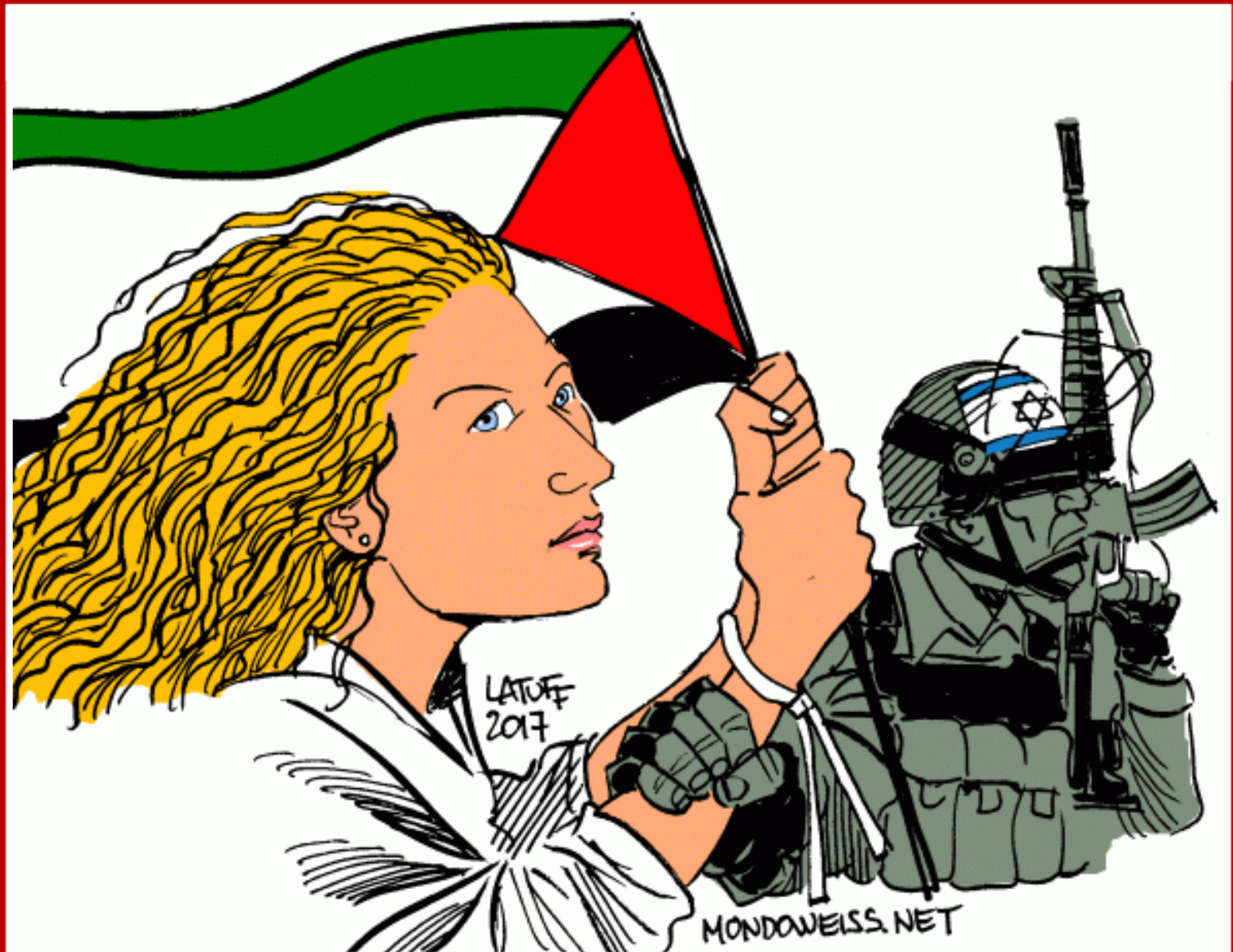




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Anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism

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Anti-Semitism among the masses, as the socialist August Bebel put it, is the socialism of the fools. Today, Anti-Semitism in the world is on the rise. This ugly phenomenon is proof that the Jewish question will be solved only through a global socialist revolution. Zionism as we will show in this article is *not* the solution but merely part of the problem.

Anti-Semitism is not a new phenomenon; Jews have been victims of this form of racism in different periods of history. In its modern form it began in the 19th century as a pseudo-scientific theory that Jews are racially inferior. The term Anti-Semitism was coined in 1879 by the German writer Wilhelm Marr. The term, however, is a misnomer, because it implies a discrimination against all Semites. Arabs, for example, among others are also Semites. A better term would be Judeophobia. However, for the sake of clarity we *will* use the term Anti-Semitism in the context of Jew-hatred.

The modern form of Anti-Semitism draws its inspiration from centuries of Christian theology that blamed the Jews for the betrayal and execution of Jesus. The first historically documented pogrom against Jews took place in 1096 following an economic crisis and the first crusade. [1]

After the 11th century Jews were accused of the ritualistic use of Christian children's blood for making Passover Matzo. Jews in the Middle Ages were restricted in Christian Europe in their choice of occupations and places of residence, being forced into money lending positions. As a result, they were perceived as usurers, forced to use special clothes and to live in ghettos.

During economic, social or political crisis, Jews were used as convenient scapegoats. Some rulers of Europe sometimes killed or expelled Jews in an effort to avoid paying debts. In the 19th century an Anti-Semitic political movement emerged in Europe which reached its peak in Nazi Germany. Following WWII Anti-Semitism was repressed but did not disappear. Many former Nazis tried to hide their Anti-Semitism, but in some cases they passed it on to their children.

Anti-Semitism Today

It surfaced again with the xenophobia following the September 11 and it became stronger with the economic crisis of 2008; that among other things strengthened far right parties that blamed immigrants and refugees for the suffering of the masses. Part of this hate has been directed against Jews.

The crimes of Israel against the Palestinians and other Arabs also fanned the flames of anti-Jewish sentiments as most Jews around the world identify with Israel. If in the past, Jews were perceived as outsiders in the US, they are perceived now as part of the establishment.

In this period of polarization and the lack of a strong revolutionary pole, a section of society is moving to the right blaming minority groups for their misery. In this context, the election of Trump as president shouldn't be surprising. Under his presidency Anti-Semitism is once again on the rise in the US.

Anti-Semitism in the USA is, also, not a new phenomenon. Virulent Anti-Semitism in the US began 50 years after the Civil war. It intertwined with white supremacy, the restrictive immigration laws of 1921 and 1924, written by eugenicists and cheered by white supremacists, came a decade before the Nazi Party took power in Germany. These laws were still on the books in the 1930s and 1940s, severely limiting the number of Jews who would be able to find refuge from Nazism. [2]

In action, Anti-Semitism takes the form of damage and desecration of property and grave sites, beating up Jews, Holocaust denial, swastikas smeared on Jewish homes, slogans against Jews like in the case of Charlottesville Virginia, where the racists shouted "Jews will not replace us" and even cases of killing Jews.

The latest tragic result of Anti-Semitic hatred has been the massacre in Pittsburgh on 27 October 2018. A right-wing fanatic supporter of Trump, who hates Jews as well as Muslims, opened fire inside a synagogue, killing 11 congregants.

A greater economic crisis is just around the corner and

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the polarization will grow and with it also Anti-Semitism. Fighting all forms of racism is in the interest of the international working class. Joining this struggle is the interest of all minorities. Unfortunately for the Jews, the Israeli government and many Zionist leaders prefer to join the far right in the crusade against Muslims. Some Zionists went so far as forming their own group within the far-right German political party the AFD. The Zionist reports on the rise of Anti-Semitism are misleading as they include manifestation of Anti-Zionism directed against the crimes of the Israeli state against the Palestinians and not Jews in general.

