

Zionist enterprise leads to racist attitude

A statement by the Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews.

The central claim made by the Zionist movement since its inception is that the creation of the Jewish State in Palestine provides the *only* solution to the Jewish question. Moreover, the left wing of the Zionist movement claimed the Zionist enterprise could lead to the social emancipation of the Jewish workers and farmers.

Largely on this basis, the Zionist movement came to command the allegiance of millions of well-meaning humanitarians, liberals, and social democrats, both Jews and non-Jews, throughout the world. The Zionist enterprise also gained the active support of institutions and governments which commanded the

concrete power to insure the establishment of Israel. Without their support, the Zionist enterprise would have remained a utopian fantasy.

Until the holocaust of the second World War, Zionism had little claim to any substantial support among the world-dispersed Jewish population. The unparalleled attempt to systematically annihilate the European Jewish population during World War II was decisive in its effect — a stampede towards Zionism — even though the Zionist leaders refused to fight to open the doors of even one country to Jewish refugees — except for Palestine.

Actually this compliance with the anti-Semitic closed-door policy of Canada, the U.S. and Britain was the

logic of their Zionist loyalty which could not serve the life and death needs of the Jewish people.

The worldwide activities of Zionist institutions have only now reached a mature level of material power. The time has come to subject these "achievements" to the critical evaluation of those deeply concerned with the social emancipation of the Jewish people in particular, and with social progress in general.

THWARTED GOALS

Not only has the Zionist movement failed to advance the social goals it claims as objectives, but its practical effect has been to thwart them. Rather than providing a haven for Jews in Palestine, Zionism has created a trap. The Israeli state faces continued war against increasingly unified peoples with mounting world support. The consequences can only be tragic, and may likely involve the mutual use of nuclear weapons.

What twist of logic considers that the solution to the Jewish question could be realized by the record of the Israel state? That is:

- the Israeli leaders have created a military fortress, at war with all the nations surrounding it;

- the material costs of Israel's war policy have been loaded onto the backs of Israeli workers (through an inflation rate of about 35 per cent and the devaluation of 43 per cent) while a new generation of millionaires has risen to political power;

- Israel's "black-skinned" Jews are suffering from miserable oppression in the white-dominated social structure;

- despite Israel's claim to be democratic, it still enforces emergency regulations imposed by British imperialists and characterized by Zionist leaders at the time as

"fascist";

- the Israeli state, since its inception, has been allied with the most reactionary forces on a world scale.

(The Zionist Organization of America quite correctly stated in its open letter to Nixon in the New York Times on July 30, 1974 that "a secure and strong Israel is vital to our country's global interests... The de facto alliance between United States and Israel remains the firm bedrock of our position in the eastern Mediterranean...");

- Israel remains a militant supporter of U.S. imperialism and was among the first to extend diplomatic recognition to the brutal military dictatorship of Chile.

SELF-HATE

In the past, all Jews have been identified with the Israeli state. A Jew who did not identify with the interests of the Israeli state was considered a self-hater. We reject the slander of the Zionist establishment which equates critics of Zionism with anti-Semites. We do not consider Zionism to be identical with the fight against anti-Semitism.

Critical Jews are considered self-haters because of the Zionist belief

that all non-Jews are potential anti-Semites. Thus, any solution to the Middle East crisis that rejects this view, and accepts non-Jews as potential allies in our struggle against anti-Semitism, is labelled a rejection of Jewishness. Consequently Zionism removes the need to consider the national rights of the Palestinians, and engenders a racist attitude towards Palestinians and Arabs in general.

RIGHT TO RETURN

While seeking Jewish self-determination, Zionists have denied that same right of self-determination to the Palestinians. Instead of the "law of return" for every Jew, we would rather seek a solution for the continual Mid-east war by supporting the "right to return" for every Palestinian.

Recognizing the need for critical re-evaluation of the Mid-east situation, we intend to express a non-Zionist opposition to the policies of the Zionist enterprise in order to clarify the developing contradictions of Zionism.

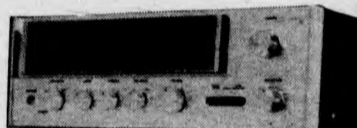
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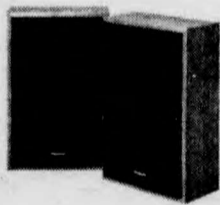
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Sponsored by the department of English and Stong College, Strzetelski will speak on John Webster's Imagery as an Example of Elizabethan Dramatic Art, at 3 p.m. today in the Faculty Lounge on the second floor of the Fine Arts Building.

Tomorrow at 11 a.m., Strzetelski will be at Glendon College to talk about his recent research at Harvard University on Roman Ingarden's Phenomenological Theory of Literature in York Hall, room A107. At 2 p.m. he will lead an informal discussion of Contemporary Polish Culture in Stong College's Senior Common Room (201). Everyone is welcome.

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