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ZIONIST AGENCY OF U.S. IMPERIALISM.

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I.

The different Zionist organisations to be found in many capitalist countries represent nowadays an altogether widespread international espionage network in the service of the U.S. imperialists carrying out their criminal assignments. There is nothing fortuitous in this role of Zionism. It stems from the entire history and activity of the Zionist organisations.

Zionism made its appearance at the end of the eighties of the last century as a reactionary nationalist, movement of the Jewish bourgeoisie in Austria, Russia, Germany and other countries.

In 1896 Theodor Herzl, a reactionary Austrian journalist, published the booklet "The Jewish State", and a year later the first Zionist congress took place in Basle. This was quickly followed by the establishment of a Zionist society in London and a Zionist bank, supported by Rothschild, the notorious millionaire.

A central task of the Zionist movement right from its inception was to divert the Jewish working masses in all countries from participating in the general revolutionary struggle of the proletariat. In furtherance of this aim Zionism advanced its ultra-reactionary idea of the so-called "Jewish community", irrespective of country, of the economic, social and cultural conditions of the Jewish people and of the classes to which they belonged. This Zionist "idea" of the "Jewish community" was a typical manifestation of bourgeois nationalism and cosmopolitanism designed to deceive the Jewish petty bourgeoisie and the backward sections of the Jewish proletariat with the aim of getting them to follow in the wake of the rich Jews. It differed radically from the Marxist understanding of the nation and ran counter to the interests of the revolutionary struggle of the proletariat.

Way back at the beginning of the XXth century Lenin and Stalin sharply criticised such ideas and views, exposing both the Zionists and the nationalist and opportunist standpoint of the “Bund”.

In his article “Position of Bund in the Party” published in 1903, V. I. Lenin pointed out that the advancement by the “Bund” of the argument concerning the “Jewish nation” was simply a rehash of bourgeois ideas. Lenin wrote that “this Zionist idea is utterly false and reactionary in its essence”. He pointed out that “the idea of the ‘Jewish nation’ bears the obvious reactionary hallmark not only in the case of its consistent adherents (Zionists) but also of those who seek to make it compatible with the ideas of Social Democracy (Bundists)”.

J. V. Stalin, having smashed the reactionary nationalist “theories”, elaborated, in his work “Marxism and the National Question”, the Bolshevik theory and programme on the national question. He proved that a nation is not a racial or tribal, but a historically constituted community of people; that a nation is not a casual or ephemeral conglomeration, but a stable community of people. He gave a perfectly concise and clear, the sole correct and scientific definition of the nation, a definition which is an outstanding contribution to the advancement of social science.

“A nation”, wrote Comrade Stalin, “is a historically evolved, stable community of people which arose on the basis of community of language, territory, economic life, and psychological make-up manifested in a community of culture”.

Comrade Stalin further pointed out that only all the above mentioned characteristics taken together can define a nation and that not one of these characteristics taken separately is sufficient for defining a nation. Moreover, the absence of one of these characteristics is sufficient for a nation to cease to be a nation. In the light of these scientific theses in relation to the nation the reactionary-nationalist essence of Zionism becomes particularly clear.

The bourgeois-nationalist “ideas” of Zionism helped the Jewish capitalists and bankers to instil in the minds of the Jewish working masses the most harmful political illusions.

It should be borne in mind that in reality Zionism never combated anti-Semitism and those who fomented it in the interests of reaction. On the contrary. The above-mentioned Herzl, for example, crawled before the tsarist government in Russia. In May 1903 in a disgusting letter to von Plehve, the Tsar’s Minister of the Interior, butcher of workers and inspirer of anti-Jewish pogroms, Herzl attacked the Russian revolutionary movement and offered the tsarist government the services of the Zionists to combat the influence of this revolutionary movement on the Jewish youth.

In August 1903, Herzl recorded with satisfaction in his diary the following words of von Plehve: “We were sympathetic to your Zionist movement”. And this was said by the same von Plehve who, only four months earlier, had organised the terrible anti-Jewish pogrom in Kishinev the brunt of which was borne by the Jewish working masses.

The Zionists entered into contact with potentates and “high dignitaries in different countries: with Kaiser Wilhelm II, with the Sultan of Turkey, with the Pope, with

Chamberlain, and so on. There is hardly a reactionary force in the world which the Zionist leaders did not try to contact. They had dealings with Petlura, with Pilsudski and Mussolini. The Zionist movement in the person of its leaders and inspirers was not averse to entering into contact even with Hitler fascism. It is common knowledge that Jewish financiers in America, the men who subsidised the Zionists, simultaneously lavished money on Hitler before his advent to power. Incidentally, the meeting between von Papen and Hitler, which took place just before fascist rule was installed in Germany, was held in the premises of Baron Kurt van Schroder, a director of the "Stein Bank", which was connected with the Zionist movement, and correspondent for the "Levi", "Solomon", "Oppenheim & Co." firms. The big American banking firms, "Dillon Read & Co.", "Kuhn Loeb", "Lehman Brothers" and others with which the Zionist movement has always been closely connected, gave tremendous financial help to the German monopolists and facilitated fascism's advent to power. At present the same banking interests are again active in helping to revive predatory German imperialism.