An investigation by *The Electronic Intifada* in 2017 unveiled new links between far-right anti-Muslim group *Britain First* and the pro-Israel movement. Photos and video obtained by *The Electronic Intifada* show that Britain First's leader in London, Paul Besser, picketed July's Palestine Expo alongside other anti-Palestinian protesters, including former Zionist Federation vice chair Jonathan Hoffman. In the video, one of the organizers of the picket says the Zionist Federation printed their leaflets and gave them Israeli flags. [3] In a blog post, Hoffman thanked the group for their help: "*the other good news was the resistance to the event, led by the StopPalExpo Coalition*". [4]

The Zionists are pushing for the acceptance of the IHRA document (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) as the standard test for Anti-Semitism. This document begins with correct definition: "*Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of Anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.*"

Yet the guide of this document includes the defense of

Israel: "*Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic but denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor. Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation is Anti-Semitism.*"

The Three Ds of Natan Sharansky

It is not difficult to trace these definitions to the three Ds of Natan Sharansky. He immigrated to Israel after 13 years in a Stalinist prison after he was charged with spying for the US. He was considered in Israel a persecuted hero. He received in 1986, the United States Congressional Gold Medal and in 2006, US President George W. Bush awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, medals which confirm the allegations against him.

In Israel he became a politician serving as a Minister of Industry and Trade (1996–1999). He resigned from the cabinet in April 2005 to protest plans to withdraw Israeli settlements from the Gaza Strip.

In a Haaretz interview, he stated: "*Jews came here 3,000 years ago and this is the cradle of Jewish civilization. Jews are the only people in history who kept their loyalty to their identity and their land throughout the 2,000 years of exile, and no doubt that they have the right to have their place among nations—not only historically but also geographically. As to the Palestinians, who are the descendants of those Arabs who migrated in the last 200 years, they have the right, if they want, to have their own state ... but not at the expense of the state of Israel.*" [5]

A statement of a truly right wing nationalist that among other things denied that Arabs have lived in this country

Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: Marxism and the United Front Tactic Today The Struggle for Proletarian Hegemony in the Liberation Movement and the United Front Tactic Today.

The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a new English-language book – MARXISM AND THE UNITED FRONT TACTIC TODAY. The book's subtitle is: The Struggle for Proletarian Hegemony in the Liberation Movement and the United Front Tactic Today. On the Application of the Marxist United Front Tactic in Semi-Colonial and Imperialist Countries in the Present Period. It contains eight chapters plus an appendix (172 pages) and includes 9 tables and 5 figures. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

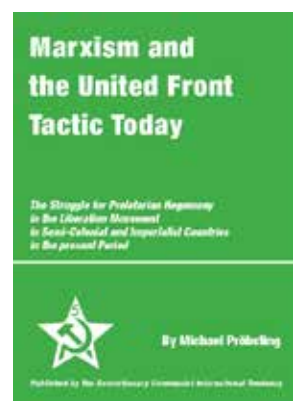
The following paragraphs are the back cover text of the book which give an overview of its content.

The united front tactic is a crucial instrument for revolutionaries under today's circumstances in which the mass organizations of the working class and the oppressed are dominated by social democratic, Stalinist and petty-bourgeois-populist forces.

The purpose of this document is both to summarize the main ideas of the Marxist united front tactic while at the same time explaining its development and modification which have become necessary due to political changes which have transpired in the

working class liberation movement since the tactic's original formulation.

In this book we initially summarize the main characteristics of the united front tactic and elaborate the approach of the Marxist classics to this issue. We then outline important social developments in the working class and the popular masses as well as in their political formations in recent decades. From there we will discuss how the united front tactic should be applied in light of a number of new developments (the rise of petty-bourgeois populist parties, the decline of the classic reformist parties, the role of national minorities and migrants in imperialist countries, etc.). The eight chapters of the book are accompanied by nine tables and five figures.



for more than 1300 years.

His Three Ds are as follows:

The first "D" is the test of **demonization**. When the Jewish state is being demonized; when Israel's actions are blown out of all sensible proportion; when comparisons are made between Israelis and Nazis and between Palestinian refugee camps and Auschwitz - this is anti-Semitism, not legitimate criticism of Israel.

The second "D" is the test of **double standards**. When criticism of Israel is applied selectively; when Israel is singled out by the United Nations for human rights abuses while the behavior of known and major abusers, such as China, Iran, Cuba, and Syria, is ignored; when Israel's Magen David Adom, alone among the world's ambulance services, is denied admission to the International Red Cross - this is anti-Semitism.

The third "D" is the test of **delegitimization**: when Israel's fundamental right to exist is denied - alone among all peoples in the world - this too is anti-Semitism.

These 3 Ds are aimed at white wash the crimes of Israel against the Palestinians and not a scientific definition of Anti-Semitism:

As to the first D: "when Israel's actions are blown out of all sensible proportion?" According to Israel, the blockade of Gaza, the largest Ghetto in history, is reasonable. In reality the siege has left medical facilities struggling to operate due to severe lack of electricity and essential drugs, medical disposables, and equipment. This blockade is a crime, but calling the blockade a war crime would be considered by Israel and the Zionists around the world a form of Anti-Semitism.

Killing of more than 200 protesters and injuring many thousands in Gaza since march 30th who demand to return to their lands stolen from them during the Nakba are, according to Israel, proportional and reasonable, an act of self defense defending its national borders. Referring to Israeli forces' repeated use of lethal force in the Gaza Strip since March 30th, 2018, against Palestinian demonstrators who posed no imminent threat to life, as war crimes, would be considered by this D test as Anti-Semitism.

According to this test the condemnation of the massacre of Sharpeville by the racist regime in South Africa was a form of racism against white people. Condemning the massacre of the Indians in Amritsar, India, a massacre that took place on April 13th 1919, will be considered as Anti-English. Condemning the massacres of the native nations

in North America will be considered Anti-White. Comparing Israel's crime to the Nazi crimes is wrong, but comparing Israel's crimes to the crimes of the Apartheid regime of South Africa, the twin sister of Israel, is accurate. Comparing Palestinian refugee camps to Auschwitz is wrong, but comparing Gaza to the Ghettos is accurate.

As to the second D: "When Israel is singled out by the United Nations for human rights abuses while the behavior of known and major abusers, such as China, Iran, Cuba, and Syria, is ignored [...]"

This is simply a lie that Israel is singled out by the UN. The UN has condemned the abuse of human rights by many countries. To give a few examples: this September the U.N. Security Council condemned Iran. In August the U.N. accused the Nicaraguan government of widespread rights violations. In 2018, the UNHRC declared that six generals in Myanmar should be prosecuted for the genocide against the Rohingya Muslims. The UN Security Council resolution 1244 adopted on 10 June 1999, after recalling resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199(1998), 1203 (1998) and 1239 (1999), authorized an international civil and military presence in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and established the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo. The UN condemned Assad for killing civilians.

It is true that the UN is controlled by the imperialists so that *their* or their client states crimes are never condemned (Saudi Arabia for example), but Israel is the last country to complain about the UN, after all the UN partition allocated 55% of Palestine to the Zionist state at a time that Jews constituted 650,000 and 40% to the native Arabs that were 1,200,000, which was a gross injustice. Israel never complied with the resolution calling for the return of the Palestinians refugees and the UN has not enforced this resolution. Furthermore, any concrete action against Israelis has been blocked by the US. Should Israel not have been protected by the US and other imperialist states, its leaders would have been prosecuted by international criminal courts long ago. In the real world, those who were tried by said courts were leaders of semi-colonies that somehow offended the imperialists.

As to the third D - the test of delegitimization: "When Israel's fundamental right to exist is denied - alone among all peoples in the world is sheer hypocrisy."

The existence of the Israeli state is founded on the denial of the right of self determination of the native Palestinians, and it is impossible to support the Palestinian right of self



PUBLICATIONS OF THE RCIT

The Origins of the Jews

By Yossi Schwartz, July 2015

Chapter I: What are the origins of the Jews?

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determination and at the same time to support the existence of the Zionist state.

Israel is denying even a small Palestinian state in the lands occupied in 1967. Israel is in the process of becoming an openly apartheid state from the river to the sea. This has been proven lately by the new Nation Law. Thus, to support the existence of Israel is to accept the legitimacy of an Apartheid state.

The Campaign against the Left in the Labor Party

In the last two years, we have witnessed a campaign against the left wing of the Labor party with allegations of anti-Semitism directed at Jeremy Corbyn. We have seen widespread assumption that Anti-Semitism is a problem exclusive to the Labour Party. Alan Sugar, one of the most famous faces in British business, tweeted a photo of the Labour leader sitting next to Hitler. The Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, known for his equation of anti-Zionism with Anti-Semitism has been held as an expert on the alleged Anti-Semitism of the left wing of the Labour Party.

