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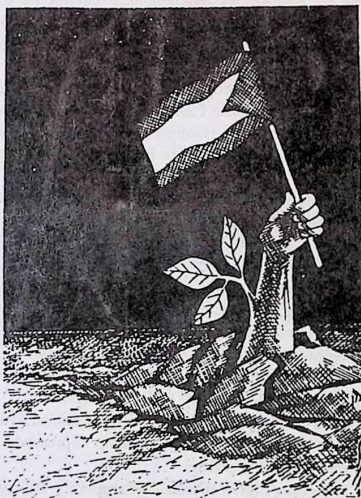
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As we go to press, the Begin-Sharon junta hanging on to power in the face of mounting opposition in Israel has embarked on the "final solution" of the Palestine problem. The policy they are pursuing is stamped with the "made in the U.S.A." label. Out of their own mouths, the Israeli ruling clique, with the full knowledge and support of the Reagan Administration, has spewed forth the call for the "extermination of the P.L.O.," the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Blindness as well as madness and arrogance overtake ruling cliques as they come to the end of their days. The flame of Palestinian independence cannot be extinguished. Reddened with the blood of martyrs, the flame grows ever brighter today, drawing ever-wider support of the peoples throughout the world.

The Palestinian people will live in peace among the peoples of the Middle East and the entire world in an independent state. And history will relegate a fate for the Begin-Sharon annexationists befitting that of oppressors.

We condemn the Begin-Reagan invasion of Lebanon and salute and embrace our Palestinian and Lebanese brothers and sisters whose determined and long-persisting struggles for freedom are winning support of ever-increasing numbers of U.S. Jews as well as of the multi-racial, multi-national peoples of our country.

In tribute to the P.L.O. and the Palestinian people they represent we reprint in our pages the translation of a poem by a Palestinian poet. It first appeared in the May 1982 issue of the monthly *Sovietish Heimland*.

With a deep sense of responsibility, we proudly identify with the spirit of internationalism expressed in the introduction to the poem:

"The editors have invited contemporary Palestinian Arab literature to the pages of *Sovietish Heimland*, thereby endeavoring to express a feeling of international solidarity with the heroic fighters for the legitimate rights of the fraternal Arab people of Palestine. We hope that readers in the Soviet Union and other countries, including the State of Israel, will appreciate that Soviet Jewish writers have translated into Yiddish the works of embattled Palestinian writers as a contribution to the just struggle that is in the interests of all the peoples of the world."

We call upon the readers of Jewish Affairs to intensify their efforts to end the bloodshed in Lebanon by calling for the withdrawal forthwith of the Israeli troops from Lebanon and for the stoppage of shipments by the Reagan Administration of all military supplies to Israel.

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The Fate of Israel—The Fate of Humanity

by Herbert Aptheker

(Text of address at 10th annual dinner, 6/13/82)

War, again, in the Mid-East. Again, the armed forces of Israel have invaded the territory of a sovereign nation, hurling explosives upon armed and unarmed men, women and children. Precise data as to casualties are not now known, but surely they number in the thousands dead and tens of thousands wounded with whole villages destroyed.

On May 28 of this year, Tawfik Zattad, mayor of Nazareth, the center of the largest Arab population in Israel, and a member of the Knesset, while visiting San Francisco, held a press conference. Here he warned that Israel would launch an attack upon Lebanon "at any moment"; that this entailed the larger threat of a confrontation with Syrian forces and that whatever the "successes" of this assault, it could not and would not "solve the problems of the Middle East, and would only contribute to the problem."

It is important to recall that that same May, the warhawk Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, was in Washington. Tel Aviv's war preparations were already well known; it is difficult to believe that the military assault upon Lebanon was launched shortly after Sharon's visit without Washington having been informed of the plans and giving at least tacit approval.

The recent publication of the study on the Mid East by the American Friends Service Committee, entitled *A Compassionate Peace: A Future for the Middle East* (Hill & Wang, N.Y., 226 pp., \$6.95 paper), offers an opportunity for a fresh examination of this crucial question. Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf of Chicago, reviewing the book in the *Jewish Sentinel* (April 29, 1982) said it was a balanced, wise, moderate and important work; given all this Rabbi Wolf was moved to "wonder why Jewish Organizations so resolutely ignore or oppose it." He does not answer this question, though he notes that "the AFSC is in rather bad repute among some of us Jews" — he does not say why — and then adds that "one must almost invoke a death-wish among us Jews."

One may reject the Freudian suggestion as not meant seriously; the somewhat cryptic reference to the AFSC does offer a lead. The fact is that *A Compassionate Peace* is that Committee's second report on the Mid East; the first, issued in 1970, was entitled *Search for Peace in the Mid East*. That study refused to endorse the nationalistic and chauvinistic line of the dominant leaders, then, in the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation

League. Such a so-called leadership preferred Nixon and Brzezinski to the objective efforts of the Friends; this earned the AFSC the "bad repute" to which Rabbi Wolf refers.

But between the first and second study of the Friends a dozen years have passed; their own 1982 study is much improved over the 1970 one. It is likely that not only the *Chicago Sentinel* will welcome the book — as it did — but that very large elements of the Jewish population disenchanted with the reactionary leadership and challenging it within the old organizations and through the creation of fresher groups — such as New Jewish Agenda — will find in this Friends study much nourishment for a policy of peace in the Mid East and the preservation of the lives of all its peoples.

The body of the book offers arguments and proposals which — with some notable differences — especially an absence of a clear condemnation of Israel's aggressions and an acceptance, on the whole, of Haig's view of developments in Afghanistan — are strikingly similar to those which have been forthcoming from the Left in the United States and specifically from *Jewish Affairs* ever since its founding a decade ago. The seeds planted by the Left and the irresistible power of historical forces have brought about that situation. It behooves us of the Left to comprehend the new situation and to understand that doors are open to us which were closed a few years ago. Scores of thousands of Jewish people in this country are not only ready to give the arguments of *A Compassionate Peace* a respectful hearing but they are eager also to know our opinions of that kind of approach and where and why we may differ from one or another element in it.

It is the Begin government — sustained and financed by Washington — which for the past five years has exacerbated the war danger in the Mid East. When he took office in mid-1977, Begin declared that the West Bank would be known by the Biblical terms, Judea and Samaria. When, later, he asked the Knesset to approve the Camp David accords, he made clear that so far as his government was concerned the West Bank and Gaza would never come under any sovereignty other than Israel's, that Jerusalem — with its greatly enlarged borders — would never again be divided and that it would remain as the capital of Israel forever and that a Palestinian state would never be established. Of course, words like "forever" and "never" come easily to the mouths of demagogues but with great rarity to the pens of scholars.

Since 1967 the occupation policy of Israel has moved from brutality to barbarity, the latter characterizing the Begin regime. From 1967 on, Israel chose to rely not

upon adherence to the Geneva Convention in its occupation policies but rather upon the Defense Emergency Regulations first issued by the British in 1937 and codified by them in 1945.

From 1967 through 1980, under the 1945 Emergency Regulations, over 200,000 people in the occupied territories have been arrested and brought to Israeli prisons, detention centers and police stations. Of those apprehended 70 per cent were between the ages of 16 and 23 and almost all of those arrested — a full 90 per cent — were seized — to quote the Friends, “for the sole purpose of eliciting information about political or potential security concerns.” Most were released after being held for a few days but quite a few were retained without trial for extended periods of time, sometimes for years. In the occupied areas, again to quote the report: “International law has been distorted and violated; rules of evidence, argument, and due process have been lax or altered in ways detrimental to defendants; and the role of defense counsel has been deeply compromised.”

In addition to this systematic violation of international law by Israel in the occupied areas, extra-exploitation of their working people is institutionalized so that, as the Friends report: “Palestinians’ wages are not covered by Israeli trade-union agreements. They are ineligible for the basic social welfare benefits given Israeli workers. The Israeli National Insurance system does not include West Bank-Gaza residents.”

The PLO has held discussions not only with Left and progressive elements within Israel but also with less hawklike Zionists. The conclusion is clear. Arafat, to quote the Report, “generally has limited his view of a Palestinian state to the currently occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, twenty percent of the former land of Palestine. In addition, he has accepted the concept of security provisions, including joint superpower guarantees, demilitarized zones, and UN peacekeeping forces within the Palestinian state.”

And in March, 1977 Arafat defended, before the Palestine National Committee, the talks being held between the PLO and Zionist members of the Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace with these words: “Are you willing to live together with the Jews? If not you are using false slogans since the day the Palestinian state will be created, we shall have to live with the Jews side by side and in peace.”

All this in fact, though not yet in explicit words, amounts to a repudiation of the PLO covenant, written in 1964 and amended in 1968, which declared the 1947 UN partition to be illegal and called for the termination of Zionist presence in Palestine. Israel must face the fact

that 105 nations have recognized the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people and have, indeed, granted the PLO the status of a government-in-exile.

Begin’s policy of expansion and absorption is one whose logic is endless war and ultimately catastrophe. He has interpreted the “autonomy” mentioned in the Camp David agreement to mean that Israel would control the land and water in the “autonomous” area, that the Israeli settlements would remain under Israeli control and that there would be no restrictions on the creation of additional settlements(!), that Israel would control education, would issue currency, would direct tourism, that all Jerusalem would remain as Israel’s capital and would be controlled only by Israel and that defense and foreign affairs of the “autonomous” area would be under Israeli direction. What is left for the Palestinians in their “autonomous” area under Begin’s plan? They would have their own flag, their own anthem, their own local police and they would pick up their own garbage.

This is, of course, a sick joke, a racist insult, as well as being, in the measured language of the Friends “an *alternative* to self-determination and an independent state.” (Italics added-H.A.)

Begin’s policy means catastrophe just in its own terms — quite apart from the response of the Palestinian people and the Arab peoples and the antiimperialist majority of humanity. In the Fall of 1980 a study made by the Hebrew University itself indicated that, under the present policy, by the year 2010 (less than thirty years away) Jews would account for not more than 45% of the population of the enlarged state — as it is now, assuming no further acquisition of land! (Reported in *Washington Post*, September 8, 1980.)

