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THE 4TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ISRAEL

On April 28th, 1981 the 4th Plenary Session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel took place, with the participation of the members of the Central Control Commission.

The session was presided over by comrade Emile Touma, member of the Political Bureau.

Comrade Meir Vilner, the General Secretary, lectured about the political situation and the election campaign to the 10th Knesset.

A debate was held and summed up by the lecturer.

The Central Committee confirmed the lecture and the summing up and adopted resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 4TH PLENARY SESSION

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel evaluates the resolutions passed by the 15th session of the Palestinian National Council, which took place in April, 1981, as positive and constructive. These resolutions prove again the preparedness of the PLO to establish Israeli-Palestinian peace, which is the basis for comprehensive and stable peace between Israel and the Arab states.

The resolutions of the 15th session of the Palestinian National Council welcome the proposals for peace in the Middle East, which had been brought before the 26th Congress of the CPSU by comrade L. Brezhnev, and express support for the decisions of the UNO General Assembly and the Security Council on the Palestinian question and the Israeli-Arab conflict.

These resolutions are positive and realistic and their significance is clear: Preparedness for peace with Israel on the basis of the international consensus, which demands the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip, alongside the State of Israel.

The new resolutions of the PLO reaffirm that it is not the PLO which prevents peace, but the ruling Israeli policy, which denies the right of the Palestinian Arab people to self-determination and the establishment of its own independent state alongside the State of Israel,

The resolutions of the 15th session of the Palestinian National Council, which were adopted under conditions of the continuation and sharpening of the aggressive Israeli policy, which is supported by American imperialism, are an expression of utmost importance of the political maturity of the leadership of the Palestinian Arab people and their noble responsibility towards the cause of peace in our region and the world.

These resolutions are a clear expression of the readiness of the PLO to extend their hand to peace with Israel, if on our part will be a positive response. Therefore, they constitute an important contribution to the advancement of the cause of Israeli-Palestinian peace.

The Central Committee denounces the attempts of the ruling circles in Israel at falsifying the resolutions of the National Council of the PLO and define them as "escalation". These malicious falsifications are intended to hide from the people in Israel the truth, and thereby prevent the positive influence of the resolutions upon the public in Israel, who are interested in breaking out of the bloody circle of attrition and danger. These attempts express the fear in which the Zionist circles hold, who rule Israel, the Israeli people itself. Their apprehension is that if the facts will come to the notice of the people, it will know the Palestinian people and their representative, the PLO, are prepared to establish just peace with the State of Israel on the basis of peaceful coexistence of two independent states, Israel and Palestine, one alongside the other.

Democratic public opinion in the whole world has welcomed the resolutions of the Palestinian National Council and waits for a change of the ruling policy in Israel, which prevents the Israeli people and the Arab peoples from achieving peace and security.

The Jewish-Arab Communist Party of Israel is proud of having contributed a share in advancing peace, by raising the Palestinian option - Israeli-Palestinian peace as the only way out, which is also just and realistic.

The failure of the reactionary "options" on one hand, and the support of the UNO and the forces of peace and socialism in the world, with the Soviet Union at the head, given to the Israeli-Palestinian option, on the other hand, have turned the just Israeli-Palestinian peace into the only hope for peace.

ON THE POGROM IN KUFUR YASSIF

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel condemns the organizers and perpetrators of the bloody assault on Kufur Yassif on April 14, 1981. The pogrom in Kufur Yassif was carried out under the eyes of the police and the authorities, under their cover, by army personnel and military jeeps.

The facts prove that the ravings of the perpetrators of the bloody assault in Kufur Yassif - which lasted 100 minutes - could not have taken place without the knowledge of the police and other branches of the authorities, without their covering-up the acts of murder and the systematic destruction and ruin committed in Kufur Yassif.

The criminal bloody assault upon Kufur Yassif was committed in order to strengthen the policy of national oppression, eviction from the land and "Judaization" of Galilee.

The government tactics of hushing-up and covering-up after the pogrom, the incitement of the dark government apparatuses contained in anonymous leaflets, against the head of the Council of Kufur Yassif, comrade Nimer Murkus, the steps of the authorities, which are intended to fan incitement and communal divisions by means of their agents: the refusal of the minister of interior and police, Y. Burg, and of the prime minister, M. Begin, to set up a state investigatory committee, headed by a judge - all these prove that the threads leading to the shocking pogrom lead to the government circles.

The Central Committee calls upon the Arab population in Israel to guard like the apples of their eyes, their unity in struggle against the policy of discrimination and national oppression, to rebuff the tactics of the government and their agents, who are interested in sowing division among the Arab population on a communal basis, and to rally, together with the Jewish democratic circles, in the struggle for civil and national equality of rights.

The Central Committee expresses solidarity and full support for the inhabitants of Kufur Yassif and their local council, headed by comrade Nimer Murkus, who are struggling for:

1. The establishment of a state investigatory commission, headed by a judge, in order to expose the part of the police and other government branches in the pogrom in Kufur Yassif, and also act for the punishment of the organizers and perpetrators with all severity;
2. Full compensation by the government to all those harmed by the pogrom.

STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF ISRAEL:

THIRTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel greets the popular masses in Israel on the occasion of the Day of Independence.

The ruling policy, which has been still more escalated by the Likud government, has turned the State of Israel into a pawn in the hands of American imperialism against the peoples of the region and against the Soviet Union.

The Communist Party of Israel calls for struggling against the policy of abandoning Israel's independence, aggression and occupation, for a policy of peace, independence and neutrality in foreign policy.

The integration of the government in Washington's efforts for establishing an aggressive military bloc in the region, under the auspices of the USA, and its consent to setting up American military bases on Israel's soil constitute an utmost grave danger for the State of Israel and the peace of the region.

The aggressive military intervention of the Begin government in Lebanon carries within itself the danger of a regional war and is even liable to bring about a world flare-up.

Development proves that the Camp David deal, under the auspices of American imperialism, which denies the right to self-determination of the Palestinian Arab people, has further removed comprehensive and just peace and has intensified the warlike tension in the region.

The "Jordanian option" of the Alignment has no basis in reality and is nothing but camouflage for the continuation of the occupation and territorial annexations. Experience proves that this "option" blocks the path to peace.

The entire political development proves that no other road to comprehensive, just and stable peace exists apart from the Palestinian option - the Israeli-Palestinian peace. There is no other road to peace but Israel's withdrawal from the territories which it has occupied since

1967 and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel by way of negotiations and an agreement with the PLO, the exclusive competent representative of the Palestinian Arab people.

The Soviet Union has elaborated a plan for peace in the Middle East on the basis of establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel, on the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.

The Palestinian National Council has just now decided in its 15th session to support this plan.

Peace and independence are possible and vital.

This depends on us.

Peace is the key to the solution of the economic and social problems of Israel.

Let us struggle in unity against the occupation and for Israeli-Palestinian peace!

Let us struggle for the true independence of Israel!

TEL-AVIV, May 1981

APPEAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY
OF ISRAEL:

"DON'T ALLOW BEGIN TO OPEN A NEW CONFLAGRATION"

Prime Minister Menahim Begin is threatening to
open war against Syria and Lebanon.

It was the Begin government together with the
Rengan administration and through the fascist Phalan-
gists in Lebanon - which brought about the renewed
tension in this long suffering country.

The shooting down of two Syrian helicopters in
Lebanon was an intentional provocation from the side
of the Begin government to obstruct the efforts towards
national reconciliation in Lebanon and to impose a
military alliance in the region under the auspices of
the United States and to perpetuate Israeli occupation
of the Arab territories.

The anti-aircraft Syrian missiles in Lebanon is
a clear defensive weapon and do not constitute any
threat to Israel. The demand of the Begin government
to have free hand for Israeli airforce in order to
attack Palestinian refugee camps and Lebanese towns and
villages and even to attack Syrian aircraft - are strange
black-mailing demands which no sovereign state can agree
to.

The presence of the Syrian army in Lebanon is in
accordance with the Lebanese government's agreement.
The general Israeli-Arab conflict - the Palestinian-
Israeli conflict - can only be solved on the basis of
the respect of the rights of all peoples and states in
our region including Israel and the Palestinian Arab
people. The termination of the occupation of the Arab
territories which were occupied in 1967 and the estab-
lishment of an independent Palestinian state on the
basis of peaceful coexistence with the State of Israel
is the only solution and the only way to peace and
security.

This is nearly the general international consensus.
This is the position of the Soviet Union which exerts
great efforts to prevent a conflagration and to estab-
lish just peace in our region.

Despite the different political views , our Communist Party of Israel, stemming from its supreme responsibility towards the fate of both peoples - warns from any Israeli aggression against Syria which might lead to a general conflagration in our region and maybe to a world conflagration. Such conflagration might lead to dreadful results.

The interest of the people of Israel is to prevent the Begin government from starting a war against Syria and Lebanon.

The Communist Party of Israel stemming from its deep concern towards the security of Israel, towards the lives of our daughters and sons and towards the future of Israel in the Middle East - appeals to the political parties who have a sense of responsibility, appeals to the workers, youth, women , mothers and to all the popular circles and urgently calls upon them: Let us unitedly struggle and raise our voices high against Begin's war threats. Let us unitedly put an end to Israeli intervention in Lebanon.

A new war will cause horrible bloodshed and the killing of youngsters and will result in more bereavement and dreadful destruction and the escalation of the danger of fascism inside Israel.

Don't allow Begin to start a war adventure on the account of the blood of our sons and daughters.

Enough wars, enough victims and destruction.

May 11th, 1981

MK MEIR VILNER IN THE POLITICAL DEBATE IN THE KNESSET; THE ALIGNMENT MUST NOT ALLOW BEGIN TO START A WAR

At the opening of the last session of the 9th Knesset (May 11th., 1981), MK Meir Vilner who participated in the political debate opened his speech by informing the Members of Knesset regarding the stormy demonstration which was held at the same time in front of the Knesset against the starting of a new war. The demonstration was brutally attacked by the police and a number of demonstrators were arrested.

MK Meir Vilner declared: On behalf of our bloc I would like to express our strong protest against the barbaric and brutal actions of the border guards and the police. We demand the immediate release of all detainees and we salute the Jewish and Arab young people who are calling for the prevention of war and the saving of the lives of the youth!

AGAINST BEGIN'S DEMAGOGY

All what is presented here by the Prime Minister, stressed the speaker, is a mixture of demagogy and the distraction of the Knesset and the public. Who initiated the new conflagration in Lebanon? Nevertheless, there is no argument that the Phalangist gangs have done this. On which Christians you are talking about? Most of the Christians do not support the Phalangists in Lebanon. The Phalangists are fascist gangs who collaborated during W.W.II, with Hitler, Mosoullini and Franco. The name "Phalangists" was named after Franco's Phalangists.

This fascists gang with the cooperation of the Begin government who received a green light from the Reagan administration, is the one who carried the recent provocations in Lebanon and thus the new conflagration was started. All this happened after the visit of the American secretary of state, Haig, to the Middle East. All what is happening today in Lebanon was planned together with Haig, Begin and Sadat during Haig's visit to the Middle East.

All this happened after all other means adopted by the governments of the United States, Begin and Sadat in order to topple down the present regime in Syria and make Syria join the American military alliance and the Camp David deal.

Begin talks about concern for the Christians. He, so to speak, cares for the Christians. But in Syria he supports the Muslim Brothers.

MK Abraham Sharir (Likud): What does it mean support?

MK Meir Vilner (DFPE): In order to topple down the regime. This is not a matter of Christians nor of Muslims.

The shooting down of the Syrian helicopters - when did it happen? Is it a coincidence that such a thing took place in that day? The Begin government gave the orders to shoot down the Syrian helicopters at a time when Syrian foreign minister, Abdel Halim Khadam was in Lebanon where he exerted efforts in order to reach national reconciliation.

The London Times wrote on May 3rd., 1981, that "the Syrian helicopters were shot down by the Israeli air-force with American approval".

In the "Davar" (May 8th, 1981) the organ of the loyal opposition we read the following:

"A settlement between the Christian Phalangists and Syria is very grave from Israel's side, because it will prevent Israel from claiming that the installment of Syrian missiles will enable Syria to exterminate the military might of the Christians in northern Lebanon."

