here we cannot help recalling what Moshe Dayan said on June 5, 1967: "We have not reached the end of the road that we have taken. It is the Israeli people itself that will fix the frontiers of its state."

The possibility of Israel's withdrawal from Arab lands captured in the 1967 war has long been a forbidden subject in religious education courses in Israel—the most powerful medium of Zionist propaganda. The occupied lands are invariably called "recovered" or "liberated" territories.

Deputy Prime Minister Allon of Israel has even worked out an "ideological formula" for retaining these occupied territories. "A land belongs to the people who populate it," he declared. "These territories will be ours if Jews populate them." This programme is now being carried out.

Territorial annexation involves racial discrimination against the Arab population, economic oppression and police terror. Aggression has become state policy. Last April, Golda Meir told Stewart Alsop, the US journalist, quite frankly that she did not want the Jewish people to be soft, liberal, anti-colonialist and anti-militarist.

So, brutality, colonialism and militarism have become the basis of the present Israeli policy.

As we see, in theory and practice Israeli Zionism is akin to imperialism. It is not surprising that Western imperialist powers support Tel Aviv, since they have similar ideological views and consider Israel an imperialist outpost in the Middle East.

The military and political assistance given by the United States, Britain and the FRG to Israel is substantially supplemented by donations of Zionist organisations in these countries. In 1967 alone, these Zionist organisations raised 500 million dollars as donations and subscriptions to Israeli loans. After the end of the June 1967 war, a number of international conferences of "Jewish multi-millionaires" were held in Israel to work out plans of long-term finance operations aimed at ensuring the upkeep and expansion of Tel Aviv's militarist machine.

A Zionist political "lobby" headed by US Senator Jacob Javits (New York), Max Fisher, a Detroit millionaire and special White House consultant, and other reactionary persons has been actively at work in the United States.

In early February, Senator Javits at a Congress press conference demanded not only immediate and new arms deliveries to Tel Aviv, but also support for Israel's claims to most of the captured Arab territories.

On February 28 in Miami Beach (Florida) there took place a conference of US and Canadian Zionist organisations on circulation of Israeli bonds in these countries. The conference was addressed by Mayor Lindsey of New York who called upon the United States to give up its "neutrality" in the Middle East and to back up Tel Aviv.

US authorities have connived in the hooligan acts of Zionist gangs in the United States and in increasing anti-Soviet provocations and actions. Their latest adventures were demonstrations staged during the visit of President Pompidou of France to the USA, in protest against France's condemnation of Israel's aggressive course.

In Israel is being cultivated an atmosphere of religious fanaticism and moral terror with regard to all who do not share Zionism's reactionary and aggressive ideas. Yet even in such an atmosphere one can hear voices condemning the official doctrine and policy.

Professor Arieli, in a lecture delivered in Tel Aviv on January 7, 1968, compared the ideology of the "Great Israel" with fascist ideology. Yakob Talmon, a historian, wrote about the "sickening stench of racialist impudence" of the Zionist "claims to exclusive and supreme rights" as compared with other nations.

Author Amos Oz has come out in defence of the Arab population. "The Arabs in Palestine," he pointed out, "are here because Palestine is the homeland of Palestinians, just as the Netherlands is the homeland of the Dutch, and Iraq—the homeland of Iraqis."

Zionist mysticism, though insistently cultivated, also meets with resistance by the young generation. Here is what Professor Pinhas Rosenblut said after his talks with Israeli young people:

"All this chatter about the "liberation of territory," all this mythology about land is alien to them. They have disputes about people, but not about land. Some even say that it was not worth sacrificing human lives for the Wailing Wall."

Uri Avneri, the prominent public figure, describes in his book *Israel Without Zionism* the pernicious nature of the aggressive policy pursued by the leaders of Israel who seem to have revived the fanaticism and cruelty of the crusaders. "Inasmuch as the Jerusalem kingdom of crusaders," he says by way of comparison, "rested only on its military supremacy, it had doomed itself to collapse."

Notable is an analysis of Zionist ideology by Roger Cohen, a French professor, in an article published in the newspaper *Le Monde*. He says that it would be wrong to think that every Jew is a supporter of Zionism. He criticises Zionism as a doctrine under which the only lawful aim for a Jew is to use all means to fight for recovering, restoring, ensuring the prosperity and prestige and, if need be, the expansion and domination of his Jewish homeland in the very same places where the cradle of that "race" used to be.