II.

For years the Zionists have been closely connected with British imperialism and with the British Secret Service. Their head office was located in London for a long time and all their activity was directed by British diplomacy. The late Dr. Weizmann, leader of the Zionist movement and later President of Israel, was until 1946 an official of one of the British ministries. Other Zionist chieftains were direct agents of British imperialism. Eban, the Israeli representative to Uno, and Shiloah, who heads the Israeli intelligence service, worked for the British Secret Service for years.

Since the end of the second world war the Zionist movement, headed by reactionary bourgeois elements, has come more and more under the control of the U.S. imperialists. With branches all over Europe the Zionist movement, which includes numerous and varied organisations, has proved for the new pretenders to world domination a highly convenient instrument for organising espionage, sabotage and subversive work directed against the Soviet Union and the countries of people's democracy.

American capital is establishing financial and political control over the world Zionist organisation, meeting all the expenditure incurred in maintaining a widespread espionage apparatus. In America the Zionist organisation was headed by Robert Szold, businessman and brother of Harold Szold, an associate of the Lehman banking firm.

At the Rajk trial in Hungary the accused Tibor Szonyi, who confessed that he was a U.S. secret agent, testified as follows: "I knew, and I understood this very well while in Switzerland, that the Zionist movement as a whole maintains very close conflict with the U.S. secret service". The trial in Czechoslovakia of the anti-state conspiracy centre headed by Slansky showed the important role the Zionists played in the organisation of the centre. The witness Ornstein testified in court that already "in 1947, prior to the formation of the Israel state, a secret conference was held in Washington attended by Truman, Acheson, Ben Gurion, Sharett and Morgenthau junior. At this conference Morgenthau, Ben Gurion and Sharett agreed that Zionist

organisations would be used for espionage and other subversive activity in the People's Democracies, while the U.S. on its part would help the Israel Zionists carry out their plans".

Thus, recognition of Israel in May 1948 by the former U.S. President Truman was preceded by the Morgenthau-Acheson" plan, by an agreement between the U.S. rulers and Zionist leaders to the effect that the Zionists would place themselves wholly and completely in the service of U.S. imperialism for realisation of its aggressive designs.

III.

Israel, in recent years, has passed completely into the sphere of influence of the U.S. In a brief space of time U.S. capital largely dislodged British capital in Israel. Financial aid rendered Israel by American bankers amounts to 270 million dollars. "Kuhn Loeb", "Dillon Read and Co.", "Lehman Brothers", "Mellon" and other big U.S. financial groups are becoming the actual rulers of Israel.

The Israel Government is at present subordinated to the U.S. monopolies. A big role in the Israel economy is played by the "Palestine Economic Corporation". The chairman of this company is Morgenthau junior, former Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, who, simultaneously, is chairman of the "United Jewish Appeal", an international Jewish organisation, collecting funds for Israel.

In June 1951 the U.S. State Department officially announced that the Israel Government had agreed to accept U.S. military aid and to purchase military equipment in the U.S. In August 1951 Israel granted the use of its harbours to the U.S. Navy. In this way Israel's ruling circles have linked the fate of their state entirely with the aggressive policy of the United States. The American imperialists speak of Israel as one of their most faithful – after Turkey – pillars in the Near East. Israel, in the words of the U.S. political gangsters, is the advanced post of "American democracy" in the Near East.

In its aggressive plans in relation to the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies U.S. imperialism has assigned Israel the role of its base in the Near East.

In March 1952 the "New York Herald Tribune" openly wrote that Israel is being converted with U.S. assistance into a state which from the military standpoint will have vital significance in this part of the globe.

This, without doubt, accounts for the fact that such a small country as Israel with a territory of 21,000 square kilometres already has five big inter-continental airfields: in Lydda, Haifa, Jerusalem, Galilee and Negev. It goes without saying that these airfields are useless from the point of view of normal air communication but they are very important strategically in the aggressive designs of U.S.-British imperialism.

Simultaneously, the Israel rulers are taking a most active part in the "cold war" which the U.S. imperialists are waging against the countries of the socialist camp, and are doing all in their power to aggravate international tension. The Israel rulers have also established friendly "diplomatic" relations with the Tito-fascist gang.

