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The Zionist eviction of the Palestinian nation, which has pushed history in the wrong-direction for 50 years, is now being splintered by its own intolerable injustice and impossible contradictions. The frustrated violence from unfulfillable delusions will split the camp first of the Zionists then of the imperialists outside. Palestinian (and other Arab) national liberation will triumph (No 919 23-09-97).

The latest scandal in the belligerent colonisation of Palestine by Zionist-imperialism, - a Zionist fanatic who “abducted himself” for a week to provoke a new confrontation, - sums up the dire contradiction.

The so-called ‘right-wing’ Zionists, who want to steal more and more of Palestine, are in irreconcilable conflict with ‘leftwing’ Zionists who are happy with what has been stolen already.

The ‘rightwing’ colonising fanatics say that if the Palestinians are shown any mercy about losing their land to colonisation, then they will start to want it all back again.

The ‘leftwing’ colonising fanatics say that now that the post-1945 Jewish invasion has claimed all of the best land, all of the key strategic areas, and total control of all the important water supplies, then the Palestinians can have what’s left as pacified reservations for themselves.

It is the worst mentality of fascist imperialism coming up against an even worse mentality of fascist imperialism, in an epoch when colonial domination has been universally condemned, and all colonising land-grabbing dismantled bit by bit.

Both ‘rightwing’ and ‘leftwing’ colonising Zionists are living on borrowed time, - which is why their squabbling is so bitter and desperate, and likely to reach civil-war proportions between the Zionists.

The most stunning ‘terrorist atrocity’ of all in recent times was, of course, the slaughter of the Zionist prime minister Rabin by a fellow Zionist colonist. It is always the way that the hatred between power-mad groups determined to impose something fundamentally unjust, is invariably worse than the hatred for their helpless victims, - especially at a time when world opinion is beginning to think twice about the whole rotten Zionist-colonis- ing racket which has virtually made evicted refugees out of an entire nation, the Palestinian people, 5-million strong.

This demented internal Zionist conflict, marked by increasingly savage and dangerous provocations as self-righteous delusions of ‘destiny’ more and more replace all ability for rational understanding, is going to add to tensions, and make worse explosions more likely.

This in turn could lead on from Zionist civil war, as unlikely as that might seem on first thoughts, - to the even stranger notion of conflict between US imperialism itself and its Zionist stooges, permanently colonising a foothold in the Middle East on behalf of international finance-capital, but now increasingly out-of-control in the conduct of that colonisation.

Washington governments have already in the past tried to curb ‘excessive’ Zionist fanaticism by tightening the aid purse-strings which keep Zionist island afloat, and key military equipment has also sometimes been delayed or even denied to try to keep the West’s colonising Middle East hit-squad on a firmer leash.

But even more often, the Zionists have been turning round to Washington and telling it to get stuffed. And powerful Jewish-finance political lobbies inside the USA and internationally have been ever more vocal to push back this Zionist insurrection.

This colonisation of the homeland of the Palestinian nation by modern Western land-grabbers from New York and Europe, ludicrously posing as “the chosen people” returning to their “Biblical Promised Land”, etc., - is all an obvious historical anachronism, a grotesque affront to civilisation’s requirements, and a nonsense which plainly cannot be sustained. This is Western colonialism, pure and simple.

And the modern forces of worldwide national-liberation will put an end to it at some stage.

But while the Palestinians and other local Arab peoples are still learning how to effectively fight against the monstrous high-tech Western intervention into their midst, and learning very competently all the time, – the inevitable doubts and splits in this rotten imperialist venture will begin increasingly breaking down into outright conflict and savage Zionist against Zionist imperialist against imperialist.

Exactly how this will work out is not clear, but that the pace is being set by fanatical provocateurs is unmistakable. The lunatic who tried to spark more war by abducting himself might be considered a one-off oddball, – but any more so than the fanatic who killed prime minister Rabin, or than Baruch Goldstein who recently machine-gunned to death more than 30 Palestinian Muslim worshippers at one of the holiest shrines, who now has his own shrine where an unending stream of the Zionist population come to hero-worship him?

AN ISRAELI man whose apparent kidnapped by Palestinian extremists triggered a manhunt and the internment of the smalls secret society of that has admitted that he stashed his own abduct.

Yaakov Schwartz said he acted under the influence of a “messianic revelation” a fortnight ago, convinced that his disappearance would “unify” Israelis in anger and deepen their resolve to combat terrorism. According to his testimony, publié yesterday, he aban- doned his car near the Palestinian-run Gaza Strip and returned to Tel Aviv, where he hid. The Israeli gov- ernment deployed the full might of the state in its search for him. Press reports suggested he had been ab- ducted by Arabs.