This means that it is very grave for Israel if tranquility will prevail in Lebanon. Davar writes that it is very grave for Israel if an agreement will be reached among all political factors in Lebanon. Very interesting.

What is the argument regarding the missiles? All the issue of missiles is only a pretext. The problem is not that of missiles. The anti-aircraft missiles constitute a clear defensive weapon against attacking aircrafts. The demand of free hand for the Israeli air-force inside Lebanon - a sovereign state - is utterly shocking. This is more than arrogance. Where can we hear that one, state, demands a free hand for its air-force over another state? Isn't it natural that the attacked state would demand protection from a neighbouring state against the barbaric bombings of refugee camps, villages and cities? The Prime Minister talks about Christian

women and children, who were killed and wounded by the Syrians. Were not thousands killed in refugee camps from air raids - women, children, men, elderly and babies - according to orders issued by the Begin government?

What is the roots of all this and why there is no quietness? They said: we achieved the "Camp David" accords and now would be peace and security. From the first movement we said that without solving the Palestine problem, without providing freedom and security to the Palestinian people, Israel will never achieve freedom, security and peace. There is no other solution except that: Two peoples must have two states - a sovereign State of Israel and a sovereign Palestinian state, one alongside the other, enjoying peaceful coexistence, tied in a peace treaty and international guarantees.

However, the Prime Minister appears in an election rally in the West Bank and declares: I am Menahim Begin, son of Hasia....

MK YITZHAQ YITZHAQI (ONE ISRAEL): This is his mother.

MK MEIR VILNER (DFPE): I have nothing against his mother, but against him I do have. If he declares: I am Menahim son of Hasia declare to the entire world that "We will never move an inch from Judea, Samaria (Zionist terms for the West Bank - IB) and the Gaza Strip and will not withdraw from the Golan Heights even in a framework of peace" - what is the meaning of a declaration as this? War, war, war. In the coming war we might bury 10,000 youngmen. In an additional war we might bury 20,000 youngmen. What are all this talk about "not moving an inch" from the West Bank and that we will never withdraw from the Golan Heights even in a framework of peace? This is permanent war and perpetual bloodshed. On behalf of whom does he talk? Who agrees to this? Does the majority of the people in Israel agree to the policy of the "Complete Land of Israel"? Is the youth ready to die for the extremist chauvinist demagogy of Begin? I am certain that in this matter I am talking on behalf of the majority of the people who do not agree to Begin's policy of the "Complete Land of Israel".

TWO DIFFERENT MISSIONS

Regarding the non-pleasant role of Philip Habib, the American envoy who is visiting the region and has come to Israel (May 11th.,) does not help calming things

down. He neither works for preventing war.

In the "Davar" daily of May 10th, I read a news item sent by the "Washington" correspondent in which he wrote:

"Israel will receive from the United States - a source in the State Department said - a green light to attack the Syrian missiles in Lebanon. An official source went as far as saying that Habib's mission will prepare the soil from the diplomatic aspect in order to deal an Israeli blow to the Syrian missiles. The two sources were quoted yesterday in the reliable 'Middle East Survey'. The ABC television network reiterated the same quotation."

Philip Habib came only to present a performance in order to justify - through Israeli American cooperation - the war that Begin is threatening to initiate.

In face of this, a true, sincere and straight peace mission was carried out by deputy foreign minister of the Soviet Union, Georgi Korneyenko who visited Damascus. It is known that the Soviet Union has a plan for comprehensive peace which expresses the international consensus of almost all states and peoples and in accordance to what I have talked about.

A CALL FOR SANITY

At the end of my speech, I would like to call for sanity and look at things in the long run. The call of Begin for war and his war preparations means a conflagration which neither Begin nor Peres will be able to decide its development. I call upon the Alignment, the Labour and Mapam parties: Despite the election campaign, do not trail after the demagogy of the Likud government. I call upon all blocs in the Knesset: Don't let Begin attack Syria and Lebanon, neither by tanks nor by bombers.

I agree with the spokesman of the SHINUY bloc who, a moment ago, said: If they attack with bombers, who says that the matter would be resolved? Who are we? Has God almighty appointed Begin to be the policeman of the Middle East? Even if Reagan appointed him, this does not mean that the matter ends like this. There is a danger of general conflagration and even an international one. We

warn against any opening of hostilities in any way.

In these issues, there is no local nor international consensus. We call for the toppling down of the Likud government and for the prevention of war. Whoever opens with war will have to bear the responsibility for the falling of youngmen, Israelis, Palestinians, Lebanese and Syrians.

Whoever will cause now a conflagration as such in the Middle East, and whoever will cause a conflagration that might expand into an international one - will be held responsible for its results. I warn by all means: You are fooling yourselves, that if there is a green light from the USA, you can do whatever you want.

Israel's security - Yes. Liquidation of the Palestinian people - No. Peace - Yes. Occupation - No. Peace is possible.

WAGES MUST BE INCREASED BY AT LEAST 30 PERCENT

Reacting to the record leap of the index in April and in view of the drastic decline in workers' real wages (9 percent according to official data), the representative of the DFPE in the Trade Union Centre, comrade Benjamin Gonen rejected out of hand the deal reached between Meshel (General Secretary of the Histadrut) and Shavit (Chairman of the Industrialists Union) regarding an increase in wages by only 5 percent.

SPEECH OF COMRADE BENJAMIN GONEN IN THE TRADE UNION CENTRE

At the plenary session of the Histadrut Trade Union Centre, held on May 12, 1981, comrade B. Gonen sounded the alarm, stating that in view of the absence of an agreement on wages for the years 1981-1983, the Trade Union Centre must debate the burning questions of wages. He demanded:

This subject and the Meshel-Shavit agreement must be discussed! The chairman of the session attempted to prevent the discussion but was compelled to give in and enable comrade Gonen to present the problem.

Comrade Gonen emphasized: The Meshel-Shavit agreement about a 5 percent increase of the cost-of-living allowance does not oblige the Trade Union Centre, because the Centre is the institution which has the right and obligation to conduct negotiations about agreements on wages. Furthermore, comrade Gonen stressed that: The present deal was signed on the basis of the wage agreement for 1980-1981, which foresaw a maximal annual inflation of 120 percent. However, the inflation rose, as is well-known, above the forecasts. The 15 percent increase of the cost-of-living allowance, which was paid last year, is less than what should have been paid on the basis of the calculation of 120 percent. Thus an additional erosion of the real wages started.

With regard to the inflation which is foreseen for this year, even the optimists say that it will not be lower than that of the previous year and that there are signs which raise serious concern about an additional severe erosion of wages.

In view of all this, how can you be prepared to

consent to an increase of the cost-of-living allowance of only 5 percent? Such a small addition to the wages means just throwing a dry bone to the workers. It is nothing more than a mockery of the poor.

Therefore, we reject this agreement and demand: A significant increase of the cost-of-living allowance, of at least 30 percent and the full, 100 percent, payment of the C.O.L. allowance every month!

In continuation of his speech, comrade Gonen demanded from the Histadrut leadership to rebuff the demagogy of the Likud, which alleges that they demand a 100 percent payment of the C.O.L. allowance every month, but propose this as the exclusive component of the wage increases and oppose giving additional payments in the framework of renewal of labour agreements. In addition to this, the Likud demands a change of the structure of the index by means of sterilising some of its important components and thereby to bring about the practical diminution of the "fall" payment of the cost-of-living allowance.

ZO-HADEREKH, May 20, 1981

THE POLICY OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, ARIDOR HAS GONE BANKRUPT

In view of the fact that the index rose in April by 10.7 percent, a fact which has stunned the public and which has proved the complete bankruptcy of minister of finance Aridor's economic policy, the DFPE (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) parliamentary bloc demanded an urgent debate in the Knesset.

AN URGENT PROPOSAL OF THE DFPE PRESENTED BY MK AVRAHAM LEVENBRAUN

On May 18, 1981, comrade A. Levenbraun, brought - on behalf of the DFPE - an urgent proposal before the Knesset to debate the catastrophic economic situation.

Substantiating this proposal, comrade Levenbraun said, inter alia:

The workers will receive their cost-of-living allowance for April only at the beginning of August and also then only in accordance to the average of the last three months. Therefore, it is clear that the workers will not receive full compensation for the rising costs of April.

It has turned out that by the temporary and artificial lowering of prices of several products, it is impossible to block the inflation. This policy of the minister of finance has brought about the continuation and acceleration of printing inflationary banknotes.

We demand to hold an urgent debate in the Knesset plenum, in order to decide about the comprehensive economic policy, for blocking the inflation, for preserving the real value of the wages and for channelling the amounts of money of the state budget from colonial settlements and warlike military spendings to the development of the Israeli economy.

ZO-HADEREKH, May 20, 1981

A BLOODY ASSAULT ON THE ARAB VILLAGE OF KUFUR YASSIF

At 2:30 p.m. on April 14, a large group of armed men from Joulis attacked the neighboring Kufur Yassif (both are Arab villages located in Galilee). They entered Kufur Yassif in three columns: The first column - the Shooting Squad - was entrusted with the task of indiscriminate shooting over the houses, stores and people. After it came the Demolition Squads. Their tasks were to throw hand grenades, smash furniture, set fire to entire buildings and parked cars, steal valuables from houses, fire their M-16 and Galil machine-guns, beat anybody they met and on their way out, damage a school and a church.

In addition to their use of Israeli army weapons and ammunition, part of the assailants were dressed in Israeli army uniforms and at least three Israeli military vehicles were used by them.

The frenzied acts of violence resulted in two residents killed, 10 wounded, including four children and three women; the ransacking or burning of 81 houses, 17 stores, 32 vehicles, a church and a school. The total material losses were estimated at 600 million Israeli Liras.

BACKGROUND OF VIOLENCE

These latest eruptions of violence were said to be a "vendetta" in response to the fatal stabbing of a Joulis soccer fan on April 11, during a soccer match between Joulis and Kufur Yassif soccer teams. During the match, a fist fight developed out of an argument between the fans of both teams. Sharp tools, stones and sticks were soon used.

After the soccer victory by the Joulis team (3:1), and in apparent revenge for the stabbing incident, a Joulis fan threw a hand grenade at a group of pedestrians in Kufur Yassif which exploded and injured five residents. One of those a 12 years old boy, was critically wounded and died few days ago.

POLICE RESPONSIBILITY

Though six policemen were present during the stabbing and the throwing of the grenade, yet they only arrested

five people from Kufur Yassif but none from Joulis. After the first incident, two precautionary measures were adopted by the police. They increased their forces to include 45 policemen and sealed off all major streets of the village of Kufur Yassif, but not Joulis.

Police spokesman claimed that they were "surprised" by the scope of shooting and burning down that took place three days later on April 14. Deputy General Commander of the Israeli Police declared that "the police has exerted every effort to prevent violent eruptions," and that the bloody assault on Kufur Yassif could not have been prevented, although at a press conference the next day, the head of the police admitted 'failure' on the part of the police for their lack of protection of Kufur Yassif.

On April 15, and in response to accusations levelled at police behavior during the incidents, Minister of Interior and Police, Dr. Yosef Burg, strongly defended the behavior of the police. However, on April 21, Minister Burg proposed the setting up of a tripartite clerical committee to be delegated with the task of investigating what happened in Kufur Yassif and composed of three religious figures: Sheikh Amin Tarif - the spiritual leader of the Arab Druze Community; Qadi Mohammed Hubaishy - Acre's Muslim Shari'a Judge; and Metropolitan Maximus Saloum - archbishop of the Arab Catholic community.

On April 22, both Judge Hubaishy and Metropolitan Saloum turned down the offer. Burg's clerical committee was meant to neutralize the political factors behind the Kufur Yassif bloody assault thus confining it to a bloody feud and a vendetta between Christians and Druze.

Hard evidence has clearly revealed that the Northern District police did not take adequate precautionary measures prior to an "expected" bloody assault; did not raise a finger for two solid hours during it and prevented the entrance of fire brigade and a group of Druze who came to help in defending the residents against the assailants. Such a mishandling by the police of its duty requires the setting up of a Judicial-Investigatory Committee, to be headed by a judge of the supreme court.