The Labor Party has been called "anti-Semitic" because it has refused to adopt the entirety of a disputed definition of "anti-Semitism" - the code of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), that the capitalist media call "internationally recognized" definition. The IHRA code considers any description of the Israeli State as a "racist" to be anti-Semitic. The Labor Party that until recently rejected this clause has been portrayed as a party that rejects the UN bill of human rights, which is a blatant lie.

Not too many British are aware of how the Israeli state was formed. They do not know how, in 1948, three-quarters of a million Palestinian Arabs were forcibly evicted, with British backing, off their own land. To recognize this as racist, in the words of the IHRA code, would be "Anti-Semitic".

The mainstream media has won and the Labour party has to re-formulate its definition of anti-Semitism to fit the one currently used by the conservative government. This development is dangerous for the working class, the pro-Palestinian groups and for democratic Jews. It is dangerous for all Jews as it push them to ally themselves with their real enemies - the far right and the ruling class - instead of allying themselves with the working class and the struggle against racism.

The far right that today present themselves as the friends of Israel may one day come to power and the Jews who will be unprepared will find themselves in a similar situation they faced during WWII. In addition, this document identifies all Jews as Zionists. The quarter of a million British Jews are in no way accountable, nor should ever be held accountable, for the actions of the Israeli state. Nor should they all presumed to be supporters of Israel's crimes.

Anti Zionism can be a veiled anti-Jewish, for example the claim that the Zionists controlled the world or the US, but in most cases Anti-Zionism of the left expresses the opposition to the repression of the Palestinians by Israel, which is a form of anti-racism and not of Anti-Semitism. The Zionists and their supporters purposely confuse Anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism in order to shield Israel's crimes against the Palestinians.

On the Formation of Israel

The Zionists claim that if the Palestinians had agreed to the partition plan of 1947 they would have had a state already in 1948. In reality while the Zionists said at the time that they agree to the partition, they never agreed to a Palestinian state. In 1947, Golda Meir met with King Abdullah of Jordan in order to agree how to divide between Israel and Jordan the lands allocated by the partition plan to the Palestinians.

According to a CIA report: *"just days before Israel will declare its independence, Golda Meir, then Head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency traveled to Amman to meet with King Abdullah of Transjordan. This was the second meeting between the two, with the first occurring in early November 1947 at Naharayim on the banks of the Jordan River[...] Abdullah shared the Zionist leadership's fear of a Palestinian state led by the Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al Husayni emerging as a result of the UN Partition decision. [...] The British announcement that they will end the Mandate and turn the Palestine issue over to the United Nations gives King Abdullah renewed hope that he will be able to expand his empire by taking over the Arab areas of Palestine. In the November 1947 meeting with Golda Meir, he states his intention to annex the Arab parts of Palestine. Meir responds that the Zionist leadership will not oppose that plan if it means that there would be no clashes between Jewish and Jordanian forces."* [6]

Gershom Gorenberg in an article titled *"The Mystery of 1948. Did Israel actually plan to expel most of its Arabs in 1948? Or not?"* in which he claimed that the Zionist leaders did not plan the mass removal of the Palestinians, nevertheless wrote:

"In October 1947, telegram from Moshe Shertok was sent to David Ben-Gurion. Shertok was the "foreign minister" of the Jewish Agency, part of autonomous government of the Zionist settlements in Palestine; Ben-Gurion was head of the Agency. Shertok was in New York, where the final version of the partition plan was being hammered out. The plan allowed Arabs living in the Jewish state to opt for citizenship in the Arab state or the Jewish state, and for Jews living in the Arab state to do the same. Jerusalem residents could also choose to be citizens of one of the states. Were the U.N. plan to include a population transfer, that would be ideal, Shertok implies, but this was not in the cards. Since the Arabs would stay put, it would be best if they chose citizenship in the Arab state, so that they would not be able to vote in the Jewish one. Meanwhile, the Jewish political majority would be boosted by Jews living outside the state".

It should be no surprise that Zionist leaders thought about the forced uprooting of men, women and children in order to create ethnically homogenous state. It was part of the Zeitgeist. The original British proposal for dividing Palestine, submitted by the Peel Commission in 1937, (that was accepted by the Zionist leaders) included transfer of Arabs out of the Jewish state, and cited the forced exchange of 1.3 million Greeks and 400,000 Turks in 1923 as a positive precedent. [7]

Were the Zionists committed to the partition plan they would have allowed the Palestinian refugees to return at least to the lands allocated for a Palestinian state not to speak of returning to their lands occupied already before 1948. Instead they killed any Palestinian that tried to return to his land.

"By early May 1948, Shertok was speaking of the "astounding"

and “unforeseen” Arab exodus, as if describing an unexpected inheritance. Going back to the status quo ante was unthinkable, he said. When Israel’s provisional government discussed the issue in June, the consensus was to prevent the refugees from returning. The policy was partly defensive, to avoid a fifth column. But in the June cabinet meeting, Shertok also described all “the lands and the houses” as “spoils of war,” and as compensation for what Jews had lost in a war forced on them”. [8]

While the official line of the Zionists is that their land grabbing was done in self defense against the Arab armies that attacked Israel in May 1948, the Zionists were by far the more powerful and better organized force, and by May 1948, when the state of Israel was formally established, about 300,000 Palestinians *already had been* expelled from their homes or had fled the fighting, and the Zionists controlled a region *well beyond the area* of the original Jewish state that had been proposed by the UN. Now it’s *then* that Israel was attacked by its neighbors - in May 1948; it’s *then*, after the Zionists had taken control of this much larger part of the region and hundreds of thousands of civilians had been forced out, not before. [9]

Far Right’s Infatuation with Israel

The Zionist definition of Anti-Semitism is, by design, aimed at silencing and demonizing any opposition to Israel’s crimes by the left. History teaches us that this is very dangerous for Jews, as well as other minorities deemed “undesirable”, because it disarms them against the far right and the fascists who currently hate Muslims and Jews while admiring Israel.

For example, a German neo Nazi group calling itself *National Socialists for Israel*, stated: “A strong nation is worthy of life; an ailing nation deserves death,” [...]. “Deportations, pogroms and inquisitions were all understandable acts which were carried out by nations merely trying to defend themselves. That is also the context in which the event called the ‘Holocaust’ must be viewed... This does not justify it. Instead of destroying the Jews we should have taken every measure possible to support the Zionist movement. The group distributed stickers in Berlin with Israeli soldiers on them and the words, “A 2000-year struggle for survival. Respect those who have earned it.” Another sticker has a picture of senior Nazi official Reinhard Heydrich, and under the words, “As a Nazi, I’m a Zionist.” [10]

The British BNP’s leader Nick Griffin – formerly of the Holocaust denying *National Front* – in 2009 claimed that he had brought the party “from being, frankly, an anti-Semitic and racist organization into being the only political party which... stood full square behind Israel’s right to deal with Hamas terrorists”.

The English Defense League founder Tommy Robinson in 2011 recounted warmly that “in our first demonstrations... we flew the flag of Israel, the Star of David. In the first public speech I ever gave, I wore the Star of David in Leeds.”

Groups like the EDL and BNP have their roots in the neo-Nazi and fascist street gangs who have often been involved in attacks on people of color and immigrants. Many were, or are, also virulently anti-Semitic. For such groups to embrace the “Jewish state” is not so much of a contradiction as it may first appear. After all, the mission of Zionism was to remove Europe’s Jews from Europe – something anti-Semites also sought. [11]

Trump is known to be a strong supporter of Israel. Last

year a mass far right demonstration took place in Charlottesville Virginia. Trump said about them and about those who oppose them “very fine people on both sides”. Thus he equated neo-Nazism with those fighting for racial equality. In his colloquy with the press, he was not calling neo-Nazis great folks but said that many of the Confederate-statue-loving protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia, were not neo-Nazis at all. Somehow, these “fine people” got mixed in with white supremacists shouting, “Jews will not replace us.” [12]

The Israeli Government’s Infatuation with the Far Right

It is not only that the far right, including some Neo Nazi organizations love Israel, but the Israeli government and the Zionist movement endorse these right wing organizations.