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The spread of Jewish settlements on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is eating up territory Palestinians regard as their birthright. The Oslo accords did much to contain this perversely, but Mr Arafat came away from Washington in 1993 under the im- pression that he had been given the nod for a future Palestine.

Binjamin Netanyahu, offering only a few patches of currently occupied Palestinian territory, reminiscent on the smalls secret society of that has admitted that he stashed his own abduct.

The army is being set by fanatical provoters with the prime minister’s vi- sion of the future were not already taking physical shape on the hills of the West Bank.

Sales of new homes in Jewish settlements rose by more than 50 per cent to 1,560 in the first seven months of this year, boosted by government incentives.

The word “settlement” hardly does justice to these citadels of white stone and concrete. They have should be called forts and arm- garrisons. Smooth new roads have been built between them across Palestinian farms, and much of the region’s scarce water has been di- verted to the taps and sprinklers.

To most Palestinians the Jewish settlements look more permanent than the now hastily built apart- ments of the capital, - but still”.

Most had given up hope of return- ing to family homes in Israel and had bitterly reconciled themselves to a rump state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Now that is being chipped away. Palestinian farmers are waking every day to find their olive groves and pastures annexed by the burg- eoning settlements. Along the Gaza Strip, settlements have been built between Palestinian fisher- men and the coastal waters which provide their livelihood.

Mrs Albright set the tone of her three-day visit to Israel with a slo-
Our houses and we can do nothing. It is an explosion in our hearts.”

The war of the bulldozers is at full pitch on the West Bank. It has houses being fought between Palestinian villages on one side and Jewish settlements backed up by the Israeli army on the other. The villages and settlements are both expanding at breakneck speed and the battle focuses on the land in between.

A truck was called last autumn and the demolitions ceased in part because of international pressure. But since suicide bombers killed 14 people in a Jerusalem market last month the bulldozers have returned and a handful of Palestinian houses are levelled almost every day.

Peter Lerner, a spokesman for the Israeli military administration in the West Bank said the two houses in Nahalin had been knocked down because they were built without permits.

“They received orders to stop building and were given time to do the demolishing themselves, which sometimes happens. But it didn't happen in this case and today we carried out the demolition order,” he said.

The West Bank Palestinians complain that they are very rarely granted building permits, and yet they see the Jewish settlements around them spreading almost daily.

According to civil rights groups, no permits have been issued to Palestinians in the West Bank since Binyamin Netanyahu became prime minister.

Meanwhile, according to a report this month by the Peace Now organisation, 4,535 homes for Jewish settlers are being built in Israeli-controlled areas of the West Bank.

Sam'i's father, Mohamed, was in the Israeli civil administration department filing in permit application forms yesterday when it dawned on him that the bulldozers had arrived.

In his eyes, Nahalin residents should not have to ask permission to build on land which is their material part of the village. The land he was building on was officially acknowledged as belonging to Nahalin but had been zoned for industrial purposes.

“But they'd never give us industrial permits anyway,” Mohamed Shakarneh said. He has 19 family members in his two-bedroom house, and said he had no choice but to build. Nahalin, wedged in a valley five miles south-west of Bethlehem is becoming untenable for its population increases.

On the surrounding hills, the gleaming white walls of new Jewish settlements stand on every side, and the brown scars in the hillsides announce their future growth. When they started building in 1995, the Shakarneh family hoped that the peace process would place Nahalin and the rest of the West Bank under Palestinian rule. It now looks to Mr Shakarneh as if the process has gone into reverse.

“How can you live in peace when you fear the bulldozers might come any day?” he asked.

With the peace process in trouble, the struggle for land has intensified in the West Bank, particularly in Jerusalem, where the Israeli mayor, Ehud Olmert, has called Palestinian building without permits “a cancer that directly threatens Israel's sovereignty in Jerusalem”.

“It is my intention to prepare for massive enforcement, including intensive execution of demolition orders, and I don't plan on compromising any more on anything,” he has said.

A few miles away, Palestinian rioters clashed with troops in Bethlehem yesterday after demonstrators tried to remove the army barriers which have sealed off the town since the Jerusalem bombing.

The Palestinian leader,esser Arafat, met Hamas and other political organisations in Gaza yesterday as part of a series of national unity meetings. The Israeli government has denounced the meeting as an encouragement of terrorism.

A basically reactionary situation of the Occupation of Palestine, – Zionland, – can only ever breed more and more reaction. It is a fascist colonisation. And even the poorer and darker-skinned Jewish colonisers get persecuted by this unalterable reactionary ethos.

