

"We Will be Faithful to Our Vision"

RUDE PRAVO, the newspaper of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, proclaimed several days ago that Zionism is the number one enemy of the working class; that its fanaticism, its chauvinism and its racism constituted the source of the inhuman activities of the capitalists; that Zionism like anti-Semitism is the source of ugly corruption; and finally: "The State of Israel has become a military base against the Soviet bloc and against the enslaved Arab people." Before us is an attempt to invalidate Zionism, the liberation movement of the Jewish people, and the State of Israel, the principal instrument of Zionist realization. This is a total rejection, ideological, moral, and political. It must be admitted that Zionism has not been spoken of in this fashion since the establishment of the State, even in the Yevsekizian Communist literature, which is rich in its slanderous expressions against it. In recent times, such words, in style or motivation, have not been used, and we must now arm ourselves with our best spiritual and ideological armor against this smear campaign which cannot be explained in any other way except as an attempt at total negation of the liberation movement of the Jewish people, the building of our national independence, and our concentration in our historic homeland.

For many decades we drank from the bitter cup of opposition to our liberating enterprise. Jewish Communists opposed us, and their opposition was nothing more than their refusal to recognize their own people, their cosmopolitan estrangement and assimilation. We drank, too, from the bitter cup of opposition to the Jewish liberation movement which the great revolutionary thinkers and practical architects of socialism handed us, because they did not believe in the wonder of the renaissance of an

The justifiable immediate shock felt by Jews and Zionists over the recent Prague Trials has been utilized by the Yiddish and other press outlets for hysterical accusations and commentaries. In order to balance the picture, we present a translation of an editorial which appeared in Al Hamishmar in Israel on November 26, 1952.

independent Jewish national sovereign state from scattered broken remnants bereft of all the attributes of a normal national existence.

We drank from this bitter cup and did not despair. We fought bitterly against those who estranged themselves from within, and threw their denials and falseness in their faces. We believed that the attitude of the socialist thinkers and the builders of a socialist society would change towards the problem of our nation's liberation and its territorial concentration in its homeland, because we believed that the principle of self-determination of peoples was not an empty principle with regard to our people. And above all, we believed in the strength of the pioneering will of the masses of our people and the masses of Jewish youth.

We built a nation and we built a land in a revolutionary era in the lives of our people. We did not build enough, and we also did not gather enough Jews in this land. There remains a Jewish dispersion in the capitalist lands and in the socialist lands. But there was much magic in our revolutionary deed. It was the magic of the renaissance of an ancient people through the renewal of its national and social existence. It was one of the great revolutionary actions of our generation, a generation of national and social revolutions. If we had been helped more, if enemies and opponents had not risen against us, we would have surely reached even greater achievements. Imperialism interfered. It saw in us an obstacle to its program for domination and its social basis in the Middle East. And the Soviet Union, attempted to go along its own ways for the concentration of the Jewish people, through the establishment of a Jewish autonomous republic, recognizing an abnormality in the lives of the Jews in its own land. The strong internal struggle which took place in the masses of Jews in that land concluded, to our regret, in the strengthening of the goal of Jewish assimilation and the negation of Zionism by the Soviet government, until the Gromyko declaration.

Since when does the Communist movement identify a people and a state with a government and its policies, wrong as these policies may be?

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"This New Reality"

By Chaim Weizmann

It is the fashion of the hour to attack Marxism and to talk about the dictatorship of the proletariat. I am not a Marxist, I do not know if I am a bourgeois, but certainly I am not a capitalist. Still, the meaning of my non-Marxism is different from that of others whose attacks on Marxism are now so prevalent.

It is not my intention to involve you in an essay on materialism but I wish merely to say this: We are in a world in which the lines of demarcation between matter and energy have disappeared, in a world where Newton's laws of gravity have been shaken and in which all scientific conceptions are undergoing changes and facing severe crises. It is certain that any man who has already half relinquished his dogmatic scientific approach cannot continue stubbornly to adhere to a specific social regime of one sort or another. Also, it seems to me that the concept called historic materialism has a genius-like one-sidedness. But, the economic theories of this materialism—and this I want to say to our colleagues of the right-wing—have something which are representative of the theory and spirit of our Biblical prophets.

I am glad to say that I am in most friendly relations with the Histadrut of the working class. The Histadrut has taken root in Israel partly from the *Haskala* (Enlightenment) and partly from Marxism. It is the one harmonious synthesis of these ideas which has been translated into a reality, not in a vacuum but in the difficult soil of Israel. This new reality has left its impress upon the character of Israel and places before a world yearning for something better a new enlightenment.

Do you really think that the world is interested in another million cases of oranges? Oranges can also be grown in other areas of the world. The world is longing for new, pure, creative forms that will lift us out of the anarchy of the present. The beginnings of these new forms were established through the efforts of this generation in Israel. If I have a prayer in my heart it is this prayer—that this generation will continue to follow and advance along the same path.

This excerpt is from an address delivered by Chaim Weizmann at the 19th Congress of the World Zionist Organization.

The Soviet Union voted for the establishment of the State of Israel in the UN Assembly in 1947. Was it because it believed that the political direction of the State of Israel was clear cut and would not veer from the principle of independence and non-identification? The Soviet Union recognized the State of Israel immediately after the invasion by the feudal Arab countries because it accepted the principle of national self-determination and the right of the Jewish people to a sovereign state of their own.

The masses of the Jewish people living in the State of Israel, the masses of immigrants who came to it during the five years of its existence and who are struggling to root themselves in it, and all those who tasted the flavor of British imperialist rule—for them, the country is a base for Jewish national concentration, for building their lives within it; for rooting themselves on the land, in work and in the national culture. Here they are developing a high agricultural and industrial culture; they are establishing farms, collectives, cities; they are building the basis of a collective socialist system.

Governments and regimes change, but states and nations exist forever. Zionism is a peoples' movement, a national liberation movement. It changed petty bourgeois, isolated individuals and cosmopolitan intellectuals into a people rooted in the soil and the homeland, builders of a new nation and a new society.

It is a slander to say that the State of Israel has enslaved, or is preparing to enslave, the Arab peoples. Such words are heard from the mouths of Arab League spokesmen, who rule and enslave their peoples and undertook to destroy the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

It is our lot in these days to drink again from the cup of poison which we thought we had already drunk to the last drop. But the widespread and great deception which seeks to hide our Jewish, human, and Zionist character will not change our minds. We will not be pulled along by the dark wave. As before, we shall be faithful to our vision of peoples' freedom, of socialist building.

We believe in the future of Zionism as the liberating movement of the Jewish people. We believe in the future of the socialist State of Israel.

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