The “solution” offered by the Likud coalition is the migration of Arabs. One is reminded of the book by Meier Kahane — the Jewish Horst Wessel — recently published by no less than Grosset and Dunlap advocating a “final” solution of his own — the forced removal of all Palestinians from Greater Israel. Actually, much of the Begin coalition favors the extermination of the Palestinians. In one of the most tragic ironic twists in history, some who survived extermination are now advocates of the extermination of others.

In the body of the Report itself the Joint Statement issued by the United States and the Soviet Union — through Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Foreign Affairs Minister A.A. Gromyko — dated October 1, 1977, is barely mentioned. Happily, however, in the valuable appendix to this volume, one of the documents

reprinted is the text of that 1977 Statement. The full history of that Statement — and how Washington was persuaded then to agree to it, if only momentarily — has not been told. It has the character of a possible watershed in policy — very much like the 1963 American University speech of President Kennedy calling for an “agonizing reappraisal” of U.S. foreign policy, which reappraisal died with him.

Be this as it may, the fact is that the 1977 Soviet-U.S. Statement outlines the way toward resolving the threat to world peace which exists in the Mid East. This Statement called for “a just and lasting settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict”; to be such it would have to be “comprehensive, incorporating all parties concerned and all questions.” This meant, the Statement continued, that “all specific questions of the settlement should be resolved, including such key issues as withdrawal of Israeli Armed Forces from the territories occupied in the 1967 conflict; the resolution of the Palestinian questions, including assuring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, termination of the state of war and establishment of normal peaceful relations on the basis of mutual recognition of the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence.”

The Statement called for the establishment of demilitarized zones to be guarded by U.N. troops, with international guarantees of agreed upon State borders. For this kind of solution, the two Powers went on, reconvening the Geneva Conference was needed; the Statement affirmed that Washington and Moscow were ready to assume again their positions of Co-Chairmen of such a conference whose participants would include “representatives of all the parties involved in the conflict including those of the Palestinian people.” The signers agreed “to facilitate in every way the resumption of the conference not later than December, 1977.”

How much more secure the world would be had such a Conference been held five years ago! How many Israeli and Arab lives would have been spared!

The promises were all repudiated within a matter of weeks by Washington and repeated suggestions by the USSR for a resumption of the Geneva peace process have been rejected; in its place came the fraudulent Camp David so-called peace agreement of September, 1978 — which was actually a war alliance and which therefore has intensified turmoil in the Mid East rather than paved the way for an end to bloodshed.

Relevant is the fact that on June 1 of this year, the Foreign Minister of Lebanon, Fuad Butros, chose to tell an international group of journalists in Beirut, that —

quoting an AP dispatch of that date — “the United States must accept a role for the Soviet Union in solving this country’s crisis, the Iran-Iraq war and the Palestinian problem.” (NYT, 6.2.82) Mr. Butros continued that it was “‘unrealistic’ for the Reagan Administration to exclude the Russians from discussing solutions to Middle East issues.”

With this kind of thinking made public by the highest circles of the Lebanese government, one may better understand Israel’s assault upon it, coming shortly after Tel Aviv’s Defense Minister conferred with leading officials in Washington.

Begin hangs on to his position quite literally by the skin of his teeth; twice within recent weeks the challenge to his government has been overcome by a single vote. The doubts and opposition to the Begin policy within Israel have now reached the armed forces. Some months ago a group of enlisted men refused service in the occupied areas and endured prison rather than undertake the role of despised overseer; most recently several commissioned officers — including some who had earned high decorations for bravery in combat — have issued public statements condemning occupation practices, which resulted in the killing — according to the Israelis — of fifteen Arabs — most of them teen-agers, and the wounding of scores. One of the Israeli officers, in his public protest, declared of his own occupying troops: “They swooped down on demonstrations like animals tearing at prey. This is how we are educating our soldiers? Good God, what will become of us?” A former justice of the Israeli Supreme Court, Haim Cohen, having in mind the treatment of Druses after the annexation of the Golan Heights, said he asked himself: “Is this Israeli law that they are imposing? It is the law of barbarians.” (Anthony Lewis column, *N.Y. Times*, May 20, 1982.) After the euphoria of the latest Israeli “victory” — with its heavy casualties — passes the anti-Begin movement inside Israel will grow.

The development of significant opposition to the Begin government’s practices among the Jews in the United States is by now a widespread national phenomenon, encompassing Reformed and Conservative Jewish groups, serious splits within both the American Jewish Committee and Congress, and the ADL and seeing the growth of such progressive organizations as the New Jewish Agenda.

As the nationalist and chauvinist line of the Israeli government and the mainline Jewish organizations in the U.S. produced uncritical support of Tel Aviv, so it produced uncritical support of Washington. But as the former is being more and more challenged and rejected

among Jewish masses, so is the latter. Concerning the Tel Aviv line and opposition to it, consider the remarkable editorial by Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, editor of the leading Jewish literary quarterly, *Jewish Spectator*, appearing in its Spring, 1982 issue. Mrs. Weiss-Rosmarin identifies herself as close to Begin ideologically but she admits now that "the 'Greater Israel' blueprint is doomed because it will spell the doom of Israel." She writes at some length of the reality since World War II of the rise and successes of national liberation movements and places the Palestinian movement within that context. She has reached the point of agreeing that "the only representative of the Palestinians that could be faced up to is the PLO" and concludes: "Facts of life are often harsh — and it is not easy to come to terms with them. But the alternative is disaster. Also for Israel."

This is an editorial by one who calls herself a "Zionist maximalist"; well, the editor of the Communist magazine *Jewish Affairs* quotes her latest remarks with full approbation! Israel's ally now — in addition to South Africa and Washington — is the fascist gang around Major Haddad's phalange.

The related side of the development is the growing Jewish commitment to opposition to Washington's foreign policy. At the end of this May over one hundred religious and secular Jewish leaders, including dozens of Rabbis, three members of Congress, four Nobel Prize winners and former presidents of the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress have joined with the editors of *Menorah*, the monthly published in Washington, to call urgent attention to the thermonuclear holocaust threatening the globe and demand the control and reversal of the arms race.

It was possible in the past to force an end to the Vietnam horror, to induce a President of the U.S. to see the need for an "agonizing reappraisal" of his own foreign policy, and to persuade another — if only for a brief interlude — to permit his Secretary of State to sign the 1977 Mid East proposal with the Foreign Minister of the USSR. With the power of the peace movement — as shown by the historic demonstration in NYC yesterday — by mass demonstrations complemented on the West Coast, it is clear it is possible to force Washington to change its policy of expansionism, nuclear weaponry, anti-national liberation and anti-Sovietism.

The method is to project clearly a viable alternative to that policy — an alternative of disarmament and peace, of an end to the nightmare of possible nuclear war, and then to persuade the people of the U.S. to actively

Begin Government Endangers World Peace

By Daniel Rubin

(Text of address at 10th annual dinner, 6/13/82)

Three events have come together in time today, which at first glance seem otherwise unrelated. *Jewish Affairs* Magazine organized this 10th Annual Dinner to honor Dr. Herbert Aptheker, its editor. The timing could not be better because of the second event, yesterday's tremendously inspiring peace demonstration. It is one of the biggest demonstrations in U.S. history. It was truly the most important peace demonstration in our history. The majority peace sentiment in this country will not be turned back until it compels a basic change to a policy of peaceful coexistence and detente. Yesterday's demonstration put peace right into the center of the nation's concerns and it put the Reagan administration on the defensive. Reagan's attempts to trick the people into believing he is a man of peace clearly will not work. Peace is abroad in the land and it is unstoppable.

Since nearly all of us here today were at the peace demonstration, we should now applaud each other and the other 1 million people who took part in this historic act.

It is fitting, even if a little physically taxing, that on this peace weekend, *Jewish Affairs* is holding its dinner and is honoring Dr. Herbert Aptheker. And I am appreciative of having been asked to speak on this occasion in behalf of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party, USA. Herbert Aptheker is a lifelong ardent champion of peace, what better weekend than a peace weekend to honor Herb Aptheker?

The third event occurred despite the opposition of everyone here—namely the ruthless, genocidal attack by the Israeli ruling circles and their military on the Palestinian people represented by the PLO and on the people of Lebanon and Syria. As a result, this is a celebration of yesterday's peace action. It is a dinner honoring Dr. Aptheker and a protest dinner at the necessary moment and demanding that the aggression be ended and the Israeli military occupation be totally and *unconditionally* withdrawn at once.

The Israeli expansionists are proving themselves among the world's worst terrorists, worthy of their South African racist allies. How else can you characterize the Israeli ruling circles than as terrorists and genocidal racists? The NY Times of June 10 reports how the Israeli military called on the civilian population of Tyre to go onto the beach and then kept 41,000 mainly women, children and elderly there for several days without any food, water and shelter. According to the Times 30 thousand civilians have been killed and injured.

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600,000 have been made homeless, by the indiscriminate terror bombings and shellings.

The first excuse given for such brutality was the shooting of Israeli Ambassador Argov in England, a shooting the PLO immediately denounced. Even the reactionary pro-Begin Margaret Thatcher was quoted by the NY Times (6/7/82) that "she was convinced that the shooting . . . was not the reason for the Israeli attack . . ." since the PLO representative in Britain was also on the assassination list. So, the Israeli Government came forward with another lying excuse. They said they were retaliating for the PLO shelling of Israeli settlements. But this falseifies the admitted sequence of events. Israel bombed Beirut, killing and wounding hundreds. The Times of June 7 says, "the Israeli command described the air raids as retaliation for the shooting of Israel's ambassador. . ." The shelling came afterward, in response to the bombing of Beirut. We Communists, of course, do not want to see any civilians killed or to see war in the Mid East. The question is who is responsible and why and what is a just solution in the interests of the masses of working people of all countries.

Israeli ruling circles use a strange logic in their lying attempts to excuse aggression. First they occupy land that is not theirs. Then they send colonial settlers to live there. When this occupation is resisted, the resistance is called "aggression." This is a line of reasoning that would justify conquering the whole world, each new aggression being carried out in the name of defending colonial settlers in the most recently occupied territory.