Yesterday, a fortnight later, the refugees were sitting in the deserted lounge of the Jerusalem Hotel on the dusty eastern edge of Jericho. Shlomo Buzit, aged 28, who was born in France of Moroccan Jewish parents, told their story. It was a particularly extreme example from the bitter annals of anti-Semitism between the Ashkenazim (Jews from Europe) and the poorer, darker Sephardim.

“It is racism, pure and simple,” Mr Buzit said. Despite several diplomas and years of experience as an electrician, he earned £720 a month — barely enough to cover basic living expenses. His Sephardi friends earned the same or less, he maintained, while their Ashkenazi peers earned far more.

“It is as if you have two trees,” Mr Buzit said. “One you water and look after. The other one you give nothing, only stones. Then is it a surprise that one bears fruit and the other nothing? For 50 years we have had nothing but stones.”

Earlier this year, unable to find affordable housing, Mr Buzit and his friends turned for help to the mayor of the poor “development town” where they lived, Mevaseret Zion. The mayor suggested they could take over some government-subsidised flats at a centre for new citizens.

The flow of Russian immigrants was3057sed to a peak, and some of the flats were empty.

They fixed up the flats and things went well until four months ago, when a court ordered them out. When the tenants, mostly Sephardim, refused to go, the police arrived.

“It was unbelievable. Seven thousand police with guns, body armour, like Rambo — all to evict a few families,” Mr Buzit said. After the eviction, they spent four nights sleeping rough, before forcing their way back in.

By then Mevaseret Zion had become a big political story. Television crews set up outside the assimilation centre, waiting for the next showdown.

It came a month later. “They blew the doors open and came charging in with batons and guns,” Mr Buzit said. “They held a gun to the head of my baby boy. What kind of people are these?”
After 24 hours in detention, Mr Buzit and several other men from Mevasseret Zion were banned from their home town and from Jerusalem as well.

“So we drove out of Jerusalem,” he said. “We went east. We didn’t really know where we were going. When we saw the Palestinians we just gave ourselves up. We had nothing left to lose.”

Like many poor Sephardic Israelis, Mr Buzit’s politics were decidedly right wing. During last year’s election he and his friends stuck up campaign posters for Binyamin Netanyahu. They have since reassessed their views.

“In Israel, the press shows all Palestinians to be terrorists and murderers,” he said. “Now that we are here, we feel more at home than back in Israel. Our grandparents lived easily side by side with Arabs. We have the same culture.” Since their arrival, the Jerusalem Hotel has become magnets for some of Israel’s malcontents. There are now about 20 asylum-seekers.

The whole concept of the Zionland colony is a pestilential sore in the Middle East, seeking the impossible permanent denial of the Palestinian nation’s rights, and making peace impossible, (as does all of imperialism everywhere eventually, of course).

Anti-Zionism is the front line of the entire anti-imperialist struggle. Build Leninism. Adam Car East is going to become more capable of fighting in general than its imperialist and Zionist tormentors. It is the inevitability of this which makes the seriously insane Zionist colonisers take action against the more moderate and deranged Zionist colonisers (such as assassinat- ing Rabin) in order to “avoid weakening or be submersed”.

Worried about the international consequences, Western imperialism finally persuaded the Apartheid bantustan nuts to abandon their permanent-colonisation delusion in South Africa.

The huge Zionist lobby inside the USA plus the vital oil interests for the West in the Middle East where having ‘lo- cal’ hitmen-thugs is so useful, – will make it much harder for imperialism to see the same sensible perspective for Pales- tine, – and even more difficult to try to impose them on the Zionists, still busy perpetually smiting the Arabs in the field.

Contradictions abound, but it is not completely out-of-the-question that serious war- ring could start with Zionist against Zionist, or even with frustrated US imperialism against the Zionists, whose fanaticism becomes an increas- ing problem, as even the Western capitalist press is at last beginning to admit.

ISRAEL’S biggest-selling pop star, Aviv Geffen, has been forced into exile in London after being vic- timised and stoned by right-wing Jewish fundamentalists.

Geffen, an icon to Israeli youth, with six platinum-selling albums in his home country, was forced off the stage at a concert in Tel Aviv three weeks ago when bricks and bottles were hurled at him. A funda- mentalist group had distributed 60,000 leaflets urging followers to attend the concert and attack the singer, who has championed reconcilia- tion with the Palestinians and founded his own peace move- ment. He has also received death threats; six months ago he was at- tacked by a knife by someone posing as a fan.

Geffen, 24, says the forces that led to his exile were behind the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in November 1995. The singer witnessed the killing after the Israeli leader had asked him to perform in front of 300,000 people. He was a fearful public figure in the main square of Tel Aviv.