RESPONSES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND DRUSE

On April 14, the Druse Initiative Committee held a solidarity meeting in Kufur Yassif and denounced these violent actions. They accused the government of plotting to sow disunity among the "sons of one people" to make it easy for the authorities to expropriate their rights. The DIC issued another leaflet in which it pointed an accusing finger at the authorities especially the police.

The municipality of Nazareth along with several other Arab local councils, held a protest strike and also criticised police inattention.

Chairman of Kufur Yassif local council, comrade Nimer Murqus accused the police of "inaction and responsibility for both bloody incidents." He warned the police of the possibility of violent eruptions but said the police did not heed his warning. Kufur Yassif local council held several emergency meetings, and chairman Murqus asked the police to send more reinforcements to Kufur Yassif. He called upon the neighboring dignitaries and public figures to set up a Sulha (reconciliation) committee to be delegated with the task of making peace between the relatives of both assailants and victims.

On April 14, the Kufur Yassif local council met and declared a two-day strike in protest against the latest bloody incidents and police behavior prior to and during the latest bloody assault. The local council threatened to take matters to the United Nations if such a committee was not set up.

THE ALIGNMENT INTERVENES

In an attempt to gain some renewed political influence in the Arab sector, the Alignment Party decided that the Party "has set up a special committee to study what happened in Kufur Yassif and criticized the intervention of party elements as intermediaries between Jd and Kufur Yassif and that the two villages must reach a settlement alone without intermediaries."

In contradiction to this, Alignment party elements not only did intervene, but imposed themselves as intermediaries through highly armed presence. The new Alignment self-imposed Sulha Committee was composed of

MK Jaber Mu'adi, ex-MK Saif El-Din Al-Zo'aby, Mis'ad Qasis, Awad Khalyleh and Elias Matter - all Alignment elements. Prior to their coming to Kufur Yassif, the village entrances were sealed off with military vehicles and hundreds of border guards began to patrol the village.

Members of the new "Sulha" Committee visired Kufur Yassif on April 25. They were accompanied by armed private guards and made their presence strongly felt at the house of the late Dahoud Hadid, a victim of the April 14, rampage. Their attempt was obvious: to sabotage a possible settlement of the Kufur Yassif - Joulis issue.

CHAIRMAN MURQUS REACTS

In a welcoming speech to a 100 member solidarity youth delegation from Nazareth, Chairman of the Kufur Yassif local council, comrade Nimer Murqus elaborated as follows:

"They (the authorities - IB) wanted to create havoc among our people through the instigation of communal strife in order to deprive half a million Arabs in Israel from their immense political weight. They chose Kufur Yassif not because of the soccer incident but because it is a village of three communities (Christians, Muslims and Druse - IB),

The plan was to be carried out as follows: Hit the houses of the Christians, avoid the houses of the Muslims, thus creating suspicions among the Christians leading them to conclude that there is collusion. However, they hit seven houses owned by Muslims."

Comrade Murqus added: "The residents of Kufur Yassif are aware of the motivation behind this aggression. They know that those who carried out the bloody assault are simple people who can be easily misled or used as blind tools. The real criminals who planned and pushed for the assault are the authorities..."

A PRESS CONFERENCE

On the initiative of the Kufur Yassif local council, a press conference was held on April 28, in Beit Sokolov, in Tel-Aviv, in which chairman Murqus, advocate Michael Dahoud and Habib Boulos participated. The press conference was attended by local as well as foreign journalists.

All three reviewed the Kufur Yassif bloody incidents. They pointed an accusing finger at the authorities especially the police and reiterated their just demand for setting up a Judicial Investigatory Committee. Advocate Dahoud clarified the demand in the following terms: "We justly demand the setting up of a Judicial Investigatory Committee because we cannot accuse a specific group or side. He added: "You know that what happened was not coincidental. It was a planned and organized action. The semi-military operation lasted two hours. How such a thing takes place in a village that has a police station? The Acre district police knew about the assault within its first three minutes."

On May 5, 1981, the Jerusalem Post mentioned that Z'ev Ram, the police officer appointed to investigate the Kufur Yassif rampage has reached a conclusion saying that the accusations of the Kufur Yassif local council which were levelled at the police were quite correct.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DENOUNCES

On April 28, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel held its 4th session. In one of its resolutions regarding the Kufur Yassif massacre, the Central Committee denounced the organizers of the April 14 assault on Kufur Yassif as well as those who carried it out. The CC added: "Evidence has proved that the bloody assault on Kufur Yassif which lasted 100 minutes, could not have been possibly carried out without the knowledge of the police and the authorities and without their covering up the crimes of murder, burning down, ransacking and destruction." The CC added: "The bloody assault was carried out in order to deepen the policy of national oppression, land robbery and the Judaization of the Galilee."

Furthermore, the CC called upon the Arab masses in Israel to "strongly guard its unity in the struggle against

the policy of discrimination and national oppression and to rebuff the conspiracy of the authorities and its agents who are interested in sowing disunity among the Arab masses, and to unite with the Jewish democratic forces in the struggle for equality in civil and national rights."

The CC expressed its full solidarity and support with the Kufur Yassif residents, and their local council who are demanding:

- (1) The setting up of an official investigatory committee headed by a judge in order to reveal the role of the police and the authorities in the Kufur Yassif massacre and in order to punish the organizers and perpetrators."
- (2) The paying by the government of full compensations for the victims of the massacre.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH KUFUR YASSIF

Several delegations, of Jews and Arabs, have visited Kufur Yassif in order to express their solidarity with the residents and their local council. Several solidarity committees were set up. They sent protest telegrams to the Ministry of Interior and Police, demanded the setting up of an investigatory committee and collected money for the victims.

On May 1st. and 2nd., a volunteer working camp was organized by a public committee in Kufur Yassif. Several delegations, composed of young people, took part in the volunteer working camp. They cleared debris and did some repair work to the damaged houses.

WATCHTOWERS IN GALILEE

The attempt by the authorities to divide the Arab masses and break up their political unity in order to lessen their resistance to land expropriations and future demolition of houses - is a well-known method.

Newly built watch-towers and colonialist outposts have been erected in the Galilee (over 47 watch-towers). It is no wonder that Kufur Yassif and Joulis are located next to some of these watch-towers. Land expropriations from Druse villages and other Arab villages are expected and future demolitions of Arab-owned houses are only a matter of time.

In addition, the authorities are eager to combat the progressive development within the Druse Arab community which opposes compulsory military service; land expropriation and national discrimination. Another target for the authorities was the progressive development in Kufur Yassi itself which is dominated by a democratic local council and is headed by comrade Nimer Murqus.

Despite these devious methods by the authorities who do not hesitate to use the most criminal methods, the Arab masses together with the Jewish democratic forces are well aware of the overall policy that is being planned and carried out against them.

DFPE DEMONSTRATED JEWISH-ARAB CLASS UNITY ON MAY DAY

Contrary to the hopes that the Histadrut would this year organise a May Day demonstration, as it did last year - after a long interval of many years, when it indeed had not held any May Day demonstrations, the Histadrut leadership did not call any demonstrations this year. The leadership of the Alignment which controls the Histadrut, following a policy of class collaboration and of consensus with the reactionary Likud, decided not to hold any demonstration in celebration of the holiday of the world's working class.

It is to be regretted that also the leadership of the left zionist SHELLI, instead of demonstrating in the streets of Tel-Aviv, organised a picnic in a park outside the city.

However, the slogan "Workers of All Countries, Unite!" and the "Internationale" reverberated in the streets of Tel-Aviv, thanks to that force which does not run after "national consensus" - the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, which called for, organised and led a mass demonstration through one of the main streets of Tel-Aviv.

The principal slogan of the demonstrators were: "Two States for Two Peoples - Israel and Palestine!", "Occupation Is a Disaster, Peace Is Security", "What Is Good for the Worker Is Good for Israel!", "Jewish-Arab Unity!". Other slogans, which were shouted and also inscribed on banners, were: "Friendship Israel-USSR!", "National Equality Is a Test for Democracy", "Equality of the (Jewish) Oriental Communities Is a Test for Democracy", "Equality of Women Is a Test for Democracy."

A new slogan was: "5 Workdays, 40 Hours a Week, Without Reducing Wages!". This demand which is a reality in the socialist countries, is still a dream in Israel, a dream which can and must be realised.

THE DEMONSTRATION

At the head of the demonstration marched a column carrying flags. After this column the leaders of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, many of whom wore

red carnations in their button-holes. Then marched, column after column, many thousands of working people, Jews and Arabs, young and old, mothers with babies on their arms.

The drum and trumpet band of the Young Communist League of Israel, wearing red caps and red kerchiefs, marched, at the head of the large column of the Young Communists.

On a tender rode a Jewish girl and an Arab boy with a hatta (a traditional Arab head-gear) on his head. The banner, which decorated the tender bore the words of the late poetess Haya Kadmon, reading: "This Country Gave Birth to Us as Twins".

New columns marched, calling out rhythmically: "Begin, Resign! We Will Not Endure You Any Longer" and other slogans.

A tender covered with black material bore a banner with the inscription "Colonial Settlements Give Birth to Leeches". On that tender rode comrades dressed as colonial settlers, carrying imitation sub-machine guns and the tender was dragged along by persons representing Palestinian Arabs, inhabitants of the urban poverty quarters, Israeli workers and students, at whose expense the "settlements" are being set up.

THE CRY OF THE POVERTY QUARTERS

The participants of the large column of the "Black Panthers Organization" wore blouses, with a black panther on the front of each marcher and the inscription "I vote V" on the back ("V" is the symbol of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality in the elections). The slogans were against money for the colonial settlements and demanded money for the poverty quarters, for enabling the oriental communities to study in the universities, etc.

A column of SHASSI (Israeli Left Socialists), who are a component of the DFPE marched, holding banners with inscriptions calling for peace, rights of workers, democracy and equality for women.

In the end, the masses assembled on the large square in front of the Tel-Aviv Municipality and held a mass meeting, which was opened by comrade Tamar Gozhanski, candidate

member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel and Secretary of the Tel-Aviv-Yaffo District.

UNITY IS THE ONLY FORCE

Comrade Meir Vilner, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel was the first speaker. In his speech, he laid special emphasis on the necessity of the unity of workers and forces of peace and democracy in Israel opposite the intensifying reaction and danger of fascism which threatens us, opposite the danger of war, which has been aggravating in consequence of the Israeli military intervention in Lebanon. "What does the Israeli army do in Lebanon?" asked comrade M. Vilner and answered his own question: "No one has invited it, while the Syrian army was invited by the Lebanese government. The Israeli army is there by order of Washington, and this order and American bases are a deadly peril for Israel..." Further, comrade Vilner stressed that there is one and the same root for the exploitation of the workers, discrimination of Arab workers and fellahin and the underprivileged status of the inhabitants of the poverty slums with their Jewish oriental inhabitants.

FASCISM IS A DANGER FOR THE PEOPLE AMONG WHOM IT GROWS

Comrade Moshe Gavze, spokesman for the Left Front dwelt in his speech on the hostility which the anti-popular government fans between the two peoples - Jews and Arabs and among the various religious communities among the Arabs (such as Muslims, Druses and Christians), playing the game of imperialism: "Divide and Rule." The danger of fascism in Israel is a danger for the Israeli people itself, for fascism has always brought disaster on the head of its own people.

About the government's "concern" about the Christians in Lebanon he said that the same forces who speak about that "concern" are responsible for the pogrom against the Christians in Kufur Yassif, an Arab village in Israel.

THE GUARANTEE LIES IN THE JEWISH- ARAB WORKING CLASS UNITY

Comrade Zahi Karkabi, member of the Secretariat of the Communist Party of Israel opened his speech in Hebrew and then spoke in Arabic. He reiterated the call for "Jewish-Arab Working Class Unity", saying that this is the only guarantee for the victory of the cause of the Israeli working class and national equality.

Comrade Zahi Karkabi further said that "the day of international working class solidarity enables us to hold aloft the realisation of the May Day slogan and realise it by Jewish-Arab working class unity".