But it has become clear, the Israeli objectives had nothing to do with shelling. Their aim is to try and turn back the clock of history, to change the relationship of forces in the entire area for a whole period to come. They are seeking to destroy the PLO military forces, to discredit the PLO and isolate it from the Palestinian Arab masses and Arab peoples generally, *none* of which they can succeed in doing. The PLO in Lebanon has been fighting a popular guerrilla war with the support of the people. Vietnam should have taught us and the Israeli's that "search and destroy missions" against such popular forces can not succeed. The Begin Government also set out to impose a puppet regime in all of Lebanon. They set out to smash Syria militarily and to overthrow its progressive government, to be replaced by an imperialist tool under whatever cover. One of the means in which Israel seeks to achieve these things would be a multinational military force including *direct U.S. military participation* in Lebanon and not under UN control.

It is clear the U.S. agreed with Israel's plans and

objectives. According to David Shipler in the NY Times of June 7, "Israel's invasion . . . came . . . as the culmination of months of military and political calculation in which . . . Begin repeatedly allowed the troops to be massed and the saber to be rattled, only to pull back at . . . the last moment . . . Until today the crucial factors favoring a major assault never quite lined up. . ." What changed? Shipler answers, "Throughout Friday and Saturday, Israeli officials report, no word of warning came from President Reagan. . . Only today at 7 AM . . . after the decision had been made to launch the invasion was a letter . . . delivered . . . to Begin. The delay had already created the impression in Government circles here that the U.S. would understand the Israeli action. . ." Four hours later Israel invaded:

The speed with which U.S. Carriers and fleet arrived off the coast is not for purposes of evacuating U.S. civilians but to show their support of Israel and try to prevent any Soviet move to aid those attacked. The U.S. military and intelligence are so intermeshed with those of Israel, it is inconceivable they did not know Israel was about to move with these aims, especially since Israel had come close to launching the same kind of attack earlier. Reagan may not be happy that Israel upstages his trip and used, not only the British aggression in the Malvinas Islands but also Reagan's tour as a cover in picking the day to start the attack. But if Reagan had been serious about preventing it, the Administration could have ordered a hold-up of the \$1 billion of U.S. military supplies in the pipeline to Israel and that alone would have prevented it.

But reactionary, racist ruling circles often exhibit class blindness to world realities. Israel, with U.S. encouragement, has overextended itself. They are totally isolated politically. The armed resistance has been much more than expected and Israeli losses higher. The Arab masses are moving leftward in response. The Peace Now Movement in Israel has not folded up and there are courageous actions for peace in Israel even now. U.S. public opinion is overwhelmingly opposed and does not want U.S. involvement in a so-called peace-keeping force. And finally, the message of President Brezhnev to Reagan reminding him of the Soviet-Syrian friendship and mutual defense treaty and that the Soviet Union keeps its international obligations, has spurred the U.S. to become worried that the big Israeli gamble it had encouraged would end in disaster. I quote the Times of 6/12/ 82, "The Israeli decision to halt action against Syrian forces came after Begin received two messages from Reagan. . . . The Israeli press reported . . . the

messages referred to concerns and warnings from the Soviet Union. . . ." All this has forced an Israeli cease fire, at least for the moment, before they occupied Beirut as leaflets dropped over the city said they would do.

So once again, the Begin Government has endangered world peace, slaughtered thousands of Arab civilians and its own people and betrayed the true national interests of the masses of Israeli people—Jews as well as Arabs, in pursuit of policies that are historically doomed. Only a policy of returning all the occupied territories, of recognition of the PLO and acceptance of a Palestinian Arab state and of the need to live in peace with its Arab neighbors can provide peace and security for Israel. The present policy breeds one war after another, each time increasing the danger of enlargement into world nuclear war. It is a policy that creates an atmosphere incompatible with peaceful relations among neighboring states. It is a policy of national suicide. Now is the time for all those concerned with the future of Israel as well as with the future of Palestinian Arabs and all other Arab peoples and with peace to act and demand a halt to all Israeli aggression and U.S. support of it. Out of Lebanon unconditionally! Return the occupied lands! Recognize the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian Arab people! No U.S. forces in Lebanon!

Now what do these three events have to do with one another except a coincidence in time? Yesterday's peace action shows the power of mass action for peace. It also shows that the sentiment for peace grows all the time and is unstoppable. It is more advanced on the question of the danger of Reagan's nuclear confrontation policies against the Soviet Union than it is against Israeli aggression and U.S. encouragement of it but the connections between the two are increasingly being made and the direction of movement is the same on both. And it is just as sure on the question of a just peace in the Mid East as on nuclear war generally, that it will grow rapidly and also become an unstoppable force. Jewish participation in the anti-nuclear confrontation movement is quite advanced, while on the Mid East the voices of sanity are not yet as strong. But they are growing and this latest adventure of Begin will stimulate them much further, though there has not yet been time for this to reveal itself fully in the U.S. Jewish Community.

At moments like this, there is a need for many more Herbert Aptheke's to be active and a need for what Herbert Aptheke represents. What exactly does Dr. Aptheke and his work represent?

I have known the Aptheke family for twenty-two years ever since my wife, Dorothy and I moved from

Phila. to NY at the request of the Communist Party. They are a wonderful family united not only in familial bonds of love and respect but in the struggle for common progressive social goals. This is the family of Herbert, Fay who is also here with us today, and Bettina. Herb will not know it but we rubbed elbows some years before we became personally acquainted. That was in the 1949-53 period when I was a student at Swarthmore College, a Quaker school of 900 near Philadelphia. Each year, the highlight of the school year was the visit by Dr. Herbert Aptheke to the campus on the initiative of the left students. There was no greater excitement in campus life. He outdrew all other speakers, sometimes speaking to half the student body. This was the height of the Cold War, the Korean War and McCarthyism. They came to hear the Communist historian lay it on the line. He was always highly informative, stimulating and challenging. Those speeches always spoke for peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union, for democracy and against McCarthyism, for equality and against the racists and for socialism. So it is 30 years later. There wasn't a student at Swarthmore who did not know who Dr. Herbert Aptheke was—the foremost and pioneering white scholar of Black history in the U.S. and a Communist.

When I think of Herb Aptheke, these characterizations come to mind: first a modern day prophet, staunchness and principledness and scholarship. Herb's burning desire for peace has now become a majority sentiment and movement. Now there are many who share his understanding that far from the Soviet Union threatening the U.S. it is an ardent champion of peace, constantly advancing new, realistic and generous proposals to guarantee peace. Among the Jewish people too, there is a majority sentiment for nuclear freeze and for disarmament based on parity and against seeking military superiority. This sentiment is reflected when so many leading figures and top bodies of rabbis take a stand against the Reaganite policy of confrontation, "limited nuclear war," "prolonged nuclear war" and now a new "crusade to roll back the borders of communism."

Herb Aptheke has always been for peace in the Mid East, peace for Israel and for the Arab peoples. But he has been clearly who is responsible for the fighting there that is again taking place. It is the oil monopolies, the U.S. imperialists trying to hold on to their profits in the Mid East, to hold back the Arab national liberation and progressive forces from winning out and trying to destabilize and overthrow such Arab progressive regimes as those in Syria and Peoples Yemen. It is the expan-

sionist Israeli ruling circles of Begin and company who act for their own narrow class interests and also as the Mid East gendarmes for the U.S. Today, Herb Aptheker is not alone. There is a growing Peace Now movement in Israel and a growing challenge, not only from the New Jewish Agenda, within the U.S. Jewish community to the official "support Begin at all costs" line. What is new and growing and will become, with our help, the dominant view among U.S. Jews, is that Israel needs to change fundamentally its policy toward the occupied territories, toward its Arab neighbors, toward the PLO, if it is to have peace and social progress.

Nor is Herb Aptheker alone in denouncing Reaganomics and the whole domestic program of Reaganism. The labor movement is coming to the fore in leading mass action after mass action against the Reagan Robin Hood in reverse program and labor is leading in preparing the way for a major defeat at the polls of the Reaganites on Solidarity Day II, this Nov. 2. Many in the Jewish community voted for and supported Reagan. But now the mass of Jews who are workers, the hundreds of thousands who are poor and the substantial middle strata see what Reaganomics is doing to their standard of living. As a result, all the major Jewish organizations have come out against Reagan's budget and related new federalism proposals. The vast majority now share Herb's opposition to Reaganism.

For decades Herb has urged that the struggle for full economic, political and social equality for Afro-Americans and other specially oppressed people was in the vital interests of all white Americans, except the monopoly capitalists and racists. He has urged that to achieve equality requires affirmative action, compensatory measures and that such an approach is vital for the unity of the working class and the struggle to preserve and extend democratic rights generally. Herb has always urged that for the masses of the Jewish people to rebuff anti-Semitism and achieve their own democratic needs they had to unite with the Afro-American people, with the Puerto Rican and Chicano peoples and the other specially oppressed and with the working class as a whole. They could not fight anti-Semitism successfully while reflecting anti-Black racism themselves. In the recent period, encouraged by the Reagan victory and policies, anti-Semitic acts have been on the rise. And wherever you find this you also find an increase in anti-Black violence. For the Jewish people in the U.S. the fight against anti-Semitism is historically and inevitably linked with the struggle against anti-Black racism. Progress for Afro-Americans in this struggle means

progress in the fight against anti-Semitism. Set-backs in the fight against racism mean set-backs in the fight against anti-Semitism. The Klan and Nazis need to be outlawed for the sake of both our peoples as well as for the sake of the labor movement and U.S. democracy as a whole.

A few years back many Jews became more influenced by ruling class racism and relations between the Jewish and Black communities reached a low point. But life and the struggle and the role of Communists like Herb Aptheker and other progressives have turned the direction of movement among the Jewish masses on this question as well, though there is a long way still to go.

Herb has long argued there is a strong connection between the growth of reaction in general and growth of anti-Semitism. He has also pointed out that reaction thrives in a period of imperialist aggression and saberrattling. In other words, when Reagan rattles the nuclear bombs and Begin heats up the international atmosphere with aggression against Arab neighbors, reaction uses this and becomes bolder in the U.S. This stimulates anti-Black and anti-Semitic violence and other deeds. Now many are coming to see these connections.