He considers that modern Zionism is a means of directly involving Jews living in other countries in the military operations conducted by Israel. He protests against demands to show "patriotic feelings to a foreign state" and considers himself and all Jewish French citizens in duty bound to

live by the interests of their real and not mythical homeland.

Zionist conceptions are being rejected by a majority of Jewish people living in the capitalist countries. The theme of Zionist propaganda about "dual patriotism" and "dual citizenship" is becoming less and less popular there. And it certainly is not (and never has been) endorsed by Jewish citizens of the socialist countries.

Zionism, like any other reactionary ideology, is an ideology of the exploiters; it resorts to slander campaigns and hypocritical propaganda stunts. Thus, the real tragedy of the Jews in countries which were under the nazi yoke is being used to camouflage the neo-fascist practice of today's Israel.

The lawful and just struggle against Zionism is being presented as a struggle against the people of Israel, against the existence of Israel as a state. The exposure of Zionism's aggressive and racist essence is proclaimed an insult to religious feelings and traditions. "Every one who does not applaud Israeli aggression is said to be an anti-Semite"—these are the words of Andre Wurmser, the eminent French columnist.

After the "June war" of 1967 Zionist propaganda succeeded for some time in misleading the public in the Western countries with stories about the "just struggle of the Jewish David against the Arab Goliath." Yet, almost three years of stubborn resistance on the part of Israel to a peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis, three years of continuous provocations by Israel against the Arab countries, three years of arms buildup by Israel obviously aimed at preparing a new round of aggression, could not but cause those who took the bait of the Zionist hypocrites to pause and reconsider their position.

The entire activity of modern Zionism, best seen in the actions of the Israeli leaders, exposes the reactionary essence of this ideological doctrine, so dangerous to the cause of peace and, especially, to the people of Israel.

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CONTEMPT—OUR ANSWER TO ZIONISTS

Tel Aviv's Zionist tycoons continue to fan the campaign of anti-Sovietism. Matters have gone so far that they have declared their fervent desire to get all Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality to move to Israel.

What does it mean for a Soviet Jew to leave his home and real birthplace and set out for distant parts in search of a mystical land of his forefathers, about which the Zionists were so eloquent? This is more than simply travelling several thousand kilometres. This would be a leap back across decades, a historically unnatural transition from the bright age of socialism into the dark age of capitalism. This, mind you, is no figure of speech, no metaphor, but a sober evaluation of things.

Indeed, what is this touted paradise in the "Promised Land" of Israel? A paradise exclusively for the rich. Exactly what Theodore Herzl, one of the pillars of Zionism had forecast long before the foundation of the Jewish state. "Rich Jews now forced to hide their treasures and feast behind drawn curtains," he claimed, "will be able there (in the new homeland.—*G. P.*) to freely taste of all the pleasures of life." Indeed, in Israel the moneybags gorge themselves on all the boons cash can give and feast with open windows; however, there are really not so many of them, of these "fortunates." Well, perhaps, several thousand.

So what about all the others? Their lot is one of earning their daily bread in the sweat of their brow. This would not be so bad, but the trouble is that not always can work be found. Sometimes people have to stay on the waiting list for weeks and months, even for more than a year. Meanwhile those who have jobs have to crawl before their masters, and curry their good graces at the expense of their own human dignity. The tiller of the land working in one of the kibbutzi is similarly oppressed. One can take one's meals and occupy a kibbutz-owned house free of charge. But one also has to work, again free of charge under the scorching sun. Meanwhile all the profits netted fill the treasuries of the parties who own the kibbutz in question and line the pockets of the party bosses. Such is the machinery

of this "paradise," what one may call "basic organisation of principles."

The moral and spiritual foundations of Israeli society appear still more irrational in the eyes of a Soviet person. There religion is made the basis of education. From infancy one's head is crammed with biblical fairytales. From infancy to his dying days the Jew has dinned into his ears the thesis that he is "exclusive", that he is "superior" to other peoples, that he has "a special historic mission." Meanwhile, behind the clamour of these racist and chauvinistic propaganda, the Zionist leaders and moneybags grow still richer, widening the gap between themselves and the working Jew, who finds Zionist propaganda as alien to him as capitalist exploitation is hateful.