STRUGGLE AND UNITY AGAINST DESPAIR

Comrade Carmela Sgayer speaking for SHASSI, dwelt on the necessity of renewing in Israel the understanding of and identification with the First of May and intensifying the united struggle against the despair and division which the Alignment had sown throughout three decades.

The speaker read the short and simple poem of Brecht "In Praise of Communism".

MAY DAY IS THE SYMBOL OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Comrade Charlie Biton (Black Panthers Organization) who was the last speaker opened his speech by saying that "the First of May is the symbol of social justice and therefore all of us must be solidary. This year we, the Front, are the only ones to celebrate May Day.

The speaker then dwelt on the fact that the elections to the Knesset are approaching and warned that the Likud is liable to establish also the next government and this is dangerous for the fate of peace, the fate of the Palestinian people and the fate of Israel.

"Begin", Charlie Biton said, "pours oil on the flames of war in Lebanon and again prepares the "no choice, we have to make war...". We must immediately leave Lebanon because war is too dear a price for the election propaganda of the Likud", the speaker said.

In continuation he said that on May Day we must sound the cry of the exploited and oppressed in the country: of the inhabitants of the occupied territories, the Arab workers, the oriental Jewish communities and the poverty-stricken quarters. Unemployment spreads... aged people are already going hungry; young married couples are thinking about leaving the country. Working class solidarity in the country and solidarity with all workers of the world are our hope for victory over distress."

The mass meeting ended with the singing of the "Internationale".

MAY DAY IN NAZARETH

In Nazareth a mass meeting was held in celebration of May Day. Provocations of the police did not succeed in troubling the festive atmosphere of the people. The whole town of Nazareth was festive on May Day. Already from the early morning hours, activists of the Young Communist League of Israel and children belonging to the Young Pioneers Movement passed through the streets of and all of its quarters, inviting the towns people to come to the central mass meeting, and distributing flowers. In all parts of the town slogans revolutionary songs and songs of peace were heard.

The festive meeting opened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with a procession of the Young Communist League and the Young Pioneers proclaiming slogans for just peace and Jewish-Arab unity, against Israeli aggression in Lebanon.

The meeting was first addressed by Fadel Na'amneh, chairman of the local council of Arabeh. After him spoke comrade Salim al-Qassem, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel and Secretary of the Nazareth Party District; comrade David (Sasha) Khenin, member of the Political Bureau and Secretary of the Central Committee; A. Omari, member of the Secretariat of the Young Communist League of Israel in the Nazareth District; Abbas Hedjazi, head of the local council of Tamra; Ghazaleh Abu Taha, a working woman from the village of Jaffa; Rizek Hedjazi, teacher member of the Secretariat of the Front; Mohammed Zeidan, head of the local council of Kufur Manda, spokesman of the Committee of Heads of Arab Local Councils; Ahmad al-Haj, metal worker

and Emile Habibi, writer and editor-in-chief of "Al-Ittihad".

POLICE PROVOCATION

Beginning at the early hours of the morning the police deployed at various places in the town, set up road blocks at the entrance to Nazareth from the north and prevented masses of celebrating persons who came from the villages from participating in the mass meeting and entering the town from that side. The people were forced to circumvent the road blocks and make a long way around the town in order to enter it. At one of the events, the police in a clear act of provocation tore up the red flag which was flying aloft on a bus.

Near the place, where the meeting was held, on the square adjacent to the House of Friendship Israel-USSR, dozens of policemen concentrated with patrol-cars and vehicles of the Border Guards, and under the pretext of "guarding public order" started provocative actions. They pushed people around and provoked them. The intervention of Emile Habibi, who demanded from the police to cease their provocations, was of no avail.

Press correspondent, Gideon Gitai was detained by the police without any cause and held in detention until after the end of the meeting. It became known that in the course of his "interrogation", his interrogators told him explicitly that they do not want him to give any photo service to "Al-Ittihad".

In spite of the provocative acts, the working people of Nazareth and its surroundings celebrated the holiday in a festive atmosphere and the strong determination to continue the struggle for realising the May Day slogans.

DEMONSTRATION AND MASS MEETING AT TAYIBEH

The working people of the Triangle celebrated May Day by holding a mass demonstration and meeting in Tayibeh.

At 11 o'clock in the morning, the demonstration started marching from the square outside the club of the Communist Party of Israel in Tayibeh. The marchers

passed through the streets and at one o'clock arrived at the place of the mass meeting. The members of the Young Communist League of Israel with their band of drums and trumpets and the column of women very much impressed the onlookers.

The meeting was opened by Muhammed Abu-Esba. The speakers were: Abdel Latif Habib; Hassan Bishara (The Democratic Front) and Benjamin Gonen, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel and Member of the Histadrut Executive Committee. The working women's greetings were conveyed by Butaina Abu-Ras and the greetings of the Young Communist League of Israel in the Triangle were conveyed by Fuad Mahamid. The last speaker was Deputy General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel comrade Tawfiq Toubi.

ZO-HADEREKH, May 5, 1981

VICTORY DAY CELEBRATED IN THE "RED ARMY FOREST" NEAR JERUSALEM

On Saturday, May 9th., 1981, a festive mass meeting was held in the "Red Army Forest" located in the hills near Jerusalem - in order to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany.

Since long, this date has become a holiday for thousands of Israeli citizens, Jews and Arabs, young and old, who came in convoys of buses and cars to the forest named in honour of the Red Army.

The celebrations were opened by a ceremony of placing flower wreaths at the foot of the monument dedicated to the memory of the soldiers of the Soviet Army who fell in the second world war. At this ceremony comrade Abraham Neuman, Secretary of the Israeli Association of Anti-Fascist Fighters and Victims of Nazism - delivered a speech. He expressed his joy and satisfaction over the fact that the Israel-USSR Friendship Movement holds these ceremonies and festive day every year in order to commemorate the victory over Nazism.

The speaker stressed the importance of this in view of the sharpening anti-Soviet incitement from the side of reactionary circles in the West, including Israel. Those forces who hold in their hands the mass media tell lies, falsify facts and conceal the truth about the causes which led to the second world war, its course, about those who were the murderers and about those who were the survivors - all this, in order to blur the decisive part of the Soviet Union in achieving this victory over fascism.

He reminded the audience of the hopes which arose in the hearts of the soldiers in the allied armies at the front the inmates of concentration camps and the resistance fighters when the Soviet Union entered the fight against the Hitlerite hordes. The speaker stressed: "We will never forget this and will not allow this to be forgotten."

Dozens of wreaths were laid down at the foot of the monument, among them, the wreath of a guest delegation from the Soviet Union; the presidium of the Israel-USSR Friendship Movement; the local branches of the Move-

ment from all over the country; the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel; the Initiative Committee for Improving Relations with the Soviet Union; the Young Communist League of Israel; the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality; the Black Panthers Organization; the Israeli Peace Committee; the Israeli Association of Anti-Fascist Fighters and Victims of Nazism; the Movement of Democratic Women in Israel; the Committee for Just Peace in the Middle East; the Union of the Socialist-Zionist Left; the Committee for Friendly Relations Israel-Bulgaria; the Bulgarian song and dance ensemble which at the time is giving guest performances in this country.

The ceremony was conducted by comrade Abraham Melamed, member of the secretariat of the Israel-USSR Friendship Movement. He dwelt briefly on the decisive role of the Soviet Union for achieving the victory and for preserving world peace.

A symbolic flame was lit near the monument. Later, a mass meeting was held, and was presided over by writer Mordechai Avi-Shaul, president of the Israel-USSR Friendship Movement, who delivered the first speech. After him the floor was taken by comrade Tawfiq Toubi, Deputy General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel.

Mordechai Avi-Shaul said inter alia: The earth still trembles from the death rattle of the murdered and already new inciters and war mongers are crawling out of their lairs. They already see a prospect of bloodshed. Already on the next day after the victory was won, after the United Nations Organization was founded, the incitement and provocation started. Against whom? Against the Soviet Union whose blood was shed in the war several times more than that of all the allies put together.

The October Revolution has proved to the peoples, from the publication of the Leninist Peace Decree onward, that it is possible to pass the stream of blood in one mighty leap. Since then and until this day, the Soviet Union has proposed 18 detailed proposals and plans for disarmament. But the merchants of death are producing a never ending stream of ever newer and dangerous weaponry, "clean", "humane" neutron bombs which destroy "only" living beings and not property, such as the steel safes of the stock exchanges.

And in the State of Israel? Is it possible to believe that only 12 years after the horrors, the murder of 6 million Jews, this state with a majority of Jews would ally itself with the imperial monster and attack its neighbours, and after 11 years would occupy, under the false pretext of a "deterrent war" the lands of its neighbours and will impose a regime of brutal racist occupation, eviction and plunder on the occupied people?

The Soviet soldier Nikolai Mayossov, who fell in the anti-fascist war at the age of 23, wrote:

"When you talk about the dead, be intelligent because dead people have open ears and eyes for hearing and seeing truth and lies."

The patience, wisdom, political and humane loyalty of the Soviet Union, and its friendship towards all peoples who champion freedom, culture, peace, will be our support when we return from the ways of violence and occupation and establish friendly relations between Israel and her neighbours, between Israel and all the peoples.

SPEECH OF COMRADE TAWFIQ TOUBI

In his appearance, the Deputy General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel, comrade Tawfiq Toubi, said:

We greet the Soviet Union, thanking it for saving the whole mankind from the nazi beast and we bow our heads commemorating the 20 million Soviet heroes, who gave mankind - liberty and peace.

One of the fruits of the victory over nazism is the collapse of the empires and the liberation of peoples, consequent on the victory over nazism and thanks to the principled policy of the Soviet Union, of its support of the right of the peoples to self-determination. Thus the colonialists were driven out also from our region, independent states of the Arab peoples were set up and the Israeli people too founded their sovereign state.

We are convinced that with the assistance of that same principled policy of the Soviet Union, also the Palestinian Arab people will overcome the occupation and will be enabled to establish its own independent state alongside Israel.

Comrade T. Toubi praised the peace policy of the Soviet Union and stressed that it shows special attention to the Middle East crisis, strives for preventing a new conflagration and for solving it by peaceful means.

The speaker further emphasized the Soviet peace initiative, which was declared at the 26th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union by its General Secretary, Comrade L. Brezhnev and whose aim is the achievement of just and stable peace in our region, peace based upon respecting the right of the Palestinian Arab people to their own independent, sovereign state alongside Israel, on the ensurance of the independence and sovereignty of the states of the region, including Israel.

Tawfiq Toubi called on the government to support this peace initiative. Dwelling on the events in the world, the speaker pointed out the attempts of the imperialist forces who oppose peaceful coexistence at turning back the world to the epoch of imperialist diktat and at preventing the peoples from realising their right to independence and free development. In this manner they shed the blood of peoples like in El-Salvador, Afghanistan, etc. But they must know that *"we do not live in Hitler's time, but after victory over him"*, when the socialist states, and at their head the Soviet Union, help the peoples who struggle for independence.

In our region, the American imperialists mobilise the Israeli government and Arab reaction, in order to set up military bases, perpetuate the occupation of Arab territories and prevent the Palestinian Arab people from their right to establish their own state alongside the State of Israel. The American imperialists and their allies try to widen the circle of their partners in the Camp David accords, under the false pretext of "Soviet danger". The war and terrorist activity which they put into action in Lebanon express their attempt at preventing a national consensus in Lebanon; at bringing Syria down on her knees, because she opposes their plans and at breaking the resistance of the Palestinian Arab people.

The Begin government, which has failed in achieving its aims by means of activating the Phalangists and Hadad's mercenaries, and by means of shelling and bringing down ruin and destruction on the heads of the Palestinian refugees in their camps, demands for itself freedom of action in the air space of Lebanon and if this ridiculous

"right" should not be recognized, it now threatens war against Syria. Begin speaks about a miracle which should prevent war, but we believe in the struggle of the peoples for peace and independence, believe in the balance of forces in the world arena in favour of the forces of peace and peoples' independence, in the forces of socialism and at their head the Soviet Union who will block the way to war!