Dr. Aptheker is a prophet in his own time because on all the major social issues that he is devoting a lifetime of struggle to, the sentiment among the working class and working people and among the Jewish masses is now moving rapidly in the same direction. He and we are now moving with the tide on the great social issues of the day. It is not at the same level on all questions and many more nodal points will yet have to be passed. But knowing you are moving with the tide opens up new vistas, new avenues for helping that tide mount even faster.

But Herb Aptheker and we have not always been moving with the tide on all questions. And that is where Herb's staunchness and principledness has been especially in evidence. When some well-known intellectuals ran for cover and were able to achieve college teaching jobs and some degree of fortune, Herb Aptheker was among those who never wavered. You have never heard or read a word of compromise from Herb Aptheker with the anti-Sovieters, the anti-Communists, the right wing Zionists, the racists and chauvinists.

One might well ask who stands for the real interests of the Jewish and all working masses in the U.S.? I say it is the Herb Apthekers and not those who honor a Jerry Falwell or cater to a Meier Kahane. Who stands for the vital interests of the multi-national masses? Clearly it is

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President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

500 men and women gathered at the 10th Annual Dinner of our bi-monthly magazine, *Jewish Affairs*, held in the grand ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City on Sunday, June 13, 1982, unanimously approved the dispatch of the following urgent message:

"We condemn the criminal murderous attack by the Israeli armed forces on Lebanon and the Palestinian people and their national movement in gross violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of human decency.

"We further condemn the complicity of your administration in this outrageous violation of international law against a people determined to exercise their inalienable right of self-determination.

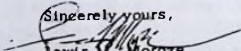
"We call upon you to reverse course immediately in the interest of peace in the Middle East by ceasing immediately all shipments of war material to the aggressive, annexationist government of Israel.

"We call upon you to withdraw all U.S. military and naval forces from the Middle East and oppose the involvement of U.S. forces in Lebanon.

"We further call upon you to have our representative in the United Nations call for the immediate withdrawal of Israel from Lebanon and all occupied territories and to call for the imposition of sanctions upon refusal to comply.

"In view of the demand of people throughout our land for disarmament and world peace as revealed in the outpouring of one million people in the historic June 12th demonstration in New York City, and in view of the fact that the crisis in the Middle East could well trigger a world conflagration, we call upon you to join with your co-chair, President Leonid Brezhnev of the U.S.S.R., in calling for the convening of the International Conference for peace in the Middle East with the participation of all parties in the area, including the Palestinian Liberation Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

Sincerely yours,


Lewis M. Mutoze
Managing Editor

To my Homeland by Samih al-Qasim

My neck is on the block
beneath the lifted axe,
but to you, I frenziedly whisper,
"My country, wait for me!"
The executioner's bound
my hands behind my back,
but I whisper to you, my country,
never losing faith,
"Homeland, I haven't betrayed you,
so do not betray me!
Homeland, I haven't sold you,
so do not sell me."
Land of the melancholy flutes,
of pale, unhappy faces,
land of winds and thunder,
of blue skies, gardens and singing birds,
Land of blood, of lamentation,
land of deadly sins,
land of our forefathers,
of shepherds and herdsmen, shall
I help you to win through,
or can you help yourself
in your benighted destiny?
Land of sad prophets
and misty promises,
shall I become your secret,
or you become a dream of deluded minds?
My country, you are divided
into camps and temporary shelters;
thousands and thousands of refugees
now kiss their hands to you.
Land of wrath, of flame,
of pride, of humiliation . . .
I believe in a love
higher than self-immolation.
My neck is on the block,
but, never losing faith,
I whisper to you,
"Wait for me, my country,
My country, wait for me!"

This poem originally appeared in *Sovietish Heimland*. May 5, 1982. It was translated by Grigory Reles. □

July/August, 1982

An Open Letter From Israel*

Tel Aviv

In the past few weeks 19 people have been killed and over 200 wounded in the West Bank and Gaza by Israeli soldiers and, on occasion, by armed Israeli settlers. Most of the victims were boys and girls, schoolchildren demonstrating against the "rough-hand" policies introduced by the military authorities.

The claim of the military authorities that bullets have to be used against stone-throwing youngsters and that soldiers have to shoot to save their own lives does not withstand scrutiny. The same authorities proved, during the evacuation of the Sinai, that order can be restored and violent demonstrations dispersed without shedding a single drop of blood. Most disturbing is the absence of trials and punishment of the soldiers and settlers who abuse the orders of restraint and use firearms against unarmed Palestinians. In many cases, settlers who have been caught committing acts of violence against civilians were not brought to court. . . .

Those killed have sometimes been denied proper funeral services, and the injured have often been left untreated without medical aid because curfews in the area deny them access to hospitals. Many sections have been under curfew for days, preventing the inhabitants from obtaining the necessities of life.

The continuation of this cruel and repressive policy in dealing with demonstrations in the occupied territories can lead only to the dehumanization of Jewish-Arab relations, to the creation of an abyss of hatred that will make peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians impossible. What is no less dangerous and disturbing is that Israeli society itself will undergo a process of brutalization and erosion of its moral and human values—values of which the Jewish people are so proud.

Many Israelis have demonstrated against this bloodshed in recent weeks. Unfortunately, all protests in Israel are construed as part of the internal political struggle; political labels are too readily attached and the moral and social impact of such opposition is diminished.

We are confronted with a moral dilemma that goes to the heart of Judaism. Jews—throughout history and throughout the world—have had the proud tradition of defending human rights, national minorities, democracy and justice. Silence now on brutal acts against basic human rights taking place in the West Bank and Gaza will lower the morality of all Jewish people and may threaten the very integrity of the Jewish state.

The Editors, New Outlook

* Published in June 12, 1982, *The Nation*

Worldwide Greetings to Dr. Herbert Aptheker

—Meir Vilner, General Secretary, Communist Party of Israel

"We extend to you hearty fraternal greetings on the occasion of the Tenth Annual Dinner of *Jewish Affairs*. We highly esteem your valuable contributions to revolutionary struggle as a Marxist writer and historian. You have brought great clarity to problems on the Middle East, to questions of detente and disarmament. We highly esteem your struggle against anti-Soviet propaganda and for bringing the truth about the principled peace policies of the Soviet Union before the American people. Your political and scientific work also gives considerable assistance to our struggle in Israel. . . .

"The Communist Party of Israel and the Democratic Front for Peace and equality are exerting every effort to mobilize the broadest possible unity of forces in the struggle for a just peace based on recognition of the right to self-determination for the Palestinian people and the establishment of their own state alongside Israel under the leadership of their sole representative, the P.L.O. We are waging a consistent struggle for the defense of democratic rights and for the rights of workers and the popular masses."

—Aaron Vergelis, Chief Editor, *Sovietish Heimland*

"Dr. Aptheker is well known and loved in the Soviet Union, and known by tens of thousands of the readers of the monthly magazine, *Sovietish Heimland*, for his staunch and sound positions in dealing with the current problems on the international scene and at the same time for his weighty contributions to Marxist historical knowledge. . . .

"We wish success to the 10th Annual Dinner of our sister publication, *Jewish Affairs*."

—Aaron Bardaj, Chairman, Angel Grushka, Secretary, ICUF, Argentina

"It is with a very special feeling of appreciation that we have received your kind invitation to partake of the more than merited honors to Dr. Aptheker. We in Argentina have had many opportunities of getting acquainted with the important contributions of Dr. Aptheker to the outstanding political issues of the last decades, and hope to go on doing so for a long, long time.

"We expect that you are aware of the situation we are facing in our country, about the South Atlantic Islands. Due to the colonialistic and imperialist ambitions of the

English, openly backed by the Reagan regime. . . .

"We cannot within the limits of this letter, it being a salutation for Dr. Aptheker who has devoted his life to the ideals of peace and progress, omit this reference to the ominous times we are living here."

—Dr. Leon Zelman, *Das Judische Echo*, Austria

"We are delighted, that the Editorial Committee of *Jewish Affairs* is honoring Dr. Herbert Aptheker. We are aware of Dr. Aptheker's continued struggle against all manifestations of racism and anti-Semitism.

"Especially we, as survivors of the holocaust and successors of a small community with big tradition, join all of you, who are paying tribute to Dr. Aptheker's outstanding work."

—Sol Flapan, Polish Correspondent of *Jewish Affairs*

"If for no other reason than his relentless fight against nazis—the originals and the "neos," and against anti-Semitism, Comrade Aptheker deserves a standing ovation by people of good will in all lands and climes, including this part of the world. . . .

"Comrade Aptheker's popular writings in the *Daily World*, *Political Affairs* and *Jewish Affairs*, his scholarly works in these and other journals are a shield and a sword for progressives in their struggle for world peace and friendship among nations and races."

—Mike Zagarell, Editor of the *Daily World*

"The editors of the *Daily World* want to join the many others who honor Dr. Aptheker today for his contribution in the ideological struggle against reaction and for socialism."

J.J. Johnson, Editor *World Magazine*

"I proudly add my name to the list of those extending greetings to Dr. Herbert Aptheker, a warrior and intellectual in the best sense of the word."

—Carl Bloice, Editor, *People's World*

"On behalf of the staff of the *People's World* I would like to express our heartfelt congratulations to the staff of *Jewish Affairs* on the occasion of its tenth anniversary celebration. . . .

"We deem it of crucial importance at this moment that progressive and peace loving people across the earth join in meaningful and effective assistance to those waging a valiant struggle for peace and national liberation in

the Middle East. We are certain we reflect the feelings of many people on the Pacific Coast in expressing our militant solidarity and fraternal greetings to *Jewish Affairs* and its editor, Dr. Herbert Aptheker, and hope for the expansion and growth of your efforts in these crucial times."

—Mike and Gail Davidow, Soviet Correspondent of *Jewish Affairs*

"Your struggle for U.S.-U.S.S.R. friendship and peace is deeply appreciated by the Soviet people. The struggle against anti-Sovietism, as you have so often and eloquently noted, is a struggle for peace. More power to that peaceful pen of yours". Gail and I embrace you (and Fay) and wish you many more years of fruitful struggle and good health."