In November 2017, the *Zionist Organization of America* (ZOA) hosted a gala dinner in New York City honoring Stephen Bannon, US President Donald Trump’s then-chief strategist. Bannon and his media outlet *Breitbart News* were, and still are, seen by many as anti-Semitic was of no consequence to Zionist leaders from the US and Israel, who were in attendance. [13]

In Europe, Israel is actively pursuing alliances with far-right groups and parties as a state policy. During the Ariel Sharon government in the early 2000s, Italian post-fascist Gianfranco Fini paid a visit to Israel. At that time Fini, the leader of the *Movimento Sociale Italiano* (Italian Social Movement), the ideological successor of the anti-Semitic Fascist Party, was trying to change the image of his movement. He started by changing the name to the “*National Alliance*” and then, to solidify its new image, he embarked on a trip to Israel, in the company of Amos Luzzatto, the head of the Italian Jewish community.

This party was replaced by the far-right League Party under the leadership of the Matteo Salvini. Salvini too went through the same political baptism by Israel as Fini did. In March 2016, he came to Tel Aviv to launch his political career.

The far-right *Alternative for Germany* (AfD) party has also been in the process of establishing solid ties with Israel, despite its racist views.

“[T]he party derided for anti-Semitic, xenophobic views redolent of the Nazis is also staunchly supportive of Israel,” reported the *Times of Israel*. “[It is] one of a number of right-wing populist parties in Europe that have tried to make common cause with Israel’s tough stance toward terror and self-styled position as a forward bulwark against Islamic extremism.” The AfD, enthusiastically launched a campaign pushing for the recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.” [14]

In Eastern Europe, Israel has also reached out to Hungarian PM Viktor Orban, who for the past few years has been leading a vicious political campaign against the Jewish Hungarian American financier, George Soros. Accusations of anti-Semitism against Orban and his party did not deter PM Benjamin Netanyahu from visiting him in Budapest in July last year. Israel has also armed the Azov battalion, a neo-Nazi paramilitary organisation in Ukraine. [15]

Another great friend of Israel is the president of the Philippines Duterte who drew outrage in 2016 when he compared his anti-drug campaign to the Nazi genocide of Jews in World War II and said he would be “happy to slaughter”

3 million addicts. He was officially welcomed by Minister of Communications Ayoob Kara who said:

"Welcome to the Land of Israel and to Holy Jerusalem—the capital of Israel. The people of Israel love you because you are a supporter of Israel. Your country was the only one in the East that supported Israel's independence and sided with us at the UN and UNESCO throughout the years." [16]

It is not only the right wing government of Israel that endorse racist and far right parties and governments, but Yitzhak Rabin, the left wing Zionist, when he was a prime minister, supported the apartheid regime in South Africa. In 1976, Israel invited the South African prime minister, John Vorster - a former Nazi sympathiser and a commander of the fascist Ossewabrandwag that sided with Hitler - to make a state visit.

The *National Party* (NP) in the early 1950s, introduced legislation reminiscent of Hitler's Nuremberg laws against Jews: the population registration act that classified South Africans according to race, legislation that forbade sex and marriage across the color line and laws barring black people from many jobs.

For decades, the *Zionist Federation* and *Jewish Board of Deputies in South Africa* honored men such as Percy Yutar, who prosecuted Nelson Mandela for sabotage and conspiracy against the state in 1963 and sent him to jail. Yutar went on to become attorney general of the Orange Free State and then of the Transvaal.

He was elected president of Johannesburg's largest orthodox synagogue. Some Jewish leaders hailed him as a "credit to the community" and a symbol of the Jews' contribution to South Africa. Vorster's visit laid the ground for a collaboration that transformed the Israel-South Africa axis into a leading weapons developer and a force in the international arms trade. Liel, who headed the Israeli foreign ministry's South Africa desk in the 1980s, said that the Israeli security establishment came to believe that the Jewish state may not have survived without the relationship with the Afrikaners.

"We created the South African arms industry," said Liel. *"They assisted us to develop all kinds of technology because they had a lot of money. When we were developing things together we usually gave the know-how and they gave the money. After*

1976, there was a love affair between the security establishments of the two countries and their armies. We were involved in Angola as consultants to the [South African] army. You had Israeli officers there cooperating with the army. The link was very intimate."

Alongside the state-owned factories manufacturing for South Africa was Kibbutz Beit Alfa, which developed a profitable industry selling anti-riot vehicles for use against protesters in the black townships.

The biggest secret of all was the nuclear one. Israel provided expertise and technology that was central to South Africa's development of its nuclear bombs. Israel was embarrassed enough about its close association with a political movement rooted in racial ideology to keep the military collaboration hidden.

"All that I'm telling you was completely secret," said Liel. *"The knowledge of it was extremely limited to a small number of people outside the security establishment. But it so happened that many of our prime ministers were part of it, so if you take people such as [Shimon] Peres or Rabin, certainly they knew about it because they were part of the security establishment. At the UN we kept saying: we are against apartheid, as Jewish people who suffered from the Holocaust this is intolerable. But our security establishment kept cooperating."*

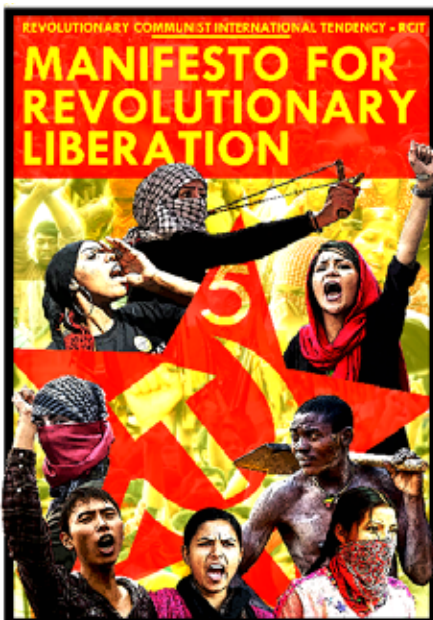
So did many politicians. Israeli cities found twins in South Africa, and Israel was alone among western nations in allowing the black Bantustan of Bophuthatswana to open an "embassy".

By the 1980s, Israel and South Africa echoed each other in justifying the domination of other peoples. Both said that their own peoples faced annihilation from external forces - in South Africa by black African governments and communism; in Israel, by Arab states and Islam. [17]

Israel has a long history of supporting military coups in Africa. *"Israel itself helped install Amin in power, creating a monster who turned on his former patrons."* [18]

Israel aided the military regime that ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983, including by providing arms. This regime during the "dirty war" murdered left wingers with many Jews. [19]

Last year two Israeli women, Lily Traubman and her daughter Tamara Santos Traubman, who immigrated to



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Israel from Chile, demanded that Israel's attorney general open a criminal investigation into Israeli officials who were involved in arms deals with the regime of Augusto Pinochet, for aiding and abetting crimes against humanity. The two women moved to Israel in the 1970s after being persecuted by the Pinochet regime, which also had Lily's father disappear. [20]

Thus, while Israel accuses those who oppose it of Anti-Semitism, it *itself* has forged strong connections with the real Anti-Semites. Anyone who examines the history of the Zionist movement with the Anti-Semites will discover a horror story of collaboration.

Zionism as an Enemy of the Jews

The Zionists claim that they are the national liberation movement of the Jews. National liberation movements fight against imperialist control of their countries. Palestine was conquered by the British at the end of WWI. The Zionists rely on Balfour's letter to Rothschild as proof of the legitimacy of Israel. What kind of national liberation movement relies on a letter of an imperialist foreign Minister?!

In October 2017, Israel celebrated the 100th anniversary of the conquest of Beersheba by the Australians. What kind of a national liberation movement celebrates the occupation of its country by the imperialists? The simple truth is that the Zionist movement is a movement of settler colonists that settled in Palestine with the help of the British imperialism.

The founder of the Zionist movement Theodor Herzl wrote in his Diary, page 68: "An idea rose on my heart to

bring on anti-Semitism and to obliterate Jewish wealth." In the complete diaries of Theodor Herzl (Vol. 1 / edited by Raphael Patai; translated by Harry Zohn) on page 83-84 we find:

"It would be an excellent idea to call in respectable, accredited anti-Semites as liquidators of property. To the people they would vouch for the fact that we do not wish to bring about the impoverishment of the countries that we leave. At first they must not be given large fees for this; otherwise we shall spoil our instruments and make them despicable as stooges of the Jews. Later their fees will increase, and in the end we shall have only Gentile officials in the countries from which we have emigrated. The anti-Semites will become our most dependable friends, the anti-Semitic countries our allies."