In May 1952 Israel's Foreign Minister Sharett travelled to Washington to beg for more credit. He was granted two loans of 76 and 25 million dollars. Immediately afterwards Ben Gurion, Sharett and other Israel "leaders" began a frantic campaign of lies and slander against the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies, against the world peace movement, against the national-liberation movement in the Arab countries. The Israel rulers have now resolved to take their country openly into the aggressive North-Atlantic bloc.

The criminal act of terror perpetrated by the Zionist bandits against the U.S.S.R. Legation in Tel-Aviv was not fortuitous. It was the natural and logical result of the anti-Soviet line carried out in the past, and carried out now, by the Israel rulers at the instigation of the U.S. imperialists. It should be noted that the bomb thrown into the Soviet Legation, with the connivance of the police, was preceded by two attacks on the part of Zionist bandits against the Czechoslovak Embassy in Tel-Aviv.

Cultivating the lowest chauvinistic instincts the Israel Government seeks, on the one hand, to divert the attention of the working people in the country from the catastrophic state of the economy and, on the other, to fulfil the utterly provocative assignments of the warmongers with a view to aggravating the international tension.

All the foulness and the monstrosity of the crime of the Zionist fascist gang against the Soviet Legation in Tel-Aviv stands out particularly in the light of the fact that it was precisely the Soviet Union which, by smashing Hitler Germany, saved millions of Jews from extermination.

The wrath and burning indignation of the working people in the Soviet Union and of all progressive people in all countries were aroused by the foul crime of the terrorist group of doctor-killers, exposed and rendered harmless by the security organs in the Soviet Union. The majority of this criminal gang was associated, as is known, with the international Jewish bourgeois-nationalist, Zionist organisation known as "Joint" – a branch of U.S. intelligence.

The names of the doctor-killers, who, on orders from the U.S. and British secret services, killed Comrades A. A. Zhdanov and A. S. Shcherbakov, outstanding leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, will be cursed for ever. Progressive mankind will never forget these black crimes of the Zionist lackeys of the imperialist secret services.

The evil crimes of the group of doctor-killers, like the activities of the Zionists-participants in the anti-state conspiracy centre in Czechoslovakia and in the act of terror against the Soviet Legation in Tel-Aviv-all are links in the same chain. All are manifestations of the criminal activity of the U.S.-British imperialists and their hangers-on, aimed at preparing a new world slaughter. This explains why active struggle by all progressive forces in all countries against the machinations of the warmongers, why the sharpest vigilance by the popular masses are vital tasks of the day.

The peace-loving people in all countries brand with shame the imperialist jackals committing monstrous crimes, who resort to provocation after provocation and whip

up war hysteria. The day will come when the warmongers and their henchmen will be tried for all their crimes by the great court of the peoples!

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Workers of all lands, unite!

For a Lasting Peace, For a People's Democracy !

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On June 9 leaders of the Communist parties and Governments of the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Eastern Germany, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, and **Yugoslavia** held a —summitll meeting in Moscow to discuss what a joint statement described as —the situation created in the Middle East by Israel's aggression.ll Seven of the eight countries represented—the exception being Rumania —signed a statement denouncing Israeli —aggressionll and expressing full support for the Arab nations.

The signatories to the above statement were as follows:

Soviet Union—Mr. Brezhnev, Mr. Kosygin, and President Podgorny.

Bulgaria—Mr. Todor Zhivkov, first secretary of the Bulgarian Communist Party and Prime Minister, and Mr. Zhivko Zhivkov, First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

Czechoslovakia—President Novotny and Mr. Jozef Lenart, Prime Minister.

Eastern Germany—Herr Waiter Ulbricht, first secretary of the Socialist Unity Party, and Herr Willi Stoph, Prime Minister.

Hungary—Mr. Janos Kadar, first secretary of the Socialist Workers' Party, and Mr. Jeno Fock, Prime Minister.

Poland—Mr. Wladyslaw Gomulka, first secretary of the United Workers' Party, and Mr. Cyrankiewicz, Prime Minister.

Yugoslavia—President Tito and Mr. Vladimir Popovich, of the central committee of the Yugoslav League of Communists.

Rumania was represented at the Moscow meeting by Mr. Ceausescu, first secretary of the Communist Party, and Mr. Maurer the Prime Minister, neither of whom signed the above statement,

The Soviet Union broke off diplomatic relations with Israel. on June 10, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria also on June 10, Poland and Hungary on June 12, and Yugoslavia on June 13. Eastern Germany had no diplomatic relations with Israel, but an anti-Israel campaign of exceptional virulence was waged in the East German press and radio.