—Ernest Kaiser, Associate Editor, *Freedomways Magazine*

"At its 10th Annual Dinner, it is good that *Jewish Affairs* honors its editor, the prolific Marxist historian and activist Dr. Herbert Aptheker, who over the years has fought, with his trenchant pen, many a battle against racism, anti-Semitism and anti-Communist and for peace. His early, pioneering works on Black history, his editing of the voluminous collected published works and unpublished letters and manuscripts of W.E.B. DuBois and his clarifying articles on the Middle East and other subjects are all great contributions in his long, productive writing and editing life. May he continue to produce."

—Dirk Struik, Professor Emeritus, M.I.T.

"I join in expressing my great admiration for Dr. Aptheker's work and writings. He has indeed provided throughout the years clarity on world affairs both in the political as well as in the intellectual sphere. His work for peace and for socialism has been outstanding, and he has shown how Marxist understanding is indispensable for the task of human emancipation."

—Lloyd Brown, Author

"I am pleased to send Herbert Aptheker this salutation on the occasion of your forthcoming dinner in his honor. Many years have passed since I first saluted him with words of praise in a review of his book, *The Negro People in America: A Critique of Gunnar Myrdal's "An American Dilemma."* In criticizing Myrdal's work, then widely hailed by liberals as the Bible on the Negro question, Dr. Aptheker cited as an example of Myrdal's

flawed analysis his finding that "the Negro's friend—or the one who is least unfriendly—is still the upperclass of white people." (Today, with Reagan and his gang in the saddle, riding the range for the rich, one wonders if there is even one liberal so dumb as to believe such hokum.)

"In that review in the January 21, 1947, issue of *New Masses*, I wrote that Aptheker's book was "Brilliant in polemics, solid in scholarship [and] fired with a crusading passion." Now, 35 years later, it might be noted that that early judgment was a prophetic description of his work ever since."

—Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis

"We are glad to join in tribute to a giant in the Struggle, a hero in the war against ignorance and prejudice. May his light forever shine."

—Angela Y. Davis,

"It is with regret that I inform you I am unable to be with you today. Given this critical moment in history it is imperative that progressive and internationalist individuals and organizations come together to express their common solidarity and commitment to struggle for peace and national liberation.

"The occasion of the 10th Anniversary Celebration of *Jewish Affairs* in honor of Dr. Herbert Aptheker is a fitting time for such expressions and commitments for unity. *Jewish Affairs* has stood over the years as a beacon to lead and mobilize those who reject bourgeois nationalism and sectarianism and stand in principle for the best interest of the working people of the world. *Jewish Affairs* has through those years exhibited a measure of courage like that shown by the Communist members of the Israeli Knesseth who last week stood alone against the forces of reaction, Zionist expansionism and war.

"The protests against the criminal aggression against Lebanon, the Palestinian people and their national movement cry out for solidarity and demonstrations of concrete support for progressive and peace loving people everywhere.

"*Jewish Affairs* has reflected effectively the worldwide yearning for peace and justice expressed so magnificently yesterday at the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament. For these reasons and many others I join with people from throughout the nation and the world and comradely salute Herbert Aptheker and the entire staff of *Jewish Affairs* for a job well done and best wishes for the future."

—Philip S. Foner, Professor Emeritus of History, Lincoln University

"In his recent letter to *The Nation*, "Remembering Nelson Algren," Dr. Herbert Aptheker refers to the late Chicago novelist "as lonely and rather melancholy, but honest to the core." With his legion of friends, admirers and disciples, Dr. Aptheker is anything but a "lonely" person, and with his unswerving confidence in the ultimate triumph of Socialism throughout the world, he is far from "melancholy." But he does share with Algren, the trait of "honesty." For decades this trait has permeated all of his many writings, often to the discomfort of those in academia who fear honesty when presented by a Marxist-Leninist."

—Howard L. Parsons, Professor Emeritus, University of Bridgeport

"The truth's a boon to the souls of humankind and fired with passion, stirs us to do right. Few be the scholars of such heart and mind that can compel us like your fervid light.

"You fought the giant evils of our time—racism, unjust war, and tyranny, cried out on anti-Semitism's crime, and showed us what we must do to be free.

"Shalom and mazel-tov, and love, and praise: long live that life that speaks truth all its days! When our progressive history is writ Your name shall flame as passion's truth in it."

—Robert S. Cohen, Professor of Physics and Philosophy, Boston University

"Over the many years, I have watched you and read most of your publications. I have been enlightened, intrigued, admiring, irritated, angry, affectionate, respectful, combative, argumentative . . . in a word educated by you.

"Of course we have disagreements, and how foolish to say they are unimportant. But we agree on action for a humane world and that is what counts."

Messages were also received from: George Fedak of Ontario, Canada; Prof. J.P. Morray of Oregon; Joe and Kay Felshin of N.Y.; Jack Kling of Chicago; Prof. Ernest Allen of the W.E.B. DuBois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Mass. at Amherst; and John and Margrit Pittman; Jessica Smith and John Abt; Gertrude and Bob Decker; Phil Honor; and Samuel and Muriel Neuberger. □

support such a policy. It is clear from the anti-war and anti-nuclear weapons movements which have swept our nation from New York to California, from New England to the South, from Pennsylvania to North Dakota, that such a vast popular force already exists, that it can be multiplied and will be multiplied and that it will force upon Washington and the NATO powers a policy of peaceful co-existence and disarmament. To avoid becoming *radioactive* one must become politically *active*; the situation is critical — this means not to *agonize* but to *organize*.

Shalom does not mean merely *peace*; the word means *peace with justice*. In the sense that without justice there can be no peace and should be no peace, in that sense only, may one translate *Shalom* as simply peace.

An Israeli novelist, Amos Oz, writes in the April, 1982 issue of the London magazine, *Encounter* (formerly funded by the CIA) that it is only in "Marxist mythology" that one finds the unity of the masses. Such a misanthropic view comes from one who is ignorant of the fundamental realities of history. That history demonstrates that unity of peoples has been a recurring reality and that with its appearance has come human betterment.

We *must* unite; we can, we will and we must. And we must agitate, not vegetate. This means all of us together — Jew and non-Jew, religious and non-religious, of all ethnic backgrounds and of all colors and of no color.

From this unity, from this organization of masses, from this militancy — and from nothing else — will finally be brought into being the great goal for all humanity: SHALOM! □

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Martial Law and Renewal in Poland By Sol Flapan

WARSAW—Poland's organized Jewish community has been given a new opportunity to heighten its public presence here. Not by just appearing before the public on the day marking the annual Warsaw Ghetto anniversary. Not by just having a new play at the Jewish State Theater reviewed in the Polish press. Not with just the publication of some book, a novel of wartime reminiscences, dealing with the genocide of Poles and Jews in nazi-occupied Poland during World War II.

The weekly journal of the Social and Cultural Society of Jews in Poland (*TESKAZET* in the Polish acronym) is now being displayed and sold on newsstands. Previously, this 12-page bilingual *Folks Shtime* /People's Voice/ was available basically through subscription, appearing only occasionally at some central newsstand.

The weekly appearance of *Folks Shtime* at a number of key situated newspaper kiosks is one of the aspects, albeit modest, of the ongoing process of what is known here as the renewal of public life. Furthermore, it reflects the gradual normalization and stabilization of the situation in the land. And that, within the framework of martial law.

Indeed, *TESKAZET* and its *Folks Shtime* were among the first public organizations and publications to have been released from martial law related bans. The synagogue, as other religious institutions, was never included in the ban.

Meanwhile, this and related processes confirm the pledge by the Military Council of National Salvation that with the imposition of martial law on Dec. 13 1981, the Council does not substitute for the civilian government and its institutions. Unprecedented in the history of martial law is the fact that in People's Poland this did not entail the dissolution of Parliament or the suspension of the national constitution. Martial law here simply cut short a mounting counter-revolutionary danger which had been unleashed and spurred on by Solidarity ultras.

By arresting this growing cancer which was driving the country headlong towards fratricidal civil war, the socialism-inspired military here actually assured the legally elected government the normalcy needed to perform its constitutional duties. Among these are righting the wrongs of political errors, of economic mismanagement by the previous /Polish United Workers/ party and governmental administrations, and translating into life accords reached with the grievance-burdened protesting workers in the summer of 1980.

Meanwhile, nearly all publications have reappeared and a host of new ones are vying for readers.

Folks Shtime's presence at selected newspaper kiosks like those at train stations, or at busy International Book and Press Clubs ought to be a breakthrough for *TESKAZET*. The Society on its part and its paper, however, ought to be a bit more vigorous in going public. Like advertising its presence and contents not just in its own columns but in those of the Polish press; like selling (or distributing?) the paper in the foyer of the Jewish State Theater on the nights of Jewish shows and perhaps even more so when out-of-town companies hire the theater while the Jewish troupe is on the road or on vacation. Readers can be won by some sales promotion. Potential readers are "out there" waiting to be won.

One of them is Bogdan Nowak from the northwestern port city of Szczecin. Back in February he congratulated *Folks Shtime* at its reappearance and its debut at a number of kiosks run by the RUCH national press distributors.

"May your paper forever be available at RUCH," he wrote in. "This is my first encounter with your paper and I took an immediate liking to the contents of the modest though valuable Polish language version."

Folks Shtime's new fan then remarked that he would like "to learn more of your beautiful culture and wonderful history . . ." followed by an apology for not understanding Yiddish "so I can only read your Polish language pages!"

Enclosed with the letter were reminiscences about a Jesuit priest, Father Adam Sztark, who was murdered by the nazis for his aid and comfort to Jewish children during the Holocaust which spared neither Jew nor Pole here.

Another non-Jewish reader, Professor Maria Karpluk offers some ambitious suggestions to the paper.

"Why not a series of articles in Yiddish, in Polish translation and transcription?" side by side, she asks of the *Folks Shtime* editorial board. "This could be accompanied by features about the history of Yiddish, the principles of Yiddish grammar," is her follow-up proposal. "Certainly you can find someone to do this?" she asks hopefully.

Looks like there is a market for Jewish news and history, and for Yiddish language reading. Now it's up to *TESKAZET* and *Folks Shtime*.