Do not play with fire, T.Toubi warned the Begin government, for one who kindles a fire may be consumed by that self-same fire. The interest of Israel is not to be a policeman and mercenary of imperialism but the achievement of just and stable peace.

At the mass meeting in the Red Army Forest, greetings from the Union of the Soviet Societies for Cultural and Friendly Relations was read. In their greetings, the aim of Soviet policy was clearly stated as: *"The aim of the Soviet Union' policy in the Middle East is the achievement of just and stable peace."*

The letter of greeting read:

Dear Friends,

On the occasion of the 36th anniversary of the victory over fascist Germany, the Union of the Soviet Societies for Friendly and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries greets the Friendship Movement Israel-USSR, its activists and all the participants in the meeting held in the Soviet Army Forest.

About the international situation the letter says that it is complex and that one must act, more than in the past, against the aggressive forces, who try to push the world towards a nuclear war.

Much remains to be done also for a settlement in the Middle East. The Soviet people are convinced that stable peace in the Middle East can be ensured only on the basis of complete withdrawal of the Israeli forces from the Arab territories occupied in 1967, and respecting the legitimate interests and rights of all the states and peoples in this region, and this includes the Palestinian Arab people . Any separate deals are liable to lead the solution of the Middle East problems to an impasse, which bears in itself new eruptions of war.

The Soviet Union is interested in creating conditions for the development of relations with all the states in the Middle East; it does not look for any advantages for itself. Peace and quiet in the Middle East region are the aim set by the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union has no prejudice in relation to any of the Middle East countries. The Soviet Union has declared more than once its readiness to take part in the common search for achieving a comprehensive settlement on the basis of justice and realism and international guarantees, which will ensure the rights of all the states in this region, including Israel, to independent existence and development.

The Soviet public is convinced that on the basis of a realistic attitude to the unsolved questions in the region, it is possible and obligatory to attain just and stable peace.

The letter ends with good wishes to all friends and for successes in their activity for peace and friendship among the peoples.

GREETING READ BY THE HEAD OF THE SOVIET
DELEGATION, COMRADE NIKOLAI ALEXANDROVITCH

On the occasion of Victory Day a three-man delegation from the Soviet Union came to visit Israel. The delegation was composed of General in reserve Nikolai Alexandrovitch, member of the Board of Soviet War Veterans' Union, Lazar Isakovitch Dubinovsky, sculptor, member of the Soviet Academy of Arts, and Victor Petrovitch Sidenko, journalist and author of several books about the national liberation struggle in Africa and Asia.

Comrade Nikolai Alexandrovitch said inter alia: 40 years ago, on June 22, 1941, German fascism started its aggression against the Soviet Union. German headquarters estimated that they needed three to four months in order to defeat the Soviet Army and thereby to pave the road to the conquest of power over the whole world. But the spirit of the Soviet army did not yield. The Soviet soldiers blocked the advance of the fascist army in persistent and cruel battles and defeated it. The mighty battle in Stalingrad, in 1943, ended in crushing victory which constituted the turning point in the whole course

of the war. Thus in May 1945, not only the soil of the Soviet Union was cleaned of the occupation, but also 13 additional countries in Europe and Asia were liberated.

Celebrating Victory Day, we recall the lessons of the war against fascism: The complicated international situation demands of the world's people maximal vigilance in relation to imperialism and its lackeys; to strengthen by all means the struggle for peace; to preserve the fruits of the great victory and defend them.

ZO-HADEREKH, May 13, 1981

NEWS IN BRIEF

A MILITANT ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE KNESSET

A militant demonstration was held in front of the Knesset on May 11th., in a demand for preventing war against Syria and Lebanon and a call for the adoption of a peace policy.

The demonstration was held at a time the Knesset was at a session.

The demonstrators have hardly raised their slogans and began to approach the square designed for demonstrations, when suddenly the Knesset guards - under the pretext that the demonstration was not licenced - began to pull, push, drag and beat the demonstrators in outright aggressiveness.

A police force equipped with clubs (and armed with pistols) showed up and before calling the demonstrators to disperse, they began to tear the slogans and behave frenzily. Border guards soldiers soon appeared on the scene.

The violence that was exhibited by those responsible for keeping order, did not deter the Jewish and Arab demonstrators. On the contrary, mothers, fathers and young people kept shouting their slogans: "NO MORE WAR!" AND "FASCISM WILL NOT PASS!."

In a violent and nervous fashion, 17 people, including two women and two minors, were arrested by the police. Mohammed Masalha, a student, and photographer, Gid'on Gitie - were severely beaten. The police even wanted to confiscate his films, but MK Tawfiq Toubi interevened on his behalf and prevented this from happening.

With the exception of one female demonstrator and one minor who were released on bail, the rest were kept in jail until the next day where they were released on bail until trial. The last one to be released was a minor. Prior to his release, he was severely beaten inside jail.

THIRTY-EIGHT DAYS IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDERING AN ARAB

On February 26, 1981 an Israeli soldier named Hanan Btayto, shot and murdered in cold blood, Ghanima Abu al-Qeema, a 30-years old Bedouin mother of six and a citizen of Israel. She was fatally shot while holding her baby and sitting in the back seat of a vehicle that was travelling on the road to Ramat Hovev in the Negev.

The soldier who committed this crime was part of a force that was entrusted with the "task" of evicting Negev Bedouins and confiscating their flocks. He was arrested but released on April 5th., on orders issued by military judge Zvi Garfunkel who stated in his order that "the accused is entitled to be free as long as his trial has not been decided..."

On May 4th., 1981, the trial was held. Though such offense is punishable by the law for a maximum of 20 years imprisonment, nevertheless, the accused was sentenced for only 38 days of actual imprisonment, 4 months suspended sentence and demotion of his military rank.

The military judge, Zvi Garfunkel wrote in his verdict that "the imposition of a deterring sentence is liable to bring about a situation where soldiers will be prevented to open fire when there is a need for it..."

DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS

GREETINGS OF THE DELEGATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ISRAEL TO THE 10TH CONGRESS OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF GERMANY

Speech delivered by MK
Tawfiq Toubi - Deputy
General Secretary of the
Communist Party of Israel

Dear Comrades,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel, and in the name of all Israeli Communists, Jews and Arabs, I have the pleasure to extend to the 10th Congress of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, to the Communists of the German Democratic Republic and to all the working people of the G.D.R., warm fraternal greetings. We wish you additional achievements in your efforts for consolidating your developed socialist society for the interest and prosperity of your people, the people of the G.D.R., for enhancing our common cause of national independence, peace and socialism.

With keen interest, we listened to the report of Comrade Erich Honecker. We are deeply impressed by the inspiring achievements of the working people of the GDR under the leadership of your Party. We are confident that the people of the GDR, led by the heroic Socialist Unity Party guided by the victorious principles of Marxism-Leninism will succeed in implementing the inspiring tasks and the targets put forward at the 10th Congress.

We highly esteem your deep concern and consistent efforts to consolidate unity of the Socialist Community, the Communist Movement and solidarity with the USSR essential and decisive to European security, detente and world peace.

We highly evaluate your strong support and solidarity with the struggle of the peoples against imperialism,

for national independence and social progress. Your important contribution for advancing this struggle is highly valued by all revolutionaries. Your success in uprooting fascism and racism and in educating your people and youth in the spirit of proletarian internationalism is a glorious monument to the great humanistic ideals of Marxism-Leninism.

Dear Comrades,

Together with all people faithful to the cause of socialism we follow with deep concern the increasing dangerous activities of anti-socialist circles in Poland which are endangering socialism, Poland's independence and world peace.

We are convinced that our Polish comrades with the firm support of the fraternal socialist countries will block the road before the anti-socialist forces and that socialism in Poland will flourish further in the interest of the Polish people, the socialist community and the cause of peace.

Dear Comrades,

The Communist Party of Israel is waging a consistent and relentless struggle for just peace in the Middle East, for the just settlement of the Palestinian problem, which are seriously obstructed nowadays by the new American imperialist plans for anti-Soviet military blocs, for new bases and stronger military presence in the Middle East threatening world peace, independence and security of the peoples of the region. These are actively assisted by the ruling Zionist circles in Israel and by Arab reaction, whose selfish class interests unite them against the real interests of their peoples.

The recent visit of USA secretary of state, Haig, to the Middle East was outspokenly aimed at creating a new aggressive military alliance combining Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and other Arab countries. In order to unite efforts of the Israeli Zionist ruling circles and Arab reactionary rulers and promote this imperialist alliance, the USA imperialists are urging to "put aside difference and postpone the settlement of the Palestinian problem, namely to continue Israeli occupation and prevent real peace. All this activity carried under the demagogic cover of preventing "Soviet penetration", is actually directed against the people's independence

and liberation.

In this framework it becomes clear that the Camp David accords are not meant to achieve peace in the Middle East but to strengthen the imperialist and reactionary positions and help US monopolies to dominate the rich oil resources in the region.

In place of the bankrupt and dangerous so-called Israeli-Egyptian peace of Camp David, and in place of the still-born "Jordanian option" presented by the Labour Alignment, we present as the real alternative for peace, the Israeli-Palestinian peace based on agreement with the Palestinian people through their sole legitimate representative the PLO.

The recently held 19th Congress of our Party adopted a plan for peace, the basis of which is withdrawal of Israel from all Arab territories occupied in June 1967, the formation of an independent Palestinian Arab state alongside Israel, in the West Bank, Eastern Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, peaceful co-existence and mutual respect of independence, sovereignty and right to live in security for all states including Israel and the future Palestinian state. We call for the convening of an international conference for peace in the Middle East, based on UN resolutions with participation of the Soviet Union, the USA, and other interested states, and the participation of all parties involved in the conflict, including the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

We strongly support the new Soviet initiative for peace in the Middle East presented by comrade Leonid Brezhnev, General Secretary of CPSU, at the 26th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The new Soviet initiative demonstrates once more the constructive and principled policy of the Soviet Union upholding the cause of peace and the just rights of all peoples.

We Israeli communists are engaged in a consistent struggle against the policy of brutal oppression and colonial settlements pursued by the Israeli ruling circles in the Arab occupied territories. In the face of choking chauvinism and repressive measures in Israel itself, we struggle to mobilize widest solidarity with the Palestinian people in the interest of just peace and the happy future of both peoples.

We strongly condemn the Israeli intervention in Lebanon and the recurring brutal military attacks against Palestinian refugee camps, against villages and towns in Lebanon. The new flare-up in Lebanon exploded by the right-wing Phalangists and Israel's Sa'ad Haddad mercenaries, are motivated by American imperialist and Israeli scheming to break Syria's resistance to the planned imperialist military bloc, to break Palestinian resistance and enforce the Camp David accords, and bring Lebanon under the heels of imperialism and reaction.

We together with all forces of peace in our country call upon the Israeli government: hands off Lebanon.

We strongly condemn the pro-imperialist policy of the Zionist ruling circles in our country of cooperating with the most reactionary pro-imperialist regimes against national liberation and peoples freedom. We condemn Israel's government support and supply of arms to the fascist military juntas in Latin America, particularly nowadays to El-Salvador fascists. We condemn the dirty cooperation with the racists of South Africa in all fields including military fields. This adventurist policy is seriously endangering the interests and future of the people of Israel itself.

Dear Comrades,

Inside Israel there is a growing opposition to this dangerous and adventurous policy of the Begin government which is preventing peace, undermining democracy and creating real dangers of fascism. Increasing sections of the population in our country realise that occupation, colonial settlement and aggression against the Palestine people are the source of the grave economic, social and moral crisis facing Israeli society. Last year inflation in our country was the highest in the world, reaching the level of 133 percent. In Israel over 65 percent of the state budget are allocated to military expenditure. The standard of living of the popular masses and the real wages of the workers are steadily decreasing, while prices are sky rocketing. Poverty and unemployment are increasing. It is only natural that under such conditions the working people are intensifying their struggle to defend their rights and standard of living,

The Arab population in Israel supported by the Jewish democratic forces is waging a united struggle against the escalated policy of national discrimination, land expropriation, and oppression, and also decisively contributing to the just cause of their brothers the Palestinian Arab people and to the cause of just peace by massively supporting the programme and the struggle of the Communist Party of Israel and the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, uniting Jews and Arabs.