It is to this country of Israel that Meir, Dayan, Eban, Shazar and their ilk call on us Soviet Jews to go. They are doing this at a time when the entire progressive world indignantly denounces the Israeli aggressors for their crimes against the peaceful Arab population, for their destruction of Arab dwellings, their terror, their concentration camps, their bombings of civilian installations.

However monstrous this may appear, especially for Jews, the present policy of the Zionists towards the Arabs is almost a copy of the policy of the German fascists. We see the same objectives and the same cruelty. Cruelty that is stupid and purposeless! Tel Aviv's crime in Abu Zaabal has opened many eyes — in Israel too. This atrocity, which left eighty dead and one hundred injured, reminded people who went through the last war of the tactics of Hitler's pirates of the air who by bombing strikes, which were senseless from the angle of military necessity and the situation in the battlefield, erased villages, whole districts and cities from the face of the earth. These bombings had but one purpose, that of instilling fear in the hearts of the resisting peoples, of bringing them to their knees. The selfsame aims are now sought by Israel's warlords and Zionist leaders.

When one pauses to reflect, one sees that the copying of Hitlerite fascist tactics by the Israeli extremists is by no means fortuitous. They have a similar philosophy based on the theory of racial superiority and national exclusiveness; they have similar demands, a "Great Germany" in one case and a "Great Israel" in the other. History bears testimony to the long-disclosed kinship in spirit between the Zionists

and fascists. There is plenty of proof to show that the Zionist leaders, in effect, encouraged the fascists to persecute Jews in Germany. They collaborated with them (more specifically, with that butcher Eichmann) and made hideous deals. Accordingly, the gravitation of the present Israeli leadership towards revanchist and neo-fascist forces in the FRG appears to be not accidental but something inherited.

It is these Tel Aviv ringleaders, many of whom have stained their reputations by selling Jewish interests down the river in the years of the cruellest Jewish persecution, who now call on us to settle in their country. Apparently they fail to understand that Soviet people, whatever their nationality, have a common attitude towards fascism, chauvinism, and aggressors. In Tel Aviv they cannot understand how greatly we love our mother country, whose trials had always been ours, the country we will never barter away whatever the price.

A few words about myself. I have lived a long life. I was born in Minsk in a Jewish working-class family. In October 1917 I volunteered for the Red Guard right at the factory where I worked as a fitter; I was ready to pursue a military career. All in all, I have served 44 years in the ranks of our glorious Armed Forces. I joined Lenin's Party in August 1919. Throughout, I have held command posts in active service. I was wounded six times. I was with the army in the field from the very outset of the Great Patriotic War. From February 1942 I was for six years artillery commander and member of an army military council. I still well remember the appalling atrocities the fascists perpetrated in the occupied territories. I can never forgive them that.

In the regiments and brigades under my command there fought officers and men of various nationalities inhabiting our country. During the war I was able to see for myself on many, many occasions the internationalist spirit of Soviet people. I don't remember a single case of discrimination against a soldier on account of his nationality. Soviet people also demonstrated their internationalism in their attitude to the peoples of liberated Europe including Germans. Our generals, officers and men did not equate the German people with the fascists. I know no small number of cases where our troops made extra sacrifices to save the civilian population in Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Germany itself.

That is why today we brand with particular anger and indignation the Israeli aggressors, who stoop to crimes to further their sordid aims and curry favour with their imperialist patrons. And now they call on us to go to Israel. What for? To take part in crimes?! The Zionist leaders will get nowhere as far as this is concerned.

Soviet Jews have but one homeland. They have nothing to look for in distant parts beyond the seas. "We once again categorically tell all unasked-for intercessors for Soviet Jews that our Motherland is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The cream of the Soviet people, among whom were many Jewish working people of our region, gave up their lives and shed their blood for its honour and independence. The present and future of all of us, of our children and grandchildren, are bound up with it alone, with our one and only motherland—the Soviet Union." All Jews in our country subscribe to these feelings as expressed in a resolution adopted by the regional *aktiv* of the working people of Jewish nationality in the Jewish Autonomous Region which has been awarded the Order of Lenin. Indeed it cannot be otherwise, for the Soviet Motherland, which Jews too, along with people of other nationalities defended from its enemies, has given them a life of which the finest representatives of the Jewish working folk have dreamed. In our country, where the nationality question has been settled, Jews feel that they are free citizens enjoying equal rights with all others.