Another example of renewal here and within the stringencies of martial law at that, was the April 7th Polish Radio 40-minute words-and-music program about Passover. Introductory remarks were made by

Moses Finkelstein, chairman of the Jewish Religious Congregation in Poland while the musical illustration was explained by Dr. Szymon Datner, noted historian.

A Yom Kippur program has also been scheduled.

Poland has suffered in recent times grave mismanagement, wrongdoings and outright deviations from socialist norms of public and party life the results of which have come home to roost. But not for long. Poland's communists both civilians and armed forces personnel are now striving might and main to rally the nation in undoing the ideological, political and economic wrongs of yesterday. And this Folks Shtime story is but one aspect of it all. □

Sol Flapan is the Polish Correspondent of *Jewish Affairs*

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the Herb Apthekers of Israel and the U.S. and decidedly not the Begin, Sharons and Peres of Israel and the U.S.

In the struggle first to hold back the advance of reaction and then to swell the tide of the progressive development of mass sentiment, thinking and activity, Herb Aptheker has and continues to wield a mighty sword of the written and spoken word. He is so effective for a number of reasons. There is his high moral tone and principledness that always come through. There is his meticulous scholarship that even opponents must acknowledge. Once again this scholarship is in evidence as Comrade Aptheker nears completion of the monumental 40 volumes of Dr. and Comrade W.E.B. DuBois. But most of all there is Herbert Aptheker's commitment to the downtrodden, the oppressed and exploited, to the working class and to the shining alternative for our people, a socialist U.S.A.

We are happy and proud of the fact that Herbert Aptheker is and has long been a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, USA. He is a Communist because of what he believes in and has always fought for. But I am also sure Herb would agree that he and all other members are what we are and are more effective fighters because we are a part of the Communist Party.

Jewish Affairs is a very important instrument of struggle and needs to reach more people. So it is on this occasion, Henry Winston, our National Chairman, Gus Hall, our General Secretary and our entire Central Committee salute you Comrade Herb Aptheker and your wife and coworker, Fay, and wish you many more years of most fruitful contribution. And we thank *Jewish Affairs* for making this occasion possible.

Daniel Rubin is Education Director, C.P.U.S.A.

Leave Lebanon Immediately! Stop the Murder and Destruction!

By Meir Vilner

Below we publish the speech delivered in the Knesset by Meir Vilner, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel, in opposition to the Israel invasion of Lebanon. He spoke in behalf of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality. The members of the Front cast the only votes in opposition to the invasion.

The heart bleeds for every person who fails—whether Arab or Jew. The government leads Israel to an abyss. It carries out an action which in the course of time is liable to turn into a catastrophe for generations to come. I call upon the Members of the Knesset to carefully consider their stand and to avoid any name-calling. What has happened here? The majority of the political circles and also the majority of the press, just one or two months ago, opposed the opening of war by the Begin-Sharon government. Dozens of articles were published in the press, hundreds of speeches were made within the widest circles, accusing the Chief-of-Staff, the Minister of Defence, of wanting to lead us into an unnecessary war, endangering Israel. What has now happened? Has the die been cast? If so, many people had said that the government was liable to open up a war in contradiction to the interests of Israel's security. Then, is it not a political and conscientious obligation to call upon the government to stop, to call for a retreat before involving us still more? If so, who said that the government is wrong and that war would be wrong—that it will only bring victims and disaster? Is it possible that when war is carried through, a 180 degree turnabout is made, that the crime is praised and lauded, and that hands are lent to it?

The Chief-of-Staff, Lieut. Gen. Rafael Eitan, said, almost one month ago, on May 13, 1982,—and this struck the Knesset with wonder—“After I have built an extraordinary apparatus, costing billions of dollars, I can and must put it into action . . . It is possible that tomorrow I will be in Beirut.”

The majority of the press and the political leaders then said, “What has happened to the Chief-of-Staff? What is wrong with him? Is he crazy? If he had built up a military apparatus for billions of dollars, must he put it into action? Is this an argument?” I can quote one article after another from the press. What has changed?

The security of Israel is important to all of us, the security of the settlements in the North and of all the settlements. But real security will only be achieved by the establishment of peace, by our stopping the en-

slavement of other peoples. And peace can be achieved by a political solution which is just for all—Israel, the Palestinian people, and all the peoples in the region. There is no other security. Otherwise we are led from one war to another, from one disaster to another.

The policy of the Likud government is not new. The present war, which the government has opened by its initiative and without any reason, is an aggressive war, of conquest; a war to exterminate the Palestinian people; a dirty, colonialist war, not in the interests of peace or security of Israel. It is a dangerous illusion to think that the more Palestinians that are killed, the greater will be the security of Israel. Only cannibals can think like this. The opposite is true—over a long range, this very much endangers Israel. This is a war against a people which has no homeland, which has no state, against Palestinian people, against a civil population, against a national liberation movement. What heroism is this? This is a war against Lebanon, which suffers an endless tragedy.

From the aspect of international law, these are barbarous war crimes, complete disrespect for human life, not only of Palestinians, Lebanese Arabs in general, but also disrespect of the lives of our soldiers. Already dozens of youngsters have unnecessarily fallen victim—more than all of those that were hit in the Northern settlements!

Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment): About whom are you really concerned?

Meir Vilner: I am concerned about the security of Israel. I am concerned about the removal of the nightmare of war once and for all. This cannot be achieved by killing, but only by Israeli-Palestinian peace.

Aharon Nahmias (Alignment): What did you say when the settlements in the North were bombed?

Meir Vilner: MK Nahmias, several months ago the representatives of the Northern settlements turned to the government and demanded to keep the cease fire. For ten months, quiet reigned. You turned to the government and cried out—Don't violate the cease fire, let us continue living in peace; and we supported you. This was just. There was a cease fire—the PLO signed it; internationally that was recognized. This should have been kept up. Instead of this, Israel started the barbarous bombings of Lebanon which have caused counteractions.

It is said that the war was opened up by Israel in order to remove the guns to a distance of 40 km. This is an argument for nursery schools! According to your logic, tomorrow, Beirut must be conquered and perhaps also Damascus, and who knows how far your military madness may reach.

Less than one month ago, on May 14, 1982, Yoel Marcus published in "Ha'aretz" the plan of war. This

was before the criminal attempt on the life of the Israeli ambassador in London. He exposed the plan, saying, "The plan is apparently approximately as follows: The army will seize the whole southern half of Lebanon while the Christians will seize the north. The two armies will clean up Beirut, as Israel will already have manned the policing force and the government in the Lebanese capital, and will have found 60 Haddads who will be appointed members of the Lebanese parliament. The heart of this comprehensive plan is the liquidation of the PLO and the expulsion of their members to Syria together with the return of the Syrian army."

Outlining this plan, Marcus adds, "If this is so, the government has gone out of its mind politically. The government must be warned that it risks the fate of the state in a bloody game of poker."

The criminal attempted murder of the Israeli ambassador in London is not the cause of this war, just as the murder in Sarajevo in 1914 was not the cause of the First World War. War is the continuation of politics with other means. Therefore, we must see what is the policy—then we will understand the cause of the war. The policy of this government is a policy of "The Complete Land of Israel"—annexation of the whole Palestinian territory on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. To attain this, a policy of brutal oppression is carried out in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, lands are seized, people are driven out, houses demolished, people are humiliated; the annexation of the whole territory to Israel is prepared—and then the idea of the "Complete Land of Israel" is expanded—the Syrian Golan Heights have already been annexed and now the annexation of territories in Lebanon is prepared by this war that is dividing up Lebanon. Officially or unofficially, this is a policy which will also lead to an attempt at realising the slogan of the "Herut" Party and the Revisionists (precursors of that party): "Both banks of the Jordan are ours." It is already being hinted at that the next war will be with Jordan.

This policy is the cause of the war. The political aims of the war are to liquidate the Palestinian people as a people, to create the basis, together with the sharp oppression in the occupied territories, for the annexation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to Israel. A "final solution" of the Palestinian problem is attempted by military means; the liquidation of the democratic forces in Lebanon and the putting in power of the fascist Falangas led by Bashir Jumayel and the Israeli puppet Sa'ad Haddad; hitting Syria in order to attempt the overthrow of the independent regime there because it does not toe the American line of Camp David.

The governing circles say that they are ready to retreat and turn over the territory to the "Free Lebanese" of Sa'ad Haddad and his ilk. But the meaning of this is Israeli occupation and annexation.

Also in 1967 it was declared that there are no aims of occupation and annexation. But we know the extent of the honesty and truth of these declarations.

One of the results of Camp David is this war. The United States openly supports the invasion and finances it. Everything was agreed upon during the visit of Minister of Defence Sharon to the United States on the eve of the opening of the war. The U.S. declarations of alleged disassociation are nothing more than hypocrisy. This war is also a part of the implementation of the Memorandum of Strategic Understanding with the United States.

On May 26, 1982, ten days before the opening of the war, the Foreign Affairs Commission of the U.S. Senate decided, at the time of the visit of Sharon, to add another 300 million dollars to the military grant to Israel, and, in addition to this, another 125 million dollars for economic assistance. In addition to this, another 75 F-16's will be supplied, costing 2.5 billion dollars. This was agreed with Sharon. This means that money is being given for this war, additional arms are given, and political backing is extended. This is an Israeli-American Goliath war against the little Palestinian David; a war of the many with the most up-to-date weapons against the few defenders.

The timing of the war—for about this war there has been talk for many months now—is connected with the development of the Iraq-Iran war and the U.S. strategic planning in this sphere. But I do not want to go into details about that here.

Not everybody agrees to this war; many oppose it and still more are very confused. Hence the great opposition that preceded the outbreak of the war. I tell the Members of the Knesset: Whoever opposed the war, whoever demands to withdraw the Israeli army immediately from Lebanon, whoever stands for a just Israeli-Palestinian peace, is the true defender of the security of Israel; he is the real defender of the settlements in the North and in the entire country; he is the one who concerns himself with preventing our sons from being victims in vain, sent out by unrestrained adventurists and militarists.

It is good that there is an opposition and it is good that people are demonstrating and that there are many actions by various circles with different ideological outlooks directed against this aggressive war.