We are struggling to achieve the unity of all democratic forces against the mounting dangers of fascism in Israel, for defense of workers rights, for democracy, for equality and for peace.

Dear Comrades,

Our Communist Party is of the opinion that under the prevailing international situation there is a need for a new international consultative conference of the Communist and Workers parties. The historic responsibilities and tasks facing our Parties require a common discussion guided by Marxism-Leninism, for strengthening our unity in our common struggle for national independence, peace and socialism.

Allow us dear comrades to wish your 10th Party Congress full success. We are glad and happy to stress the close fraternal ties existing between the Socialist Unity Party and the Communist Party of Israel based on our common ideology and common views.

Long live the Socialist Unity Party of Germany.

Long Live the unity of the international communist movement on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

The following letters and cables were sent by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel:

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Dear Comrades,

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Romanian Communist Party, we extend to you and through you to all the working people in the Socialist Republic of Romania warm fraternal greetings and wish you further successes in your efforts for socialist upbuilding, for raising still higher the material and cultural standard of your people and in the struggle for European security and world peace.

Since its inception, sixty years ago, the Romanian Communist Party registered bright pages in the history of the revolutionary struggle. Devoted to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and international solidarity the Romanian communists during their long history of struggle faced the tests of persecution and illegality and came out victorious.

During the second world war, the Romanian Communist Party led the struggle against fascist rule in Romania and opposed the participation of Romanian units on the side of the nazi forces against the Soviet Union. This struggle of the Romanian communists with the decisive help of the Soviet Union smashed nazi yoke and fascist regime, and opened the way to socialism, thus enabling the Romanian people to start a new era in their history.

The great achievements of the people of Romania under the guidance of the Romanian Communist Party and in cooperation with the socialist countries in building socialism in Romania constitute an important contribution to the world wide struggle for peace, national liberation and socialism.

Dear Comrades,

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Romanian Communist Party, we wish you again new successes in socialist upbuilding for the interest of the Romanian people, for the interest of world peace and social progress.

TO COMRADE CONSTANTIN VASILIU, AMBASSADOR OF
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA

Dear Comrade,

On the occasion of the 1st. of May - the day of international solidarity of the working class we have the pleasure to extend to you and to the staff of the Embassy our fraternal greetings.

We wish the working people in the Socialist Republic of Romania, new achievements under the leadership of the Romanian Communist Party, in socialist upbuilding and in the struggle for peace and security in Europe and the world.

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY OF COLOMBIA

Dear Comrade Vierra,

On the occasion of your 70th birthday, we extend to you fraternal greetings. We highly esteem you inspiring revolutionary activity, adherence to the principles of Marxism-Leninism, staunch defence of the workers interests, national independence of Colombia and your contribution to the Communist Movement.

We wish you good health and many years of fruitful activity.

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY
OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF CYPRUS (AKEL)

Dear Comrades,

Heartiest congratulations on the electoral success. We wish you consolidation and further progress in the interest of the Cypriot working people, national independence and our common cause of peace and socialism.

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY
OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Dear Comrades,

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia we extend to you heartiest fraternal greetings and wish you further successes in socialist upbuilding.

We highly esteem the revolutionary traditions of Czechoslovak Communists and your contribution to the unity of the international communist movement and your struggle for European security and world peace.

S U P P L E M E N T

**ISRAEL'S GLOBAL TASK - TO BE SUPPLIER OF
ARMS - By Professor Israel Shahak.**

In this issue we publish the second part
which appeared in ZO-HADEREKH, April 15th,
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ISRAEL'S GLOBAL DUTY - IS TO BE AN ARMS SUPPLIER AND ALLY OF THE WORST REGIMES

By Professor Israel Shahak

In the preceding two articles we have surveyed the "relations of arms" between Israel and the dictatorships in South America and some demoralized regimes in Africa.

Let us now pass on to the extensive and, in my opinion, most important ties, which exist between the State of Israel and any other state, with the exception of the USA: South Africa. This friendship has a deep historical background, which cannot be here dealt with at length. We will only point out the deep friendship between Haim Weizman (President of the Zionist World Organization and first President of the State of Israel - IB) and the heads of the South African regime (like, for instance, Jan Smuts) and the assistance constantly extended by that regime to the alliance between Zionism and British imperialism. Let us also recall that already in the thirties, South Africa tended to pass on its support to the most extremist factors within the Zionist movement. Shmuel Katz, who left the service of the Begin government and now tends to the more extremist "Hatehiya" party, tells in his memoirs how he was appointed consul of South Africa in Jerusalem in the thirties and how he exploited this duty in favour of "Etzel" ("Irgun Tzevai le-Yisrael" the terrorist military organization, later headed by the present prime minister of Israel, Menahim Begin - IB). Accordingly, the Jewish population in South Africa has the most chauvinist and nationalist character of any Jewish community (though, of course, there are many Jews in South Africa who have acted personally or as members of progressive groups or parties against the apartheid).

Here, we will deal a bit more profoundly with the character of these relations between the State of Israel and the most abominable regime - even in the eyes of many persons who are considered conservative in all countries of the world: a regime which has developed out of a movement which clearly was in sympathy with Nazism, out of ideological reasons, and many of whose leaders were during the second world war in prison for their active sympathy with Nazism; a regime whose relation to the native Africans,

who are the vast majority of the South African population, is like the relation of the worst anti-Semites towards the Jews.

Of course, the "visible" part of Israel's relations with South Africa is known by now. The State of Israel is the only country (with the exception of Malawi and the Ivory Coast), in which South-African government ministers and prime ministers are received with great honor, and Israeli ministers are the only government members of all independent states (except Dr. Benda) who visit and are received with great honor in South Africa. Even the USA government under the rule of Reagan, does not maintain relations with South Africa. These days, for example, a number of South African espionage officers were expelled from the USA and an official visit of the South African prime minister or minister of finance to the White House, even under Reagan cannot be imagined, because of the strong protest which would be the consequence in the USA. However, what cannot be imagined at Reagan's can be imagined and is possible at Rabin's as well as at Begin's and their governments, and this must be for us an important source for becoming acquainted with the Israeli society as it is. The public criticism in our country about such official visits with the leaders of the most racist regime in the world was weak six seven years ago and it is weakening all the time. And this at a time when we recall to ourselves and to others all those who maintained official relations and manifested friendship with the nazi regime.

Beyond the "official" friendship, the relations between Israel and South Africa have three important foundations: 1) Economic cooperation; 2) cooperation in industry; 3) political cooperation,

1. THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Let us begin with a characteristic example. The "Yedi'ot Ahronot" of October 12, 1976 tells with admiration how many enterprises in Israel are trying to extend their commercial relations with South Africa. Among the most successful ones, the "Yedi'ot Ahronot" mentions "Assia-Ma'abarot", which belongs to Kibbutz Ma'abarot of the Hashomer Hatza'ir (Mapam). Already in 1976, the export of this Kibbutz enterprise amounted to one million dollars and the kibbutz undertook the "task" of enlarging

every year its export to South Africa by 20 percent. The kibbutz produces a mixture of animal feed for cows. In order to enlarge the sales of this mixture for South African farmers (and as it is known, the most brutal oppression in South Africa is that of the negro agricultural labourers). In many cases prisoners are "handed over" during the period of their imprisonment to the white owners of farms in the apartheid regime. Precisely at this time, the Kibbutz invited South African farmers for studying here the scientific use of the mixture.

Another example we can learn from the newspaper "Ma'ariv" of December 12, 1976. The paper's correspondent in South Africa tells us that the "Tadiran" company built up an enterprise in a town near Pretoria, in partnership with a South African company. The chief engineer of the enterprise, David Frenkel, announced that his company will produce equipment for lightening in emergency situations and will import sophisticated communication instruments from Israel and sell them. Thus, when African children in Soweto and other ghettos rebel against the oppression, the apartheid policemen call their colleagues by means of communication instruments "Made in Israel" and also the giant reflectors which light up the native ghetto in nights of "tension" are from Israel.

However, the economic cooperation between Israel and South Africa is not limited to these examples of Israeli companies (whose number is very large!) which supply know-how and vital products to South Africa. It is much deeper. We will here only quote from two reports which were published in "Ma'ariv" on one and the same day - February 7, 1979) about the visit to South Africa of Simha Ehrlich, then minister of finance of Israel. In order to explain the base idea which Ehrlich then proposed and which was accepted and works today, we must remind the readers that as South Africa since many years is considered an abominable state by the overwhelming majority of countries, all customs rebates for South African products have been cancelled and no country (with the exception of Israel, Malawi, etc.) signs any commercial contracts with South Africa. This, of course, causes considerable difficulties for the export of that country. Therefore, Ehrlich proposed that South Africa will make use of the State of Israel as a spring-board for South African penetration into the European Common Market, where Israel is an "attached member" with great customs

reductions. The same proposal Ehrlich also made in relation to the USA. In accordance with his proposal, South African goods will be "exported" to Israel for "finishing" (which most likely in most cases is nothing but sticking on the label "Made in Israel") and will be exported to Europe and the USA. It should be mentioned that the European press, especially the conservative ones, had very much complained about this South African use of the State of Israel for its export, and of course, officially Israel denies this.

Such cooperation is speedily developing also in other branches. Already in "Yedi'ot Ahronot" of November 23, 1976 we read that the Israeli company "Netafim" which produces irrigation equipment has gone into partnership with a South-African company for producing and distributing its equipment in Europe, the USA, South America and other countries. In spite of the fact that the capital is South-African, the new company was registered in Holland by "Netafim", in order to "purify" the business.

A great part of these deals is in the hands of the Histadrut (the General Federation of Trade Unions - IB), as pointed out by "Ha'aretz" of February 16, 1981) under the heading "The main part of commerce with South Africa is concentrated in the hands of the "Koor" concern. The paper says: "Companies which are controlled by the "Koor" group concentrate the main part of the Israeli foreign commerce with South Africa. In South Africa a company functions, but for political reasons it is not registered as a company owned by this group, but as a company owned by individuals... This company carries out export deals for tens of millions of dollars annually, including export deals of the Kibbutz-owned industrial enterprises... Informed sources have said that "Koor" has no intention to liquidate its deals in South Africa..."

2. INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION

In this context we will refer to two affairs which were reported at length in the English press and the British television, and both of them are connected with Angola and Namibia. About half a year ago, the British television (and subsequently the British press, too) published a research referring to the sale of American helicopters to South Africa in the middle of the notorious

invasion into Angola (which meantime has liberated itself) in the year 1975. It turns out that Dr. Kissinger, justifiably, expected that the American Congress would not confirm the sale of such an equipment at such a time to such a state. Just as in the case of "Rhodi" and of the helicopters to Rhodesia an "Israeli solution" was found for this problem by means of a fictitious sale effected by "unknown Israeli companies" and the 'copters were transferred to South Africa.

A still more important affair which has been in London in the summer of 1979 is that of the electric fence which was erected by South Africa on the border between Angola and Namibia, in order to stop the Namibian liberation fighters of the SWAPO Organization. As disclosed this year and confirmed by a well-known expert in African affairs, Colin Lajoux who also works at the Israeli Shiloah Institute, in a lecture which he delivered to a Jewish organization in London and whose details were published, afterwards, by "Davar", it was the Israeli aviation industry which constructed that electric fence. Whoever peruses such magazines as "Aviation Weekly" knows that our aviation industry is an expert in producing electric and non-electric wire fences of various kinds and offers its services in this sphere to those who need such equipment (and have the money for it). As known, the construction of a system of wire fences of such length (the border is thousands of kilometers long!) is a work which needs a high level of sophistication, organization and efficiency of performance - and of course this also brings in large profits. Only few states in the western world have this efficiency and as we see South Africa itself has not yet reached such a level. It is only to be regretted that this ability is expressed by the acceptance of such a shameful and abominable work.