Indeed, could I, a son of poor Jewish parents have become a general, or my brother an officer in tsarist Russia? A thousand times no! The lot of my brother and myself is no exception. In the Soviet Union there are no small number of Jews who are heroes of labour and war, statesmen, front-ranking factory workers and peasants, scientists and artists. This has become possible only because under Soviet government Jews, like the other national minorities of our country, have all civil rights, all the conditions for achieving material well-being and comprehensive cultural development.

We do not confuse the Israeli people with the Zionist leaders. We respect the working folk of Israel and its progressive intelligentsia and wish them peace and prosperity. But to the hypocritical concern shown for us and the provo-

cative offers on the part of Israel's Zionist leaders, Soviet Jews have only one reply: contempt.

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THE REACTIONARY CORE OF ZIONISM

Published below is a summary of the theses of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel—"The Jewish Question and Zionism Today"—approved at the 16th CPI Congress. The resolution of the Congress pointed out that the Party would be guided by these theses in its political and ideological work.

The CPI theses point out that the ideological struggle is becoming increasingly important as the contradictions between capitalism and socialism grow sharper. In Israel a struggle is taking place between the Marxist-Leninist ideology of the working class and bourgeois Zionist ideology. This ideological and political class struggle is also taking place among Jews in other countries.

Imperialist powers are increasingly using the Israeli rulers as an instrument of their policy in the Middle East, where tension is rising, and the threat of war is growing.

Stubbornly opposing a political settlement of the Middle East conflict in the interests of all nations populating this area, the Zionist leaders of Israel continue to occupy Arab territories, creating a situation that is fraught with the danger of a new explosion that would jeopardise not only peace in the Middle East but world peace. The strug-

gle against Zionist ideology acquires still greater significance in these conditions. Inside Israel this struggle is headed by the Communist Party of Israel which has consistently fought chauvinism and nationalism, which calls for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and exposes the pro-imperialist policy pursued by the ruling circles of Israel.

Zionism is the dominating ideology in Israel. Israeli ruling circles, guided by this ideology, pursue a policy that is contrary to the Israeli people's real national interests. This policy binds Israel to imperialist powers in their struggle against the Arab anti-imperialist, national-liberation movement, against the USSR, against the international communist movement and all forces of social progress throughout the world.

The CPI theses point out that it is wrong to speak of the Jewish question as a world-wide problem existing in all countries of the world, both under capitalism and in conditions of socialism. The Jewish question involves the discrimination, persecution and annihilation (especially in the period of nazi-rule) of Jews by virtue of their being Jews. So the Jewish question means the liberation of the Jewish masses from anti-semitism which manifests itself in various forms in a class-society.

Marxism regards anti-semitism as a form of national and racial oppression and racial discrimination. The causes of anti-semitism are the same causes that lead to the discrimination and oppression of other nationalities. Communists of all countries consider the education of the masses in the spirit of brotherhood and friendship of nations, in the spirit of struggle against anti-semitism and all forms of racism to be a most important guarantee of the unity of the working class and of the successful development of democracy and socialism.

In the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, the social foundation of anti-semitism has been wiped out, because the exploiting classes were overthrown and the oppression of nationalities and national minorities was done away with. Genuine friendship exists among nations in the socialist countries, and a struggle is being waged against chauvinist and national prejudices in relations among nations. Anti-semitism has been outlawed in the Soviet Union and

other socialist countries, where all propaganda, all acts of an anti-semitic nature are prohibited by law. The decree of the Council of People's Commissars, signed by Lenin and published on June 27, 1918 was the first document outlawing anti-semitism.

The Zionist ideology is based on a bourgeois-nationalist approach to the Jewish question. The Zionist ideology proceeds from the principle that the cause of anti-semitism is simple animosity to Jews and that anti-semitism is in no way connected with any social system, with the class, social and political struggle taking place in society. Since Zionism considers the Jewish question apart from its class roots, Zionists inevitably arrive at the conclusion that as long as Jews live among other nationalities there will exist anti-semitism. Proceeding from this false conclusion about the "perpetuity of anti-semitism," Zionist ideology developed a "theory" to the effect that Jews should not join the social class struggle for democracy, against capitalist monopolies, for social progress in the countries they live, that they must have their own separate organisations.