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of a letter which David Ben-Gurion wrote to Haim Guri, and I quote, "If Begin will seize power he will enter into political and military adventures which will bring about a disaster onto the people and destroy the state." And Begin has come to power and carries out these political and military adventures.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin: He wrote, "He will seize power." I did not seize it, I was elected.

Meir Vilner: All right, you have seized it in elections; you seized it by demagoguery. But your demagoguery has also seized them—the leaders of the Alignment, and this is what alarms me. They are the "heirs of Ben-Gurion" and look how they are turning into rhinoceroses, denying all they themselves said only two, three months ago.

There is only one solution—Israeli-Palestinian peace—return to the lines of June 4th, and independent Palestinian state alongside Israel, comprehensive peace with the Arab states, international guarantee for the peace agreements, demilitarized zones and other kinds of security measures to be agreed upon. Only such a comprehensive peace, such a just peace, only this will

give security. All the rest are dangerous adventures.

Historical experience has proved that in Europe, and beyond, where there have been conquerors and aggressive war mongers—all of them were finally defeated and forced to retreat after having brought disaster upon their peoples. Now, at the end of the twentieth century, a war of extermination is carried out against the Palestinian people in Lebanon. This is a war against the true interests of Israel, against the security of the Israeli people, against the prospects of peace. This is a war which still more demoralises Israeli society and still more intensifies the danger of fascism.

We propose no-confidence in the government. Whoever votes today with the government of Begin-Sharon, out of supporting the aims of the "Complete Land of Israel," or because they have turned into rhinoceroses and political cowards, unscrupulous and irresponsible, making hopeless electoral calculations, they will be partners to this aggression, partner to pushing Israel towards the abyss.

I call upon the Members of the Knesset: Be responsible for your voting today!

This is not yet the end of history. □

מיר פאדערן, אָז די ביידע געזעלשאַפֿטן זאָלן אַ קער טאָן זייערע רייכטימער אין נאָך פֿאַר שלום. באַפֿריידיקן די דרינגענדיקע סאַציאַלע נויטן און דאָס דערציען דעם קומענדיקן דור פֿון קינדער אין גייסט פֿון אויסשלאַנגן שווערן אין אַקער־אינס, טיטצן מיר פֿולשטענדיק און וועלן איינשלינגעמען אין באַמייאָנגען צו פֿאַרדינגלען די קריגס־אינ־דוסטריע אין שלום־אָונטערנעמונגען.

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די „נייע ייִדישע אָנענדע“ פֿאַדערט דאָס פֿאַלגנדיקע:

(1) אָז די פֿאַראייניקטע שטאַטן זאָלן זיך אָנ־שליסן אין דעם רוף פֿון סאַוועטן־פֿאַרבאַנד און עפֿנטלעך פֿאַרדאַמען דאָס באַנצן פֿון „ערשטן אָנגריף“.

(2) אָז ביידע צדדים זאָלן פֿאַרדאַמען די קאַנ־צעפֿציע פֿון „באַגרעניצטע נוקלעאַרע מלחמה“ וועלכע אין דער ווירקלעכקייט קען ניט ווערן באַ־גרעניצט אָדער ווערן געוואָונען.

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ייִדישע קלובן און סאַסייעטיס רופן אַן באַטייליקן זיך אין די דעמאָנסטראַציעס

ביים 28סטן יוביליי פֿון די ייִדישע קלובן און סאַסייע־טיס, דעם 23טן יוני 1982, האָבן די 700 פֿאַרזאַמלטע אָנגענומען אַ רעזאָלוציע וואָס האָט געשטיצט די דעמאָנס־טראַציע דעם 12טן יוני און גערופן אַרבעטן פֿאַר מירן נוקלעאַרע מלחמה און ווירקן אויף דער ספּעציעלער ספּעסיע פֿון די פֿאַראייניקטע פעלקער אַפּצושטעלן דעם נוקלעאַרן געווער־פֿאַרמעט.

די רעזאָלוציע האָט אַטאַקירט די רעגירן־אַדמיניס־טראַציע פֿאַר דעם 63 ביליאָניקן שניט אין סאַציאַלע צאָלונגען צו נויטבאַדערפֿטיקע מאַסן און די 20 פֿראַצענ־טיקע פֿאַרגרעסערונג פֿאַרן מיליטערישן בודזשעט.

אין די רייען פֿון די פֿאַרשידנדיקע מיטגלידער פֿון די קלובן און סאַסייעטיס האָבן זיך אָנגעזען די ייִדישע אַקטיוויסטן און דער אַנטי־מלחמה באַוועגונג און אַנטי־נעמער אין די וויכטיקע קאַליציע־באַוועגונגען אין אַלע פֿאַראַס פֿון ניו יאָרק.

די עמאָ לאַזאַרוס פעדעראַציע פֿון ייִדישע פֿרויען־קלובן

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די עמאָ לאַזאַרוס פעדעראַציע באַטייליקט זיך אין דער „פֿרויען אינטערנאַציאָנאַלער ליגע פֿאַר שלום און פֿרייהייט“ אין אַ קאָטייוועט „סאַטאַר“ (שטעלט אַפּ דעם געווער־געזעץ).

אַ זייער אַקטיווער צווייג פֿון דער זעלבער ליג גע־מינט זיך אין וועסט פֿאַלם ביטש, פֿלאָרידאַ. אונטער דער אַנפֿירערשאַפֿט פֿון דער פֿאַרגרעסערטער ייִדישער אַקטיו־וויסטקע — בעסי נעמעראַף.

די ייִדישע קאַמיסיע ביי דער אַמעריקאַנער קאַמוניסטישער פֿאַרטיי און איר זשורנאַל „דזשואַיש עפּעירס“

אַ זייער אַקטיווע אַרבעט פֿאַר דער דעמאָנסטראַציע דעם 12טן יוני האָט דורכגעפֿירט די ייִדישע קאַמיסיע ביי דער אַמעריקאַנער קאַמוניסטישער פֿאַרטיי און איר זשור־נאַל „דזשואַיש עפּעירס“ (ייִדישע ענינים). אירע אַקטיו־וויסטן אין אַלע ייִדישע נאַציאָנאַלע גרופֿירונגען, ייִדישע לאַקאַלע צענטערס, טריי־יוניאָן לאַקאַלן און פֿראַטער־נאַלע סאַסייעטיס, האָבן זיך אָנגעזען אין די מאַרשן דעם 12טן יוני אַיבער די ניו יאָרקער גאַס און אין סענטראַל פֿאַרק.

אַ גאַנצע רייע אַרטיקלען און רעפֿאַרטאַזשן אין ענג־ליש און אין ייִדיש האָבן אָפּגעשפּיגלט אויף די זייטן פֿון זשורנאַל די געפֿאַר פֿון דעם נוקלעאַרן פֿאַרמעסט צווישן די הויפט רעגירונגען אַיבער דער וועלט און גערופן צווינגען פֿאַרפֿירן די געווערן און אַפּשטעלן די אָגרע־סיווע מלחמה אין מיטל־מזרח און פֿאַררופן אַן אַלגע־מיינע שלום־קאַנפֿערענץ ביי דער יונייטעד נעישאַנס. מיט דער באַטייליקונג פֿון די פֿאַראייניקטע שטאַטן, סאַוועטן פֿאַרבאַנד, און ברענגען צו אַ שלום אין מיטל־מזרח מיט דער באַטייליקונג פֿון ישראל און די פֿאַלעסטינער (פֿי־עלאַ) און פֿאַרזיכערן די עקזיסטענץ פֿון ישראל און אַ פֿאַלעסטינער מלוכה אין דעם ראַיאָן.

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פּאַרם) האָט דערקלערט:

... דער פּאַרמעסט אַיטן געביט פון נוקלעאַרע
געווערן וואָרעט אַ געפערלעכן שאַטן איבער דער
עקוויטענץ-צוקונפֿט פון דער מענטשלעכער ראַסע
... וואָס די וויסנשאַפֿט-מלחמה האָט פּאַרגעבראַכט
פאַר דעם געזעלשאַפֿטלעכן באַוואַסטײַן פון פּעלק
אַין די 60' קער יאָרן, וועט דער נוקלעאַר-געווערן
פּאַרמעסט פּאַרברענגען אין די 80' קער יאָרן ...
... אין דער מאָדאַלישער אונטערזעכונג וועלן די
אַמעריקאַנער יידן מוזן אַנגעמען זייער יושעדיקע
און היסטאָרישע פּאַזיציע אַלט שילוחים און פּאַר-
שפּרייטער פון שלום אין גייסט פון די העברעי-
זייטע פּראַפעטן ...

די אָפּטאַצייע פון רעפּאַרם רכנים ביים פּאַר-
סיפּיק און די באַאָר און ראַאִיסי פון דרום-קאָליפּאָניע
האַבן אַנגענומען די פּאַלנדיקע רעזאָלוציע:

... אַלס רעליגיעזע פּירער וואָס זיינען באַ-
זאָרגט מיטן גייסטיקן לעבן און דעם פּיישן אויס-
דויער פון דער יידישער געזעלשאַפֿט און דער
מענטשהייט בכלל און די איצטיקע און צוקונפֿטיקע
דורות ... שטיצן מיר די אינגיציאַטיווע פּאַר אַ
געמיינשאַפֿטלעכער נוקלעאַר-אינפּירינג.

דער יידיש-ענגלישער אַמעריקאַנער זשורנאַל
'סענזאַראַ', וועלכער גייט אַרויס אין וואַשינגטאָן האָט
דערקלערט:

... מיר טאָרן ניט פּרובירן אורטיילן די
פּראַבלעם פון טערמאַ-נוקלעאַרע וועלט-קאָסטס
טראַפּן גלייך ווי דאָס וואַלט געווען אונטער דער
קאָטעגאָריע פון מלחמה ... מלחמה ווי געפער-

לעך זיי זאלן ניט זיין, ווערן פּאַרלוירן אָדער גע-
וואונען, פּירן צו פּאַליטישן און עקאָנאָמישע רע-
זולטאַטן, זיינען גערעכט אָדער אומגערעכט ...