Herzl went to Russia after the pogrom of Kishinev in an attempt to strike a deal with the Czar. He was received by Sergei Witte, then finance minister, and Viacheslav Plehve, minister of the interior who was behind the pogrom. Herzl told von Plehve that Zionism will solve the "Jewish problem," as it will prevent Jews from joining the revolutionary organizations. "Help me reach land sooner and the revolt will end. And so will the defection to the socialists." [21]

The collaboration of the Zionists with the Nazi regime prior to WWII is well documented by Leni Brener's book Zionism in the age of Dictators. This collaboration has been exposed in Israel itself.

According to an article in Arutz Sheva in Israel from 26/12/2017.

"An auction will take place on Wednesday night at CollecTodo on the Bidspirit auction house's website, in which rare and fascinating items from the Holocaust period will be sold. Among other things, a rare medal from 1934 called "Nazi in Palestine"

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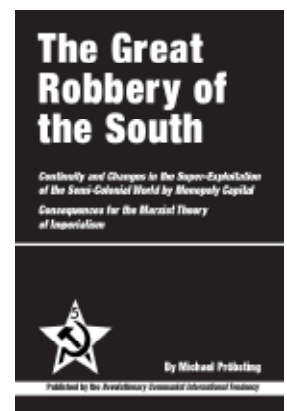
Michael Pröbsting: The Great Robbery of the South Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism

The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a book called *THE GREAT ROBBERY OF THE SOUTH*. The book's subtitle is: *Continuity and Changes in the Super-Exploitation of the Semi-Colonial World by Monopoly Capital. Consequences for the Marxist Theory of Imperialism*. The book is in English-language. It has 15 chapters, 448 pages and includes 139 Tables and Figures. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who is the International Secretary of the RCIT.

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has such a big share of the world capitalist value been produced in the South. Never before have the imperialist monopolies been so dependent on the super-exploitation of the semi-colonial world. Never before has migrant labor from the semi-colonial world played such a significant role for the capitalist value production in the imperialist countries. Never before has the huge majority of the world working class lived in the South – outside of the old imperialist metropolises.

In *The Great Robbery of the South* Michael Pröbsting argues that a correct understanding of the nature of imperialism as well as of the program of permanent revolution which includes the tactics of consistent anti-imperialism is essential for anyone who wants to change the world and bring about a socialist future. Order your copy NOW! \$20 / £13 / €15 plus p+p (21\$ for US and international, £9 for UK, €10 for Europe)



will be sold: A medal minted on the occasion of a series of articles "A Nazi goes to Palestine" published in the Nazi journal *Der Angriff* ("The Attack"). The medal is a memento of cooperation between the Nazi Party and the German Zionist Association, in favor of the joint goal of bringing German Jews to Palestine (the "transfer").

The center of one side sports a Star of David surrounded by the German caption "A Nazi going to Palestine" (*Ein Nazi fährt nach Palästina*). In the center of the other side is a swastika and the caption "and writes about it in *Angriff*" (*Und erzählt davon in Angriff*).

At the beginning of the period of Nazi rule in Germany, the Zionist movement tended to cooperate with the line taken by the Nazi regime at the beginning of its path - encouraging German Jewish immigration to Palestine. In the spring of 1933, the Union of German Zionists decided to contact elements within the Nazi party that might support the Zionist cause.

Kurt Tuchler, a German-Jewish jurist and judge who was a member of the German Zionist Association, appealed to Leopold von Mildenstein, head of the Jewish department of the SD (Nazi and SS Security Service), and asked him to write about the Jewish community in Palestine. In 1933 the two traveled together to Israel with their wives for a month, in order to allow von Mildenstein to be impressed by the flourishing Zionist enterprise.

On his return to Germany, von Mildenstein published a series of twelve articles accompanied with photographs about his tour of Palestine in the Nazi journal *Der Angriff*, the organ of Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels. The articles bore the title "A Nazi goes to Palestine." Goebbels issued the medal on the occasion of the article series." [22]

During those years the Zionists sold German commodities in the Middle East and opposed the boycott of Nazi Germany. During the war the Zionists opposed opening the gates to Jewish refugees in other countries as they wanted only Jewish immigration to Palestine.

In a letter to the *New York Times* from July 1987 we find: "In his review of Shabtai Teveth's "Ben-Gurion: The Burning Ground 1886-1948" (June 21) Martin Gilbert mistakenly reports that Mr. Teveth does not cite David Ben-Gurion's controversial remark to a 1938 Mapai Central Committee meeting: "If I knew that it was possible to save all the children of Germany by transporting them to England, and only half by transferring them to the Land of Israel, I would choose the latter, for before us lies not only the numbers of these children but the historical reckoning of the people of Israel." The quotation does appear (in a slightly different translation) on pages 855-56 of Mr. Teveth's text." [23]

Anti-Semitic Anti-Zionists

There are Anti-Zionists who are at the same time Anti-Semites. In practice they are giving ammunition to the Zionists who use them to prove that Anti-Zionism is Anti-Semitism. Among them are Atzmon and Shamir.

Gilad Atzmon is a former Israeli paratrooper, a well-known jazz player. He wrote: "How is it that America failed to restrain its Wolfowitzes? How is it that America let its foreign policy be shaped by some ruthless Zio-driven think tanks? How come alleged American „free media“ failed to warn the American people of the enemy within?" [24]

"The current mess in Iraq is the direct outcome of Jewish political domination of the West for the last two decades." [25]

Israel Shamir wrote on his web site about Trump's decision to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem:

"Jerusalem is first of all a symbol, and a potent one; the American recognition of Jewish sovereignty over the Holy City is a sign of the final Jewish victory over Christianity, and it is to be deeply regretted. Richard Coeur de Lion and Tancred would not understand this surrender of the city they fought for, but the times have changed. The Christians of yesteryear did not refer to Jews as their "elder brothers". What began with Americans saying "Season greetings" instead of 'Merry Christmas,' ended with this shameful act of Christ denial." [26]

However, these two are a minority among the left Anti-Zionists. As a matter of fact most left groups tend to capitulate to Zionism. In Israel, the Communist party supports the two states solution and *Maavak Socialisti* (the section of the pseudo-Trotskyist CWI) is calling for two "socialist" states. In other words they support the self-determination of the Zionists in spite of the fact that Israel's very existence prevents the formation of a free Palestinian state while openly moving to create a single Apartheid state.

Anti-Jewish Sentiments Among Muslims

There are Muslims who manifest Anti-Semitism. However prior to the Zionist colonialists arrival to Palestine, Jews in the Muslim world were considered to be People of the Book and were given dhimmi status. They were afforded security against persecution but had to pay a special tax similar to the tax Muslim had to pay for helping the poor.

The Zionist occupation of Palestine and the wars between Israel and the Arab states created Anti-Semitic literature that tends to deny the Holocaust. Mahmoud Abbas the President of the PA in his book *The Other Side: the Secret Relationship Between Nazism and Zionism* wrote: "It seems that the interest of the Zionist movement, however, is to inflate this figure [of Holocaust deaths] so that their gains will be greater. This led them to emphasize this figure [six million] in order to gain the solidarity of international public opinion with Zionism. Many scholars have debated the figure of six million and reached stunning conclusions—fixing the number of Jewish victims at only a few hundred thousand." [27]

However, his tune soon changes as soon as Abbas was appointed the Palestinian prime minister in 2003: "The Holocaust was a terrible, unforgivable crime against the Jewish nation, a crime against humanity that cannot be accepted by humankind" "When I wrote *The Other Side* ... we were at war with Israel. Today I would not have made such remarks". [28]

Anti-Semitism has increased in the wake of the Arab-Israeli conflict; there were pogroms against Jews prior to the foundation of Israel, including Nazi-inspired pogroms in Algeria in the 1930s, attacks on the Jews of Iraq and Libya in the 1940s.