According to the Zionist outlook there is much more in common between the Jewish workers and the Jewish bourgeoisie than between the Jewish and US or Russian workers. The Zionist ideology has given rise to the slogan of "class peace" between the exploiters and the exploited, between the Jewish millionaires on the one hand, and the poor and unemployed, on the other, as opposed to the great, historically tested and invincible slogan: "Workers of all countries, unite!"

Although Zionism claims that it provides a solution to the question of anti-semitism, this does not mean that its attitude to anti-semitism was and remains a negative one. Unlike Communists and other progressive forces which vigorously condemn and reject anti-semitism as a reactionary phenomenon which undermines the revolutionary struggle, it is Zionism that has tried to use anti-semitism in its interests. The Zionist leaders have repeatedly declared that anti-semitic pressure has led to emigration of Jews of Israel from the countries they live in, and from this they draw the conclusion that anti-semitism helps to "build a national home."

Marxists have always rejected the reactionary theory,

which has nothing in common with reality, on the supposed existence of a "world Jewish nation," the theory to the effect that Jews all over the world living in different countries and under different regimes constitute a single nation despite the fact that they do not possess economic community, common territory, a common culture and language and common habits. The religious Jews only have a common religion.

From the very outset the Zionist policy was based on cooperation with the forces of reaction, with imperialist powers, against the revolutionary, socialist and national-liberation movement. One of the founders of the Zionist movement, T. Herzl, conducted talks with the German emperor and with the tsarist minister Pleve, organiser of Jewish pogroms in tsarist Russia.

There is no imperialist power on which Zionism did not pin its hopes, and there is no imperialist power which has not tried, in one way or another, to use Zionism for its own ends, particularly for strengthening its positions, for establishing domination over the Middle East.

After the seizure of Palestine by the British, the Zionist leadership collaborated with the colonialists. The aim of the policy pursued by the Zionist leadership was to acquire and seize, with the aid of imperialist Britain, as much Arab land as possible and to leave on it as small an Arab population as possible.

The Zionist policy of territorial expansion and expulsion of the Arab population from Palestine continues to be followed by the state of Israel. It is the official policy of the Israeli Government. As deputy head of the Israeli Government Igal Allon declared: "Our duty to populate 'Great Israel' is no less important than the duty in the past, in the days when it was a mandate—to populate the valley of Jordan and the valley of Beth-shan; he who doubts this truth doubts the entire Zionist conception." (*Jerusalem Post*, April 18, 1968)

Zionist policy disregards the vital interests of the Jews and ignores them if it regards that they contradict the political interests of international Zionism. After Hitler came to power in Germany, Zionist leaders maintained contacts and cooperated with the nazi bosses. The trial of Rudolph Kastner in Jerusalem in 1952 disclosed that the nazi butcher

Eichmann cooperated with this leader of the Hungarian Zionists during World War II.

Kastner and his helpmates knew very well that the nazis were going to send Hungarian Jews to gas chambers but preferred to conceal this in exchange for Eichmann's promise to allow several hundred Jews, mainly Zionists and pro-Zionist rich men, to emigrate to Palestine. The evidence presented by witnesses showed that Kastner and his helpmates did all they could to reassure the common Jews.

The theses point out that subversive activities against the Soviet Union, other socialist countries and the international communist movement are important instruments of Zionist policy. Zionist leaders are guilty of slander when they say that anti-Semitism flourishes in socialist society. Their purpose is to prove that socialism is unable to solve the Jewish problem and eliminate anti-Semitism. Yet, the experience of socialist countries shows that in socialist countries there are no social classes interested in anti-Semitism or in the discrimination against any other nationality because the social and political roots of anti-Semitism have been eliminated.

This does not mean that in one or another socialist country there are absolutely no persons with anti-Semitic or other nationalist prejudices. The reasons for these prejudices, which are not typical of socialist states, lie in the fact that there are still people influenced by views of the old bourgeois society and the capitalist world. Such influences are also exerted through ideological work by imperialism from the outside which is trying to instil nationalist prejudices and sow seeds of discord among peoples and thus undermine socialist countries from within.