Ten minutes before he was shot, Rabin visited Geffen backstage and kissed him on the cheek — an extraordinary gesture for a politi- cal leader to make towards one of Israel’s most controversial figures. Geffen was the last man to embrace Rabin alive. “I saw him fall. I saw the blood and could smell the gunshot,” Geffen recalled last week. “In that mo- ment I knew things had changed in Israel. When they started shooting in the crowd I knew Israel was not the place to be.”

Yigal Amir, 26, who was con- victed of Rabin’s murder, had been posing as a driver for one of the performers in order to get close to his target. Before the assassina- tion Amir had talked to security guards about Geffen. “Just look at him. What is he doing here?” the killers were said to have said in a derisive tone.

Geffen was traumatised by the killing. At the concert he sang ‘Cry For You’, an anemic number writ- ten for a young friend killed in a road crash. He later sang the song at a memorial concert for Rabin, wearing a bullet-proof vest.

He made no attempts to soften his criticism of Jewish orthodoxy. He said: ‘The occupied territories are a cancer in the body of Israel. I wouldn’t mind giving the whole of Jerusalem to the Arabs. I place more value on human beings than on a piece of land and I don’t be- lieve in holy stones. The religious fanatics are trying to make Israel like Iran. I believe in a God of love. They believe in a god of blood.’

The final straw for his enemies came last September, when he used Ma’ariv Youth, an Israeli teen magazine, to attack the right-wing Likud Party and the new Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanya- hu. He advised young people to ‘pack your bags and leave Israel’ and called Netanya- hu an ‘empty, hol- low-hearted man’.

Outraged parents cancelled their children’s subscriptions to the magazine. And Geffen was pub- licly denounced by President Ezer Weizman, a cousin of Geffen’s fa- ther. Threats were pinned to his door and whispered anonymously down the phone.

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RABBI David Ariel Yoel arrived at his synagogue early one morn- ing during this month’s religious holidays to find it desecrated. Broken windows, swastikas, graf- fiti threatening, ‘Cursed be you evil one — be cursed.’

It is the latest in a series of attacks on Jerusalem’s Har-El Synagogue, including threatening phone calls, hate mail, vandalism, acid poured on its lawn and human excre- ment smeared on the entrance. Elsewhere in the city, a kinder- garden has fallen victim to arsonists and Jews are attacked at the Western Wall.

Palestinian violence?

No. The victims are Reform and Conservative Jews, the suspects Ultra-Orthodox and human excre- ment levelled at the lib- eral stream of Judaism is that the Reform faith is a ‘derisive mock- ery’.

In Tel Aviv and the suburb of Ramat Aviv a controlling inter- est in a new shopping and cinema complex has been acquired by an Orthodox diamond merchant, Lev Leviev, who wants it closed on the
Sabbath. Shopkeepers who signed contracts allowing them to open on Saturdays — and the majority secular residents — protested that it violates the character of their neighbourhood. The courts ruled in Levyev's favour.

Last week politics and religion collided. It began with a rally by Orthodox Jews in support of the 'Conversion Bill', which would enshrine in law their right to decide who is a Jew in Israel. Rabbi David Yossef told supporters: "The Reform and the Conservative movements have created a different religion that has nothing in common with Judaism. When they return to Judaism they will leave the bizarre religion they have fashioned.'

Enter Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister, leader of the right-wing Likud party and self-professed anti-terrorism expert.

At a religious ceremony last Tuesday evening he crouched next to the eldest of Israel's sages and spiritual leader of the Sephardis, Rabbi Kadouri, and whispered: 'The left wing has forgotten what it means to be Jews. They think we are building in the settlements in the West Bank and Gaza has become an explosive issue since the 1993 Oslo peace accords.

The relentless growth of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza has become an explosive issue. The number of settlers living in the Palestinian territories has risen by 50 per cent since 1992, and there are more than 300,000 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem alone. They have dramatically tilted the political scene by establishing themselves on land which Palestinians expected to become the core of an independent state after the 1967 Six Day War.

The last round of peace-implementation talks broke down in March after work started on a new Jewish settlement on Arab land in Har Homa, south-east of Jerusalem. Tension was further increased by the Jewish occupation last month of houses in another Arab district of Jerusalem. Ras al-Amoud.

Jerusalem's mayor, Ehud Olmert, said yesterday that Jewish settlements in East Jerusalem would continue whatever happened at the negotiating table.

Mr Olmert's often stated aim is to ring the city with Jewish neighbourhoods, pre-empting Palestinian claims on the eastern districts as a future national capital. Observers say the longer the settlements are allowed to grow, the more difficult it will be for an Israeli government to order a halt, let alone surrender them to any future Palestinian state.