In 1941, 180 Jews were murdered and 700 were injured in the anti-Jewish riots known as the Farhud. [29] Four hundred Jews were injured in violent demonstrations in Egypt in 1945 and Jewish property was vandalized and looted. In Libya, 130 Jews were killed and 266 injured. In December 1947, 13 Jews were killed in Damascus, including 8 children, and 26 were injured. In Aleppo, rioting resulted in dozens of Jewish casualties, damage to 150 Jewish homes, and the torching of 5 schools and 10 synagogues. In Yemen, 97 Jews were murdered and 120 injured. [30]

At the same time other Arabs protected Jews in North Af-

rica under the rule of Italian Fascism. Robert Satloff discusses this question in his book *Among the Righteous: Lost Stories from the Holocaust's Long Reach into Arab Lands*.

Today there are cases where some Islamists attack Jews in Europe because they hate Israel, but at the same time other Muslims denounce these attacks. For example, on April 27, 2018 Muslim women wore kippahs over their hijabs in solidarity with Jewish community after antisemitic attack in Berlin. [31]

In conclusion, Israel is not only an oppressive power that has ties to the far right in Europe, and its policies give ammunition to Anti-Jewish feelings, but in the long run a death trap for the Israeli Jews. To fight for the Palestinians right of self determination and at the same time for the safety of the Israeli Jews, another state must be founded through a revolution that will establish a democratic and red-socialist state from the river to the sea. A state that will open its arms to the Palestinian refugees. To fight Anti-Semitism it is *necessary* to fight against Zionism.

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Massacres, Plundering and Land Grabbing: The Similarity and Dissimilarity between the U.S. and Israel

by Yossi Schwartz, *Internationalist Socialist League (RCIT Section in Israel / Occupied Palestine)*, 27.11.2018

A peaceful march by Central Americans seeking asylum in the United States, trying to enter the United States from the southwestern United States border, faced a close border and tear gas was used against them on Sunday afternoon, as hundreds of people tried to evade a Mexican police blockade and run toward the border crossing that leads into San Diego.

More than 5,000 migrants and refugees have arrived in Tijuana in recent weeks as part of a caravan, dubbed the Central American exodus. They are fleeing violence, poverty and political persecution. The US closed the San Ysidro crossing point between Tijuana, Mexico and San Diego, California for several hours. Secretary of the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Kirstjen Nielsen issued a statement accusing the migrants of seeking to harm border patrol personnel "by throwing projectiles at them". "As I have continually stated, DHS will not tolerate this type of lawlessness and will not hesitate to shut down ports of entry for security and public safety reasons," she said, adding the US would "seek to prosecute" offenders. Tijuana's municipal government said that more than three dozen migrants were arrested for disturbing the peace and other charges related to the march and what followed." (1)

Trump has declared in the last few weeks, time and again that he will prevent the caravan members from entering into the United States and has sent American soldiers to the border.

Trump's actions against the refugees are similar to the Israeli actions against the Palestinian refugees from Gaza who demand to return to their lands stolen from their families in 1947-1948. Was it not for the long history of the US plundering of Latin America and installing pro-imperialist oppressive dictatorships such a caravan would not be possible.

There is a fundamental similarity between the USA and Israel as both societies have been founded in the process of stilling the lands and committing massacres against the local native population.

Massacres – The USA

The U.S. government authorized over 1,500 wars, attacks and raids on Indians, the most of any country in the world against its indigenous people. By the end of the Indian Wars in the late 19th century, fewer than 238,000 indigenous people remained, from the estimated 5 to 15 million living in North America when Columbus arrived in 1492. (2)

North America, that was an Indian land, was rubbed by white Europeans that claim that they are settling in the promise land. A white girl wrote in the 1980s: "Growing up, the Religious Right echoed this message and I often heard it. We co-opted the stories of the Jewish people. In our Sunday school classrooms, we learned under the glowing visage of Warner Sallman's Jesus. The curriculum recounted narratives with flannel-graph figures in the shape of a blonde Moses leading his pale-skinned followers through the wilderness to the Promised Land. As our teacher tried to make the lessons of an ancient no-

madic people applicable to our 10-year-old 1980s lives, we understood that the U.S. was our Promised Land, given to us by God, so that we could have religious freedom." (3)

The Zionists claim that Palestine is the "Promised Land" that the Jews never gave up on. To form a state with a Jewish majority they committed many more massacres.

Massacres – Israel

Since its establishment, the State of Israel has kept a silence concerning massacres committed in the War of Independence. The only massacre acknowledged in official publications is that of Deir Yassin. The Israeli historian Aryeh Yitzhaki wrote: 'I read all the documents in the IDF archives written about the War of Independence. In the course of years I became especially alert to anything concerning the massacres.'

Yitzhaki assembled all the testimonies and documents concerning the subject matter and waited for the right time to publish. "The time has come," he says, "for a generation has passed, and it is now possible to face the ocean of lies in which we were brought up. In almost every conquered village in the War of Independence, acts were committed, which are defined as war crimes, such as indiscriminate killings, massacres and rapes. I believe that such things end by surfacing. The only question is how to face such evidence."

According to Yitzhaki, about ten major massacres were committed in the course of the War of Independence (i.e. more than fifty victims in each massacre) and about hundred smaller massacres (of individuals or small groups). According to him, these massacres had an enormous impact on the Arab population, by inducing their (departure) from the country.

The right wing historian Uri Milstein wrote: "If Yitzhaki claims that almost in every village there were murders, then I maintain that even before the establishment of the State, each battle ended with a massacre. In all Israel's wars massacres were committed but I have no doubt that the War of Independence was the dirtiest of them all. All over the world, massacres constitute an integral part of the norm of war and it is in fact the fundamental basis of human conduct in a situation of battle. The idea behind a massacre is to inflict a shock on the enemy, to paralyze the enemy. In the War of Independence everybody massacred everybody, but most of the action happened between Jews and Palestinians."

Milstein adds: "In my opinion, the regular armies of Arab states were less barbaric than the Jews and the Palestinians. Until the entry into the battle of the Arab armies, the concept of taking prisoners was unknown. The regular armies especially that of Jordan and Egypt, were the first in the region who did not kill prisoners, as a matter of principle. Not that they were exceptional, but they killed the least of all, relatively speaking. The Jordanian Legion even succeeded to stop Palestinians of massacring Jews in Gush Etzion, at least in a part of this area. The education in the Yishuv at that time had it that the Arabs would do anything to kill us and therefore we had to massacre them. A substantial part of the Jewish public was convinced that

the most cherished wish of say, a nine-year old Arab child, was to exterminate us. This belief bordered on paranoia."

A careful study reveals that until today over twenty massacres were publicly reported. The testimonies were not published in one collection, a fact which adds to this phenomenon another dimension. At least eight massacres were described by Benny Morris in his book *"The Birth of the Palestine Refugee Problem."* Two cases were reported in Milstein's books. Two cases are reported in the book of Palestinian historian Arif al-Arif. The rest were reported in novels, memories and the press. (4)

Land Grabbing – The USA

Americans claim sovereignty over the territory of someone else's homeland: the Native Americans. Lately the Trump administration claims that the American nation is no longer a nation of immigrants. He has not realized that this claim contradicts the concept of "discovery" which is the legal rationale for the stealing of the Indians' lands. The legal foundation of the federal claim to dominion over territory is called the Doctrine of Discovery, a notion that goes back five centuries. As European explorers sought new maritime passages and found new lands, popes granted European powers the authority to "invade, search out, capture, vanquish and subdue" the people they found. By the logic of the papal bulls, and that of later charters to English explorers made by the English king or queen, indigenous peoples had no rights to land or to legal recognition of any kind. Only immigrants did.

According to American Chief Justice Marshall, English charters and claims had established an "absolute and

complete" title to the land of North America, which then "passed to the United States" in 1776. The judicial magic of creating sovereignty and property is performed on behalf of immigrants and only on behalf of immigrants not of native people.

In the 21st century, in *New York v Oneida Indian Nation of New York*, the Supreme Court cited Marshall's rulings and relied upon the Doctrine of Discovery as the basis of the federal government's dominion over land once controlled by Native Americans – which is to say, the entirety of the United States of America.

Land Grabbing – Israel

In 1947 the Zionists had ownership of fewer than 7% of the Palestine's lands, and after the 1948 war 80%. In 1967 the rest of Palestine was conquered, Sinai Gaza and the Golan Heights. While Sinai was returned to Egypt, Gaza is under blockade, Jerusalem and the Golan have been annexed and Israel openly moves to establish an apartheid state from the river to the sea.