The elimination of the survivals of anti-Semitism and other nationalist prejudices in the minds of people in socialist society is not an isolated question, but part of the general question of overcoming the vestiges of the ideology of capitalism in socialist society.

In the last few years the Israeli Government has made ideological struggle in the interests of international Zionism against the USSR and other socialist countries its official foreign policy. Israeli delegates to the UN began to use the world organization for making slanderous state-

ments against the Soviet Union and other socialist countries. The Israeli Government, with no grounds whatsoever, claims to be the representative of Jews throughout the world and calls for interference in the internal affairs of socialist countries. This policy has greatly complicated relations between Israel and socialist countries.

After World War II Zionist leaders often referred to the bitter lot of Jews in Europe during nazi occupation in contrast to the "salvation of Jews in Palestine" as proof of the correctness of Zionist ideology. However, there is no historical neither scientific basis for this argument.

First, international Zionist leaders are ignoring the fact that during the war the Soviet Army and the Soviet people made an immense contribution to the salvation of many peoples, including Jews, from nazi bondage and physical liquidation by German fascism.

Secondly, Zionists ignore the fact that nazism which treated Jews with particular brutality, destroyed millions of people of other nationalities, especially Slavs, on occupied territories by throwing them into concentration camps and gas chambers. Hence fascist racism was not directed against Jews only.

Thirdly, they ignore the class background of the fascist genocide organisers. Millions of Jews, and tens of millions of persons of other nationalities, were killed, because it was imperialism which engendered fascism, this open terroristic, this most chauvinistic and cruel dictatorship of monopoly capital, in Germany and other countries. Jews in Germany and in other European countries were destroyed because power in these countries was seized by fascism and not because, as Zionist ideologists assert, Jews did not emigrate to Palestine in time.

It is a historical fact that during World War II the Jews in Palestine were no more sure of their future than the Jews in Europe. The nazi army was advancing through Northern Africa; it invaded Egypt and could have reached Palestine. But fortunately the nazis did not reach Palestine, not because they wished to spare the holy land or the "Zionist talisman" of the leaders of the Jewish population of Palestine. The nazis did not reach Palestine because the Soviet Army, literally on the eve of the nazi invasion of Pa-

lestine, broke the backbone of the nazi army at Stalingrad and made it absolutely necessary for the Germans to transfer a considerable part of their troops from North Africa to the Eastern front.

The foundation of the state of Israel did not change the position of Jews in any of the capitalist countries. In the USA and in other capitalist countries anti-Semitism manifests itself in very cruel forms. Fascism was not and is not a particularly German feature. It can also appear in other countries where monopoly capital is in power. Hence the conclusion: now, as in the past, the Jewish question can only be radically solved in socialist conditions.

Zionist ideologists, the theses of the CPI Central Committee stress, identify Israel with Zionism, just as they identify Zionists with Jews. In a broad and costly campaign they are trying to convince the world at large that those who oppose Zionist ideology, Zionist policy and the policy of the Israeli Government are the enemies of Israel and anti-Semites. By resorting to such demagogic distortion the Zionist leaders are trying to suppress all criticism of government policy inside Israel, all criticism of Zionist policy in the international arena, branding such criticism as anti-Semitic, anti-Israeli, and so on.

The Zionist leaders and the rulers of Israel are thus cynically using the sufferings of Jews during the years of nazi invasion, the mass destruction of millions of Jews in nazi concentration camps and gas chambers to smother criticism of the reactionary policy of the present Israeli Government and the policy of international Zionism. Whenever the forces of peace and democracy, people with clear conscience, who have friendly feelings for the Jewish people, condemn the wars of 1956 and 1967 unleashed by the Israeli Government and say that these wars jeopardise peace in the world and may bring Israel to a catastrophe, the Zionist leaders immediately start persecuting them and conduct an unbridled and provocative campaign against them.

The struggle against the pro-imperialist, Zionist policy of Israel's rulers is a struggle for the people of Israel, for a different Israel, for the consolidation of its international position, for a secure future for Israel. The Communist Party of Israel, which is conducting determined struggle

against Zionism, is fighting for the liberation of the working masses from chauvinism, so that they may embark on the broad path of socialist ideology, a progressive internal and foreign policy that meets the interests of the working people of Israel, the genuine national interests of the Israeli people.

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