3. POLITICAL COLLABORATION

We have seen that one of the services given by the Israeli government to tyrannical regimes in South America is the publication of photos of local tyrants together with Israeli leaders (of the sort of Motte Gur), which then are published in the USA and are used as an alleged proof of the "progressive", and at any rate the "not-so-terrible" character of those tyrannical leaders. For who in wide circles in the USA will dare

to attack the State of Israel and endanger himself of being accused of "anti-Semitism" - or if he himself is a Jew - with "suffering from self-hatred"? It is precisely such a service which is being given to the apartheid regime by the Israeli leaders. The relations, the official meetings and all the rest serve in the western world, and particularly in the USA for whitewashing the regime in South Africa.

In practice, as reported precisely by American businessmen, such as "Weekly Fortune" or "Business", throughout many years close relations exist between the South Africa embassy in the USA and the "Israeli lobby" and that part of the Jewish community in which full control is given to Israel. In recent years, also Taiwan fulfills a role in this "Holy Alliance". The western press is full of reports about the alliance of South Africa, Israel and Taiwan, which tries to drag the USA into a particularly harsh policy against the Third World and the Soviet Union.

This alliance, and especially the Israeli-South African part of it, started in Dr. Kissinger's days. The prestigious English weekly "Economist" reported on November 5, 1977 that "already at the beginning of 1975 Dr. Kissinger requested the Israeli government to fight together with the South Africa army against the Angolan People's Movement which was assisted by Cuba." The Israelis resorted to compromise, refusing to do this but eventually sending to South Africa a number of experts who specialize in anti-guerrilla warfare, and forwarding equipment which was produced especially for this purpose. (It is interesting what this equipment is - I.S.H.) In exchange for this, the Israelis understood Dr. Kissinger's request as a green light for Israeli-South African collaboration (my emphasis - I.S.H.)". The "Economist" continues: "In May 1976 the South African prime minister, John Forster, made an official visit. He signed a whole number of agreements on economic and military relations whose centre is the will of South Africa to finance some of the more expensive military projects of Israel. Israel pledged itself to pay for this by supplies of weapon systems and training".

The "Economist" gives in continuation of this article the following details: "South Africa gave money for the whole coming generation of the Israeli navy...

In exchange for the investment, South Africa will receive the first four or five military vessels on their completion. Forty South African engineers are in Haifa, in order to supervise the work in the Haifa docks... Israel agreed to help in the rejuvenation of the "Centurion" class belonging to South Africa (a thing which the producer of these tanks - Britain - refuses to undertake!)

After a very detailed survey of Israeli companies of the sort of "Tadiran" and a list of military equipment which already in 1971 was supplied to South Africa, the "Economist" concludes: "In wartime, ships carrying coal to Israel will be escorted by joint Israeli-South African naval forces." And further more: "Delicate contacts made with the USA administration received a half-hearted reply, in which it was said that they do not expect Israel to change its path". This is so because perhaps the Americans want to use Israel as a secret channel to South Africa".

Meantime, much time has passed. The secret channel is overt and the alliance works.

THE ASIAN CONTINENT

Let us try and return in our imagination to the days after the fall and liberation of Saigon (today it is called Ho-Chi-Min City) in the spring of 1975. Not only we raised a glass and rejoiced. Also in adjacent Thailand, the victory of the progressive forces in Vietnam caused a change: After many years of a military tyranny, a civilian government was established, which began, if hesitantly and slowly, to embark on a process of democratization, freedom of organization of the peasants, workers and students, an attempt at fighting corruption.

However, the days of democracy in Thailand were numbered. In April 1976, the army carried out a cruel and bloody counter-revolution. Hundreds of students were killed and others fled to the woods. Several dozens of progressive students who were captured, were beaten to death in the public gardens of Bangkok before the eyes of the masses and the cameras and we saw their pictures also in the Israeli press.

Immediately after this we could read in the press in this country, and especially in short reportages in the "Yedi'ot Ahronot" and "Ma'ariv" about an official Thai delegation which came to Israel and several days after the delegation returned to Thailand.....

The press in the USA was more accurate and informed about 20,000 "Galil" machine-guns and an unknown number of "Uzis" which were sent to Thailand, where the tyranny had just been restored. Let us think for a minute about the global political significance of this act: The people (and also the statesmen) in the USA were still thunder-struck by the failure of their efforts throughout many years, in Vietnam. It was unreasonable to think that less than one year after the fall of Saigon, the American Congress (and certainly public opinion in the USA) would confirm the consignment of arms under such circumstances to Indo-China. But the regime in Israel (and at that time, the beginning of 1976, the Alignment - Labour Party and Mapam - were in power) did not hesitate to directly assist the tyrannical regime.

Let us leap over the intervening years, to the beginning of 1978. In March of that year, the affair of the "tear gas bombs" in a school in Beit-Jala (in the Israeli-occupied West Bank) exploded. After it was proved that the military commander of the West Bank, David Hago'el (now director of the Ministry of Energy) had lied in his report to the government, he was dismissed from his office and in his place came the present commander, Ben-Jamin Ben-Eliezer. "Ma'ariv" published the military biography of the new commander (on March 5, 1978) and what do we find there? The three years between 1970 and 1973 this senior Israeli army officer spent in Singapore as a trainer of their army! In a similar manner we can follow up and find out one fact here and another there, about many Asian states to which Israel sells arms. Only about one state, Iran, under the rule of the Shah, we have much information, all of which became known after the collapse of that tyrannical regime. As to other states, we must get help from the foreign press. Together with the publications in the Hebrew press, the following picture emerges:

"GABRIEL" ROCKETS TO TAIWAN

The closest relations, over the longest period, Israel has with Taiwan. The sales of Israeli arms to that country are well known in the world. The "Economist" and also the American press especially pointed out the sale of the naval rocket "Gabriel", and also the Israel-Taiwan cooperation in developing other sorts of weapons. This is also perceptible in the political sphere. As we have already remarked in connection with South Africa: The alliance Taiwan-Israel-South Africa acts in many ways all over the world.

Close, but a little "newer" relations exist between Israel and Singapore, as we have shown by an above cited example. According to reports in the British press, Israel trains many units in the Singaporean army, and especially the armoured corps. Also, since the year 1976, a considerable Israeli export - of that category - exists to Thailand. Among the other countries in the Far East, about whose similar relations the foreign press has lately given information, (even though we do not know their scope) are South Korea and the Philippines. Not long ago we had the "honour" to read also in "Al-Hamishmar" (the organ of Mapam) a series of articles written by Tzvi Tadmor, which praises the dictatorial regime of President Marcos...

However, the Asian country about which we have the best information (apart from the Arab countries) from the Israeli press, about our "task" their in Iran, under the rule of the Shah. Other reports have shown the role of the Israeli "advisors" in the incitement for an American invasion of Iran, which was liberated from the yoke of that tyrant, and the role of the "pro-Israeli-lobby" in the USA in those two spheres.

ALON VISITS THE HEAD OF THE SAVAK

Let us begin with the special, festive, supplement of "Davar" on the occasion of the previous "Independence Day" (May 20, 1980). An honourable place in that supplement was taken up by an article of Uri Lubrani, the Israeli ambassador at the Shah's court, under the heading: "Alon at the Court of the Shah". Yes, Yigal Alon, who had been the darling of the "doves" in the Labour Party, the man who has been all the time lauded by Mapam for his alleged progressiveness (see the article of Dr. Meir Pa'il in "Monitin", March, 1981), was a guest of honour at that court. And who was the special host of

Yigal Alon? "The official Iranian host who waited for him (Yigal Alon - I. Sh.) was the deputy prime minister Nasrallah Natziiri, who was executed after the revolution, the head of the Savak, the Iranian secret service. The reception was very friendly..." As the author remarks afterwards, "the host of Israeli personalities was also Natziiri... and as he also had internal political considerations, he established rules which enabled him to be the first person to meet with VIPs from this country. This fact gave him a special status in everything connected with relations with us..." It must be observed that the author tells in continuation that the Iranian foreign minister himself did not know at all about the visit until after its end, and that he himself, the Israeli ambassador, had the duty to tell the Iranian foreign minister about the visit and the talk with the Shah. The author is of course in raptures about the luxurious service at the Shah's court which given to the Israeli guests by the head of the Savak. A special "guest house" for such guests was according to him one of the most splendid buildings in Teheran, and the riches in it produced in the heart of the visitor the feeling that he was not in a world of reality, but had suddenly come to the scenery of an oriental tale. It was the rule that the senior guest received for his disposal a complete storey in the central building... In the storey above him, the ambassador and the host's assistant were placed... the other members of the entourage were placed in one of the adjacent buildings which belonged to the complex of the guest house." And this is not all. In continuation of the description of the Shah's new palace, where Alon was brought by his Iranian "colleague" (not the foreign minister but the master of ceremonies of the palace) who also "was compelled to wait like an office boy outside the door", when Yigal Alon, the friend of the head of the Savak went into the Shah's chamber.

"NAZI METHODS OF TORTURE"

Let us think for a moment about the significance of this meeting from the point of view of humanity even from the Jewish point of view. Not a less important newspaper than the "New York Times" published, even before the publication in "Davar", details not only about the horrible tortures of tens of thousands of people by the apparatus of the close friend of Yigal Alon (and all the

VIPs from this country) but even that officers of the CIA "trained that same Savak exactly in the Nazi methods of torture which had been found in German archives!" We will not here refer in full to the many details of information from Iranian and other sources about the Israeli cooperation in this matter. The fact suffices that Yigal Alon and others, probably many, were close friends of the man who was in charge of the Nazi apparatus, with all its methods and aims and that "Davar" - the newspaper of the "Israeli Workers" points this out in pride - and not one of the "doves" of the Zionist left lifts a finger! Of course, afterwards, when the masses defeated that rule, all our papers started crying aloud, but as far as I can remember, not against Yigal Alon nor against his Iranian friend!

However, the Israeli relations with the Shah and his hangmen were not limited to that framework. Uri Dan tells us in "Ma'ariv" of February 21, 1979 that several weeks before his fall, the Shah applied for help to Moshe Dayan, who was then Israel's foreign minister. Dayan turned to Begin and both after a discussion, gave a polite reply of "No", although Moshe Dayan had met the Shah only one year earlier, in order to report to him about the Camp David accords. Uri Dan, of course, denounces that refusal because he wished for the continuation of the alliance of the late fifties, when Iran, Turkey, Israel and Imperial Ethiopia united under the auspices of the United States. The Shah very highly esteemed the friendship with Israel, as he believed that via the international Jewish relations, Israel had great influence upon the international communication media in Washington and generally in the USA. Therefore, throughout twenty years he requested Israel's services in this sphere. Israeli journalists were sent to Iran by the foreign office in Jerusalem, in order to improve the image of Iran in the world. American specialists were hired, through Israel, for a similar aim, with the hope for additional achievements. The Shah and his men requested Israel many times to make use of the Israeli lobby in the USA for aiding the Shah of Iran in creating a more positive image of his regime. Many of the royal requests were passed on via Jerusalem to Henry Kissinger, for example, when he was the secretary of state, and before that, when he headed the council for state security under Nixon. The Shah also requested Israel to help him in making Carter less sensitive in matters of human rights... But even the Israeli lobby in Washington could

not save Iran from his hands..."

ISRAEL'S INFLUENCE IN THE JEWISH WORLD IN FAVOUR OF THE SHAH

One must concentrate a little and exert some efforts in order to comprehend all this and many other similar matters: "Israel, under the leadership of the Alignment and the Likud alike, did not only maintain friendly relations with a regime of torturers whose used Nazi methods, a regime which sucked up all the wealth of its country and put it into the hands of the royal family, but also used all its political influence in the Jewish world, in order to assist and intensify the tortures and oppression.

In view of this, one should not wonder that in Israel many voices were heard in favour of the American invasion of Iran. In that festive supplement of "Davar" mentioned above, the commander of the southern front general Dan Shomron, said that "it is possible to extricate the captives in Teheran". The general counselled the Americans: The fact of liberating is more important than the number of killed paid for this. Here we find a system of consideration which exceeds the fate of an individual. Not to abandon persons is not only a moral matter but definitely also a political matter in this context. And when he was asked: "Is this technically feasible?". He answered: "In my opinion - yes."