The US Plundering of Latin America

The U.S. President James Monroe in 1823 formulated the so-called *Monroe Doctrine* which stated that Latin America was within the United States' "sphere of influence, and any attempt by European states to colonize the region would be considered an aggression against the interests of the USA" In 1904, Theodore Roosevelt stated that the U.S. could freely intervene in any nation in the Western Hemisphere found guilty of "brutal wrongdoing." It was a self-issued permit



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for the U.S. to intervene in the region's internal affairs according to the interests of the North American ruling class. When Mexico rejected U.S. President Polk's offer to buy California, New Mexico and what is now the American Southwest, he declared a war on Mexico. Mexico lost Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and New Mexico.

Convinced that General Victoriano Huerta would be a better fit for Mexico, from American perspective, Henry Lane Wilson, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, helped the General to take power. Huerta proved to be an even more authoritarian than Díaz and is considered one of the worst politicians in Mexican history.

Supported by the Nixon administration, the Chilean Coup of 1973 against Salvador Allende government supported by the USA is one of the most horrific military coups in Latin American history. It led to a 17-year dictatorship under U.S.-backed Augusto Pinochet, who was head of the Chilean army.

The military dictatorship of General Jorge Rafael Videla in Argentina that led among other brutalities to 30,000 victims missing was supported by the US.

The brutal dictatorship of Alfredo Stroessner in Paraguay lasted from 1954 to 1989. It was backed by the USA. He was replaced by former Bishop Fernando Lugo of the Christian Democratic Party as President of Paraguay. Lugo's government was removed from power by a coup backed by the USA.

In Guatemala the democratic election of left-leaning Jacobo Arbenz was overthrown during the US-backed 1954 Guatemalan coup d'état leading to right-wing US-en-

dorsed authoritarian governments.

The *North American Free Trade Agreement* (NAFTA) resulted in the loss of manufacturing jobs to Mexico and lower wages for U.S. workers. Nearly 3 million tons of harvested Mexican corn is left to rot every year because it is too expensive to sell. In 2008, tariffs on U.S. corn and beans and subsidies given to Mexican farmers were eliminated.

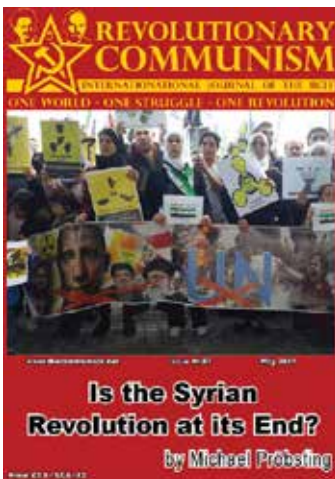
The Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty signed with the Republic of Panama in November 1903 granted the United States "exclusive and permanent possession of the Panama Canal Zone." The canal would not officially be turned over to Panama until the end of 1999.

Whether the immigrant and refugees should be allowed to enter the U.S. not the right of those who stole the lands of America to decide, and it is not the right of the Zionists to decide the right of return of the Palestinian refugees. They do it because they use force and they will continue to do it as long as these robbers have the power.

For humanity to survive this power must be broken by working class led socialist revolution!

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Prominent Israelis Protest against EU Propaganda to Identify Anti-Zionism with Anti-Semitism

Introduction by the Editorial Board

Below we republish an *Open Letter* which has been signed by 35 prominent Israelis, including Jewish-history scholars and Israel Prize laureates. It was released before a conference in Vienna what was billed as a "High Level Conference 'Europe beyond anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism – securing Jewish life in Europe'". This conference, which took place on 21st November, was organized by the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

This conference was an attempt of European imperialism to aid the racist Israeli Apartheid state and to criminalize Anti-Zionists and supporters of the Palestinian liberation struggle. The programme of the EU conference claimed: "Very often, anti-Semitism is expressed through exaggerated and disproportionate criticism of the state of Israel. The demonisation of Jews and the Jewish state in some parts of European society represents the newest manifestation of the oldest hatred."

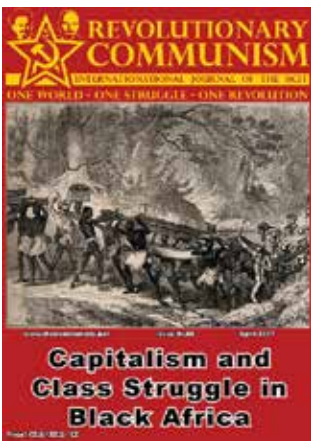
The purpose of this assertion is to identify Anti-Zionism with Anti-Semitism so that critics of the Israeli Apartheid state can be attacked, isolated and criminalized. As we have reported, activists of the RCIT, as well as others, have repeatedly become victims of such reactionary defamations and attempts of criminalization. (1)

The *Open Letter*, issued by prominent Israelis, is a remarkable document as it strongly criticises such attempts by European governments to identify Anti-Zionism with Anti-Semitism (by the way, similar attempts have been undertaken in the U.S. by fanatic supporters of Israel).

It correctly states: "Moreover, the conference announcement identifies anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism. However, Zionism, like all other modern Jewish movements in the 20th century, was harshly opposed by many Jews, as well as by non-Jews who were not anti-Semitic. Many victims of the Holocaust opposed Zionism. On the other hand, many anti-Semites supported Zionism. It is nonsensical and inappropriate to identify anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism."

The document is all the more remarkable as it has been issued by people who are politically not close to us. They have nothing to do with Marxism or consistent anti-imperialism. They are rather progressive liberals. This is, among others, also reflected in the *Open Letter* by a much too positive assessment of the EU itself. However, exactly for this reason this *Open Letter* is a welcoming development reflecting a growing global opposition against the fanatic offensive of Israeli imperialism and its North American and European allies.

We conclude by emphasizing, once more, what the RCIT and its comrades in Israel / Occupied Palestine have been campaigning for since years and decades: All socialists and all supporters of the Palestinian liberation struggle must struggle against the Israeli occupation and for the defeat of the Zionist state and its replacement by a single democratic, red workers and peasants Palestinian republic from the river to the sea. Such a struggle includes the stand for a peaceful coexistence of Arabs and Jews and against Anti-Semitism. (2)



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In particular we draw attention to the following programmatic documents:

The program of the RCIT section in Israel / Occupied Palestine: <http://www.the-isleague.com/our-platform/> and <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/summary-of-isl-program/>

Yossi Schwartz: Israel's War of 1948 and the Degeneration of the Fourth International, <http://the-isleague.com/1948-war-5-2013/> and <https://www.thecommunists.net/worldwide/africa-and-middle-east/israel-s-war-of-1948/>

Michael Pröbsting: On some Questions of the Zionist Oppression and the Permanent Revolution in Palestine, <http://the-isleague.com/zionist-oppression-and-permanent-revolution/> and <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/permanent-revolution-in-palestine/>

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Books of the RCIT

Michael Pröbsting: World Perspectives 2018 - A World Pregnant With Wars And Popular Uprisings

The RCIT is proud to announce the publication of a new English-language book – WORLD PERSPECTIVES 2018: A WORLD PREGNANT WITH WARS AND POPULAR UPRISINGS. The book's subtitle is: Theses on the World Situation, the Perspectives for Class Struggle and the Tasks of Revolutionaries.

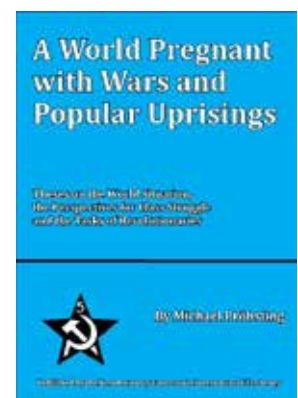
This book is a major contribution of our organization to keep the Marxists' analysis of the world situation and its accelerating contradictions updated. As we emphasize in the document, we consider it as crucial for revolutionaries to understand the nature and the inner dynamics of the current historic period. Without such an understanding it is impossible for socialists, indeed for all liberation fighters, to possess the necessary political compass on which they can base their program, strategy and tactics.