... אַ טערמאַ-נוקלעאַרע וועלט-קאָסטטראַפּע
קען פּירן צו אַ פּאַריניטונג פון אַלע מענטשלעכע
געזעלשאַפֿטן, צו דער פּאַריניטונג פון מענטשלעכע
לעבן, אָדער דאָס לעבן אויף דער גאַנצער וועלט ...

פאַר אַט די אורזאַכן שליסן מיר זיך אָן און
דאַסן אַלע אַמעריקאַנער יידן צו אַנטוויקלען נייע
וועגונגן פון טערמאַ-נוקלעאַרע און אויסקלערן די
פּראַבלעם פון טערמאַ-נוקלעאַרע קאָסטטראַפּע
און די נויטווענדיקייט פון קאָנטראָלירן און אַנ-
דערשן דעם נוקלעאַרן געווער-נעגייב ...

עֲדָגָר בִּרְאֵנְפִּמָּן פּרעזידענט פון
ייִדישן וועלט-קאָנגרעס ביי יו-ען
אַנטוואָפּענונג קאָנפּערענץ

פּראַמינענטע אַמעריקאַנער, סאָדעטישע און ישראל-
דיפּלאָמאַטן צוזאַמען מיט אַנגעזעענע רעליגיעזע פּירער
פון אַ ריי לענדער איבער דער גאַנצער וועלט האָבן זיך
באַטייליקט אין דער אויסנאַמע, וואָס דער פּרעזידענט פון
אידישן וועלט-קאָנגרעס, עֲדָגָר בִּרְאֵנְפִּמָּן, האָט איינ-
געאַרדנט פאַר די דעלעגאַטן צו דער ספעציעלער סעסיע
פון דער יו-ען אין ניו יאָרק וועגן אינטערנאַציאָנאַלער
אַנטוואָפּענונג. צווישן די געסט זיינען געווען די הויפּט-
גייסטלעכע פון אונגאַרן און אינדיע און הויכע פּאַרשטייער
פון די 'יוניאָטעד נעישאַנס'.

צו דער אויסנאַמע איז געקומען פון זשענעווע דער
גענעראַל-סעקרעטאַר פון אידישן וועלט-קאָנגרעס דר.
גער האַרט מ. רינגער, באַנריסנדיק די געסט, האָט בראַנש-
מאַן אַנגעוויזן אויף דער שטאַרקער שטרעבונג פון די
פעלקער פון דער וועלט צו שלום אַנטוואָפּענונג -
אַ דראַנג מיט וועלכן די פּירער פון די רעגירונגען וועלן
זיך דאַרסן רעכענען.

בראַנפֿמאַן האָט איינגעאַרדנט די אויסנאַמע ערב זיין
אַרויסטריט ביי דער קאָנפּערענץ וועגן אינטערנאַציאָנאַל-
לער אַנטוואָפּענונג, אין נאַמען פון די אידישע ישובים
אין זיבן און זעכציק לענדער אין אַלע טיילן פון דער
וועלט, וואָס זיינען אַנגעשלאָסן אין אידישן וועלט-קאָנגרעס.

דער יידישער אַנטייל אין אַנטי-נוקלעאַרן מאַרש אין ניו יאָרק

אַ ספעציעלע יידישע קאָלגע האָט מאַרשירט אין
דער פּראַצעדע פון ניו יאָרק, דעם 12טן יוני, עס
האַבן זיך אַנגעזען צווישן אַנדערע די נייע יידישע אַגענ-
דע, די יידישע קולטור-קלובן און סאַסייעטיס, דער
'השומר הצעיר', דער 'בונד', די 'עמא לאַזאַרוס פּעדע-
ראַציע' פון די יידישע פּרוויע-קלובן, און גרופּן פון דער
יידישער-קאָמיסיע ביי דער קאָמינסישער פּאַרטיי און
זייער זשורנאַל 'דושוואיש אַפּעריס' (יידישע ענינים).

די נייע יידישע אַגענדע

זייער אַנגעזען האָט זיך אין דעם ניו יאָרקער אַנטי-
נוקלעאַרן מאַרש דעם 12טן יוני די פּאַרצווייגטע נייע
יידישע אַרגאַניזאַציע, די נייע יידישע אַגענדע מיט 23
צווייגן איבערן גאַנצן לאַנד.

אין איר דעקלאַראַציע האָט די חשובע אַרגאַניזאַציע
דערקלערט:

... די נייע יידישע אַגענדע וועט אַרבעטן
קעגן דעם אויסשטייג פון געווער-סאַרמעסט, מיר
וועלן אַרבעטן פאַר אַן אַפּאַר צווישן די סאַרמיי-
טע טערען דעם סאָוועטן-טאַרביאַנד פאַר אַן
איינפּירינג פון דער אַנטוויקלונג, פּראָדוקציע, פּרז-
בירונג און איינשטעלונג פון נוקלעאַרע און אַנדערע
הויכ-טעכנאָלאָגישע געווערן.

יודישע ענינים

באוועגונג צו איינפירן נוקלעאר-געזוער צווישן די אמעריקאנער יידן

פון דוד סעלצער

נוקלעאר-איינפירונג באוועגונג צווישן יידן

9 ניו יארקער רעפארם-סינאגאגעס האבן איינגעארדנט „די ערשטע יידישע קאמפערענץ וועגן נוקלעאר-געזוער“ אין דער סטיפע ווייס ספריע סינאגאגע דעם 25טן אפריל, 1982.

די 300 דעלעגאטן פון דעם אמעריקאנער יידישן קאנגרעס האבן אויף זייער צווייאריקער נאציאנאלער קאנפערענץ דעם 27טן אפריל, 1982 אנגענומען א רעזאָלוציע, מיר ציטירן:

„פארהאנדלונגען פאר א פארבאט פון נוקלעארע געזוערן איז ניט קיין טובה וואס איז צו גיט נאר דעם אנדערן, נאר א דרינגענדיקע נויטווענדיג קייט פאר דער גאנצער מענטשהייט. אזעלכע פאר-האנדלונגען מוזן זיך גלייך אנהויבן און פארזעצן אן איבערייס. נישט געקוקט אויף אנדערע קוועלן פון פאליטישע אַנשטרענגונגען צווישן די צדדים פארבונדן אין די פארהאנדלונגען.“
(רעזאָלוציע אָנגענומען דעם 27טן אפריל 1982)

דער הויפט-רעדנער ביי דער זעלבער קאנפערענץ איז געווען ראכאי ארטור לעיליוועלד, געוועזענער פרעזידענט פון דעם אמעריקאנער יידישן קאנגרעס און ער האט געזאגט:

„... אויף דעם געפערלעכסטן געביט פון אַנ-געמען פרינציפ-באשלוסן, וואס האט צוטאן מיט אמעריקאנער-סאָוועטישע באַציאונגען אונטער דער געפאר פון עממיינשטאפלעכער נוקלעארער מענטשן פארניכטונג, וואקלען זיך אונזערע ווארט-זאגער... זיי באַנעמען ניט דעם פאקט, אַז נוקלעארע מיטילס זיינען ניט קיין שווערן, שפיון אַדער ביקסן, נאר זיינען געווען וואס האבן אריינגעבראכט אן אומ-פארגלייכלעכן חורבן-פאקטאר אין דער מענטש-לעכער געשיכטע...“

ראכאי אלעקסאנדער שינדלער, פרעזידענט פון

די מאַסן-דעמאָנסטראַציעס צו פארמירן נוקלעאר-געזוער דעם 12טן יוני, איבער דער וועלט בכלל און אין די פאראייניקטע שטאַטן פארט, האט אימפערודערט די אמעריקאנער יידישע געזעלשאפט און אירע צענטראלע ארגאניזאציעס אין די הויפט-שטעט איבערן לאַנד. אין די רייען פון מאַרשירנדיקע טריידייניאָניסטן, פראַפעסיעאַלע פארבאנדן און קאָאליציעס פון עלטערע בירגער, ספריע-אָרגאניזאציעס, יוגנטלעכע גרופירונגען און נאציאנאלע און רעליגיעזע געזעלשאפטן האבן זיך אָנגעזען די מיטגלידער און פירערשאפט פון די צענטראלע יידישע צענטערס און פעדעראַציעס.

שוין אין מרילינג פון 1981 האבן זיך אָנגעהויבן קאנפערענצן און שטאַטישע „טאָן-האַל-פאַרזאַמלונגען אַלט מאַביליאַזאַציע פאַר די דעמאָנסטראַציעס פון 12טן יוני.“

די ערשטע נאציאנאלע קאנפערענץ פון שלום-גרין פירונגען האט זיך פארזאַמלט אין וואַשינגטאָן אין אפריל 1981. וואו עס איז באַשלאָסן געוואָרן צו קאנצענטרירן זיך אין פארשפרייטן דעם געדאַנק פון א נוקלעאר-פאַר-פירונג אַלט הויפט-סטראַטעגיע.

אין דער זעלבער צייט האט די ניו יארקער צייטונג „טאָימס“ און די ראדיאָ-ייניעס אָנעטור „ען-ביי-סי“ דורכ-געפירט אַן אַפּשטימונג צווישן זייערע ליינער און צו-הערער וועגן דער נוקלעאר-רעפארם און אויסגעפונען, אַז 72 פראָצענט פון אמעריקאנער בירגער זיינען פאַר א נוקלעארער איינפירונג.

אין בלוין 15 חדשים אַרבעט פון אַקטיוויסטן איבערן לאַנד האט מען אָנגעזאַמלט ארום 2 מיליאָן אונטערשריפטן אויף אַנטי-נוקלעאר געזוער פעטיציעס און רעקורטירט וואַלונטירן צו אַרבעטן פאַר אָנזאַמלען נאָך „גרעסירוסט“ שטיצער אין 48 שטאַטן.

דער וואַקסנדיקער איינפלוס פון דער באוועגונג שפילט זיך אַפּ אין דעם וואס 125 שטאַטישע רעגירונגן קאנסילס האבן אָנגענומען רעזאָלוציעס וואס שטיצן דאָס איינפירן פון נוקלעארן געזוער ווי אויך ביידע רעגירונגן-ייזער פון 12 שטאַטן און 200 מיטגלידער פון קאנגרעס האבן געשטיצט דאָס נוקלעאר-איינפירונג.