In "Ma'ariv" of November 16, 1979, Member of Knesset Meir Amit continues these ideas in an interview. In this interview, Amit is described as "a former head of the Israeli army intelligence and head of the 'Mossad' for security and intelligence of Israel". He does "not content himself" with a "limited action", after the fashion of general Shomron. On the contrary, he does not want it, even though, he counsels the USA that "a clear military option exists, but not precisely in order to extricate the hostages who are in the embassy, but in order to solve a much more farther-going problem."

THE NEW ORDER OF MEIR AMIT

This problem, which Amit calls: "The situation of Western dependence on Arab-Muslim Oil" (just like the anti-Semites have spoken about "the Jewish money", thus also the new racists speak about "Arab oil" or "Muslim oil"). He already knows that the states there are "crazy states" - in contradiction, so it appears, to the "soundness" of the head of the Savak! Therefore, what is necessary for the "western world", is a "leadership": "One who will do what is inescapable but must be done". And what must be done according to the former head of the "Mossad" - a former respectable member of "DASH" (the so-called "Democratic Movement for a Change" - of blessed memory (this movement has completely disintegrated) and now a respected member of the "Labour Party?" He says: "The USA can and is obliged to ensure for itself the supply of oil from Iran by a military action for seizing the region which is rich in oil. Such an action, the USA would not present as a constant occupation over a long range but as ensuring its interests over a short range ." Then our "expert" promises the USA, in his answer to the question: "Is such an action complicated and complex from the aspect of the USA?" - "No it is neither complicated nor complex. The USA can carry out such an action without any considerable difficulties... Whoever will decide in the USA about such a military operation will not be able to ignore the danger, but I am sure that if the USA would do this quickly and smoothly, the Soviet Union would not intervene. This operation must bring about an American 'new order' (we know this expression from another source in recent history...) in which every crazy state must submit to the rules of the game." And who are the crazy people? "It is possible that a tendency will develop in the American public for tying up together the crazy state of Iran and of the PLO in the broader framework of Muslims and Arabs of the Middle East, who must not be allowed over a long period to upset life in the USA and humiliate the mighty power."

It seems to me that apart from the evil advice for invasion and occupation (which will be "presented" like "our own" occupation, as a brief one, but in reality will not be so brief) here is also a methodical system of spreading racism and supporting it. The former head of the Mossad wants public opinion in the USA (and one may assume - not only in the USA) to hate the "Muslims and Arabs" in the Middle East and in addition "in a broad

framework", just as his precursors in spreading racist hatred wanted the European people to hate Jews - also within a "broad framework"! It is to be hoped that eventually this horrible aspiration will not succeed but we have learned from reality that as long as racism is not defeated, much human blood is liable to be shed. In view of those counsels, much of the things which have happened meantime, appear to us in a brighter light.

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In the previous article we described some of the "counsels" given by Israeli experts to the American: Not only a raid into Iran, not only a lasting occupation of Iranian territory, but in practice, a counsel to make war on the whole Muslim world. It is important to see and point out that those "counsels" are a direct continuation of the "counsels" given by the Israeli experts in Iran already before, at the time of the Shah's rule. An example for that is the unsigned article in "Ha'aretz" of January 10, 1978 which was, as said in the preface, written by an "Israeli expert who served as an advisor to the Iranian government", and returned to this country, when that regime collapsed.

What did the Israeli "expert" advice? Even he himself points out that this counsels to the "Shah and his generals" were by themselves considered "reactionary and cynical". He himself boasts: "I knew that what I said, meant that the army would use tanks and machine-guns against the masses, that it meant to put the strikers before machine guns and give a free hand to the secret police - as was done at the time of the revolt in 1963. He continues and points out that he gave these counsels because he knew "that the Iranian people is not yet ready for democracy", and therefore it must live under a dictatorial regime, which according to the view of our expert must be precisely not left-wing. He expresses his regret that no "strong general" was found who agreed to take upon himself the task which our expert proposed to him.

Let us think for one moment what these proposals mean for the Iranian people and still more for the Israeli society. First of all, we have here an explicit confirmation that "Israeli experts" were busy inciting to genocide, tortures, and everything evil in the world. And we know from other sources very well that these counsels were really applied against the popular revolt in 1963. If we "combine"

this with the cooperations with Somoza's regime, who was serious about applying the counsel "to put the strikers before machine-guns," a complete picture is gained about the true role of the Israeli advisors.

THE TIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND IRAN

But we would err if we think that the ties between Iran and Israel were limited to counsels for genocide. Together with the tortures, also a quite close economic ties developed. Thus, the "Ha'aretz" of February 23, 1979 tells us that after the "disruption of the ties between Iran and Israel", Israel lost Iranian orders to the amount of 225 million dollars in the year 1978 and for the year 1979 orders to a similar amount were also lost. What was the character of the greater part of these orders, we can learn from numerous publications around the "Sultam" enterprise in Yoken'am, where 2000 workers were employed. Thus we learned about the dismissals of workers from "Sultam" "because of the Iranian revolution" ("Ha'aretz", February 18, 1979) and on that occasion we learned that the enterprise is owned precisely by the Histadrut's company "Koor" which had been mentioned in this series of articles more than once - and not to its favour.

About the social impact which the cessation of the export from this military enterprise had, the general manager of "Sultam", Yakov Lior tells us in the "Jerusalem Post" of March 27, 1979.

Among the things which he discloses is the gigantic global scope of the Israeli arms export which, is according to him "of an international quality: "Sultam exports its products to forty states (my emphasis - I. Sh.). Among the products of "Sultam" are complete systems of cannon and mortars together with optical instruments, auxiliary instruments and various sorts of munition for them, beginning with night sabotage materials, lighting devices, grenades and smoke bombs".

Several months afterwards we learnt in "Ma'ariv" of November 19, 1979 about one of the founders of "Sultam", Shlomo Zevdelovitch, from Finland. First of all he was a close friend of Golda Meir and used to put at her disposal his luxurious villa "to take there her rest". "It is no secret that Zevdelovitch became in the course of the last twenty years one of the biggest private manufacturers.

and traders of arms in the whole world (my emphasis - I.Sh.) Among his other deals was his being a middleman in the gigantic sales of Israeli arms to various countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and other regions." "Ma'ariv" points out that it was he who was a middleman in the sale of Israeli arms to West Germany; and by the way, "Ma'ariv" also points out that his self-same Zevdelevitch is a survivor of the holocaust, "who with his whole heart is tied to Israel". And his ties with Israel were expressed in the establishment of "Sultan"! "Ma'ariv" points out with satisfaction that "the arms empire of Zevdelevitch had expended all over the world".

Indeed, "Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land? You stand upon your sword..." (The Prophet Ezekiel, Chapter 33, verses 25-26).

THE IMPACT ON THE ISRAELI SOCIETY

The increase in Israeli arms exports in the last years has had a great impact on Israeli society in all spheres. Only a little more than two years ago, in the year 1978, "Yediot Ahronot" of January 4, 1979 tells us that the total Israeli military export amounted to "only" 425 million dollars. In the year 1980, as we have mentioned at the beginning of this series of articles, the value of the Israeli arms export was one billion and 450 million dollars - a rise of 341 per cent in only two years. This year, Mordechai Tzipori, the deputy minister of defense, tells us joyfully ("Ma'ariv", April 4, 1981) the Israeli arms export will reach a value of 2000 million dollars, that is to say a rise of 471 per cent in the course of three years! These figures amaze one because of their size as well as indicators of two parallel processes: The global task of official Israel and the deep social change brought about within the Israeli society as a result of this task.

It was precisely "Ha'arets", which dwelt on this, wishing to show the perils stemming from the creation of a caste of army officers, according to the example of Latin American countries, who draw inflated salaries, receive additional favours (in the field of housing, purchase of products) which are growing with the time; they and their families have personal servants who are termed "drivers". It is not difficult to perceive that these developments not only go hand in hand with the

occupation, but with a deep Israeli involvement, as we have described, in arms sales to the worst tyrannical regimes. If, for instance, we have heard from the mouth of the horse - the present chief-of-staff of the Israeli arm - by means of a series of articles written by Zev Shiff and published in "Ha'aretz" at the beginning of June 1980 - that he is opposed to strikes in Israel, it is difficult not to connect this with those Israeli army officers who, according to "Davar" are given permission to be involved in sales of weapons to such regimes as that of Somoza, who also fought strikers, and with the same expert who counselled the Iranian government "to put the strikers before machine-guns". There is no doubt that the generals who visit the Argentine and Chile, and the friends of the head of the Savak in Iran, have not only taught, but also learnt much. And what they have learnt much. And what they have learnt, they bring first of all to the occupied territories and afterwards also to Israel.

In addition to this influence, the specialization of Israel in arms export has changed the character of the whole Israeli industry (and especially so the metal and electronic industries). Thus we have read in "Davar" of January 2, 1979, from the manager of the aviation industries, Gabriel Giddur, that the aviation industry buys products to the amount of 1.63 billion Liras (the Lira of the year 1978) from other factories in the branches of metal and electronics. We also read that about 150 factories which do not belong to the aviation industry, work is done for that industry on a contractual basis. The manager of the aviation industry "calmed" - on the occasion of its joining the Industrialists Union - the owners of plants, saying that "only" 17 per cent of all the workers in the metal and electronics industries in Israel are working in the aviation industry, but he also pointed out its part in the products is 20 per cent and in export - 39 per cent of the total production and export of these branches. Of course, as Mister Giddur has hinted, these achievements of the aviation industry are also a consequence of the clear preference given it by the government which according to various publications, is intensifying all the time.

This has also caused a situation where practically the whole metal industry and electronic industry in Israel serves, as pointed out from time to time in articles, only

as "a slave for producing arms and security export".

Already on March 7, 1977, Dan Zarmi wrote in "Ha'aretz" a highly interesting article about this danger, which meantime has turned into reality. In the article he warned of the danger of large scale dismissals from work which could have been caused in the first half of the year 1977, if the export of "Kfir" planes to Ecuador had been prevented by the Americans. It must be recalled that Shimon Peres urged the workers of the aviationics industry to demonstrate in front of the American embassy with posters reading: "Bread and Work" in protest of that American prohibition. We also know that by some way or the other, Begin came to an agreement with Carter on this point, when he visited there for the first time, and the USA continued supporting the production of the "Kfir" airplane and its export to countries which are under its decisive influence. Dan Zarmi tells us in the above-mentioned article that already then 6000 employees worked in one department of the aviationics industry and "two-thirds of them were employed in the production line of Kfir. Out of those, 1,500 were earmarked for immediate dismissal, if the Americans would not have reached the agreement with Israel. Already in the year 1976, in the metal industry alone (without electronics), production was about 20 per cent of the total industrial production in Israel, and the export of the total of this production was "principally military". But what gives rise to concern of the writer of this article is the fact that this military production increases speedily and constantly. The main source of the increase was after the Yom-Kippur war (October 1973), and "the acquisition of whole factories in the USA by 'Sultam', 'Taas' and 'Tadiran' and their transfer to Israel, and the employment of the most developed American technology.

The author stresses that the production of military products, and especially for export suits Israel very much. A metal industry, as it "was recreated" by this development is not built for the conditions and needs of the civilian market and it has no capability of competing with it, either in the country or abroad.

If this is so "good", why should there be any misapprehension? The heads of the military industry are apprehensive about the fact that they are still dependent on other metal industries, which have so far not turned

into "slaves of the arms industry". Therefore, in the view of the author, a situation has developed where a "large military sector" has been created in industry and around it "a branch of slaves". They serve the military sector as sub-contractors. The author of the article is bitter about this situation and proposes a "solution": The whole metal industry branch will receive its part of the "cake" of military export and the preparation of "Finished products" in this field. As an example, he cites "Tadiran" which "sold whole factories for the production of arms to Iran, Singapore and South Africa" (my emphasis - I. Sh.) - and all this by the beginning of 1977!

Meantime, as we have seen, the turning of industry and by its means of the Israeli society into a society which profits from the blood of the freedom fighters, has deepened and expanded. We find that prophet Ezekiel's words about "standing on your sword" are appropriate not only to what concerns the "occupied territories", but also everything connected with the export of Israeli arms.

May this series of articles be a small contribution to the effort which all of us must exert in order to work for changing the situation.

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