Since several years does the RCIT publish annual studies on the world situation in which it analysis its most important developments and changes. This book updates the Marxist analysis of the state of the world economy, of the relations between the Great Powers, of the struggle between the classes and the tactics of revolutionaries. We also deal in depth with new issues respectively extend our theoretical analysis on several questions. In particular we have deepened in this book,

among others, our understanding of the nature respectively the transitional character of the present world political phase, of the nature of different types of wars and the tactical conclusions arriving from this, of the complex nature of the conflicts in the Middle East, of the capitalist restoration in North Korea and, finally, we have elaborated a new proposal for an international platform for the unification of revolutionary forces in the present phase.

The book contains a preface, introduction and seven eight chapters plus an appendix (118 pages) and includes 23 figures , 9 tables and 2 maps. The author of the book is Michael Pröbsting who serves as the International Secretary of the RCIT.

You can find the contents and download the book for free at <https://www.thecommunists.net/theory/world-perspectives-2018/>



To Europe We Say:**Don't conflate criticism of Israel with anti-Semitism**

20 November 2018, <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/blog/israelis-warn-against-equating-anti-zionism-with-anti-semitism/>

In the context of its EU Presidency, the Austrian government will hold a high-level conference on November 21st, titled "Europe Beyond Anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism – Securing Jewish Life in Europe."

We fully embrace and support the EU's uncompromising fight against anti-Semitism. The rise of anti-Semitism worries us. As we know from history, it has often signaled future disasters to all mankind. The rise of anti-Semitism constitutes a real threat and should be a major concern in contemporary European politics.

However, the EU also stands for human rights and has to protect them as forcefully as it fights anti-Semitism. This fight against anti-Semitism should not be instrumentalized to suppress legitimate criticism of Israel's occupation and severe violations of Palestinian human rights.

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu was to address the conference in Austria, until he cancelled to stabilize his government. He has worked hard to conflate criticism of the state of Israel with anti-Semitism.

To our great concern, we see this conflation also in the official announcement of the conference by the Austrian government. It says: "Very often, anti-Semitism is expressed through exaggerated and disproportionate criticism of the state of Israel."

These words echo the anti-Semitism definition of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). Several examples of contemporary anti-Semitism attached to this definition, relate to harsh critique of Israel. As a result, the definition can be dangerously instrumentalized to afford Israel immunity against criticism for grave and

wide-spread violations of human rights and international law – criticism which is considered legitimate when directed at other countries. This has a chilling effect on any critique of Israel.

Moreover, the conference announcement identifies anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism. However, Zionism, like all other modern Jewish movements in the 20th century, was harshly opposed by many Jews, as well as by non-Jews who were not anti-Semitic. Many victims of the Holocaust opposed Zionism. On the other hand, many anti-Semites supported Zionism. It is nonsensical and inappropriate to identify anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism.

We must also not forget that the state of Israel has been an occupying power for more than 50 years. Millions of Palestinians under occupation lack basic rights, freedom and dignity. As the Israeli occupation is now transforming into annexation, it is essential, more than ever, that Europe rejects efforts to restrict free speech and to silence criticism of Israel on the false ground of equating it with anti-Semitism.

Europe also needs to do so for the credibility and effectiveness of its fight against anti-Semitism. Extending this fight to protect the state of Israel from criticism feeds misconceptions that Jews equal Israel – and are thus responsible for what Israel does.

As Israeli scholars, most of whom research and teach Jewish history, we say to Europe:

Relentlessly fight anti-Semitism to protect Jewish life in Europe, and allow it to thrive. Do so while maintaining a clear distinction between criticism of the state of Israel, harsh as it may be, and anti-Semitism. Don't mix anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism. And preserve free speech for those who reject the Israeli occupation and insist that it ends.

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Publications of the RCIT

Syria and Great Power Rivalry: The Failure of the „Left“

By Michael Pröbsting, April 2018

*The bleeding Syrian Revolution and the recent Escalation
of Inter-Imperialist Rivalry between the US and Russia –
A Marxist Critique of Social Democracy, Stalinism and Centrism*

Introduction * The liberation struggle of the Syrian people against Assad retains its just character * Against all imperialist aggressors! * Old and new Great Powers * The Ex-Stalinist turned social democrats: "God save the United Nations" * The Stalinists (and some caricatures in Trotskyist camouflage): social-imperialist servants of Assad and Putin * The Morenoite LIT, UIT and FLTI: the heart on the right place but not their brains * CWI and FT: failure to understand the imperialist nature of China and Russia * CWI / SWP(UK) / FT: refusing to support the Syrian Revolution * Conclusion * Footnotes

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The Meaning, Consequences and Lessons of Trump's Victory

By Michael Pröbsting, November 2016

Introduction * I. The Election Outcome * II. Where is the Trump Administration Heading? * III. Global Consequences: The Beginning of a New Era * IV. Lessons and Perspectives for the Struggle * V. Summary Theses * Footnotes

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What the RCIT Stands for

The *Revolutionary Communist International Tendency* (RCIT) is a fighting organisation for the liberation of the working class and all oppressed. It has national sections in various countries. The working class is the class of all those (and their families) who are forced to sell their labour power as wage earners to the capitalists. The RCIT stands on the theory and practice of the revolutionary workers' movement associated with the names of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

Capitalism endangers our lives and the future of humanity. Unemployment, war, environmental disasters, hunger, exploitation, are part of everyday life under capitalism as are the national oppression of migrants and nations and the oppression of women, young people and homosexuals. Therefore, we want to eliminate capitalism.

The liberation of the working class and all oppressed is possible only in a classless society without exploitation and oppression. Such a society can only be established internationally.

Therefore, the RCIT is fighting for a socialist revolution at home and around the world.

This revolution must be carried out and led by the working class, for she is the only class that has nothing to lose but their chains.

The revolution can not proceed peacefully because never before has a ruling class voluntarily surrendered their power. The road to liberation includes necessarily the armed rebellion and civil war against the capitalists.

The RCIT is fighting for the establishment of workers' and peasant republics, where the oppressed organize themselves in rank and file meetings in factories, neighbourhoods and schools – in councils. These councils elect and control the government and all other authorities and can always replace them.

Real socialism and communism has nothing to do with the so-called "real existing socialism" in the Soviet Union, China, Cuba or Eastern Europe. In these countries, a bureaucracy dominated and oppressed the proletariat.

The RCIT supports all efforts to improve the living conditions of workers and the oppressed. We combine this with a perspective of the overthrow of capitalism.

We work inside the trade unions and advocate class struggle, socialism and workers' democracy. But trade unions and social democracy are controlled by a bureaucracy. This bureaucracy is a layer which is connected with the state and capital via jobs and privileges. It is far from the interests and

living circumstances of the members. This bureaucracy's basis rests mainly on the top, privileged layers of the working class - the workers' aristocracy. The struggle for the liberation of the working class must be based on the broad mass of the proletariat rather than their upper strata.

The RCIT strives for unity in action with other organizations. However, we are aware that the policy of social democracy and the pseudo-revolutionary groups is dangerous and they ultimately represent an obstacle to the emancipation of the working class.

We fight for the expropriation of the big land owners as well as for the nationalisation of the land and its distribution to the poor and landless peasants. We fight for the independent organisation of the rural workers.

We support national liberation movements against oppression. We also support the anti-imperialist struggles of oppressed peoples against the great powers. Within these movements we advocate a revolutionary leadership as an alternative to nationalist or reformist forces.

In a war between imperialist states (e.g. U.S., China, EU, Russia, Japan) we take a revolutionary defeatist position, i.e. we don't support neither side and advocate the transformation of the war into a civil war against the ruling class. In a war between an imperialist power (or its stooge) and a semi-colonial country we stand for the defeat of the former and the victory of the oppressed country.

The struggle against national and social oppression (women, youth, sexual minorities etc.) must be led by the working class. We fight for revolutionary movements of the oppressed (women, youth, migrants etc.) based on the working class. We oppose the leadership of petty-bourgeois forces (feminism, nationalism, Islamism etc.) and strive to replace them by a revolutionary communist leadership.

Only with a revolutionary party fighting as its leadership can the working class win. The construction of such a party and the conduct of a successful revolution as it was demonstrated by the Bolsheviks under Lenin and Trotsky in Russia are a model for the revolutionary parties and revolutions also in the 21 Century.

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No revolution without a revolutionary party!