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‘Alliance’ arena’s deliberate suppression of theoretical differences makes understanding world-crisis development impossible, as shown in the abandonment of solidarity with Palestine on the front line of anti-imperialism. These anti-communist ‘ultra-lefts’ finish up on the extreme counter-revolutionary right, tail-ending every current imperialist nastiness. Zionist terror will be toppled, but not by fake-leftism. To defeat imperialist war, prepare for revolutionary war. (No 1063 24-10-00)

One immediate practical task for leadership is how to gain maximum international anti-imperialist clarity from the genocidally murderous setback to civilisation that dying Western imperialism is seeking to impose on the Palestinian nation.

A big ‘left’ movement is obviously essential before workers in Britain can make much contribution to this world revolutionary struggle, but its philosophy will be crucial. The Labour/TUC coalition was just such a ‘socialist’ movement yet it is currently part of the Western back-up chorus for the US-Zionist leaders of anti-Palestinian genocide. But ‘Socialist Alliance’ ideology still wants to treat Labour/TUC as part of the ‘left’ part of the workers movement.

This ‘SA’ reactionary treacherousness to real socialist interests easily falls into place, however, once its most ‘left’ supporters’ analysis of Mid-East warmongering is considered. It amounts to total acceptance of imperialist-colonisation of the Palestinian homeland, and advocates Social-Pacifist capitulation to ‘end the bloodshed’, — the sur-est way of seeing it continue and worsen in reality. The Weekly Worker’s bogus ‘anti-imperialism’ is a disgust-ing sell-out from the start because of the corrupt ‘princ-iplized position’ it adopts from the very beginning: “The Israelis, now settled in the region for two or three generations, have the right to exist and to have their own separate nation-state. The results of the Zionist colonisation of Palestine in the early mid-20th century are irreversible, — as irreversible, in fact, as the European colonisation of the Americas.”

This ‘socialist’ thinking is so monstrous that Hitler’s ‘national-socialist’ (NAZI) mentality seems the clos-est parallel. So the 4 million Zionist colonisers who have invaded to dispossess the 6 million Palestinian nation are apparently untouchable because it happened after 1945, and because from the 16th century onwards, European colonisers systematically wiped out the native-Indian population throughout the Americas???

It would be better not to delve into exactly what sick prejudices and cowardly assumptions have gone into this bizarre non sequitur, but both concepts are utterly false. The dispossession and genocide of the Indians of North and South America by European colonisation will never be anything but a foul atrocity, demanding restitution for as long as civilisation continues, and the fight for justice is still very much alive today over vast areas of the Americas. What has ‘irrevers-i-bile’ got to do with it, apart from some utterly pathetic defeatist implication that “the imperialist system rules, and will rule, and the relatively few amerindian natives that remain will never get much justice now”, etc., etc., etc.?? What a sad ‘socialist’ perspective. There is no going back to the justice that ought to have prevailed in the 16th century, but planned world socialism will easily be able to make colossal restitution to the present-day amerindians and their tradi-tion ‘just’ as it will be able to give full justice to the huge native-american struggles still going full-blast now, from the Eskimos, to Chiapas, to the Amazon rainforest, and right down the Andes to Chile.

This pointless ‘irreversible’ word is stuck in there solely to benefit the Zionist coloni-sation-outrage, blitzkrieging Palestine since 1945, but with what implication? Leaving aside some daft middle-class guilt complex, hanging over after centuries of persecu-tion of the Jews by Western societies, or else some nutty superstition about Biblical promises, — the only section that can be made of this ‘irrevers-i-ble’ is the same old petty bourgeois defeatism that these CPGB anti-communists have been liquidating themselves into for years, continuing the Revisionist gibberish which spawned them, and which they once so proudly embraced, boasting of themselves at the ‘Leninist’ as the repre-sentatives of ‘the official world communist movement’.

But although now unable to pour out enough lies and hatred against the world that 70-year brilliant achieve-ments of the Soviet workers state, more bilious than the sourdest middle-class Trot anti-communists, — these Weekly Worker dilettantes have only sunk ever deeper into philistine cynicism that imperialist world domination and its consumerist/econo-mic/technological appeal to the masses could never be got the better of by bureaucratic workers states or by any anti-imperialist resistance move-ments (denied the benefits of the posturing pseudo-Marxist intellectualism which bosses things at the CPGB). Their reactionary ‘leadership’ to the international working class on Ireland remains the classic defeatist analysis, by way of example, — still insisting that the Good Friday Agreement was merely a “US imposed peace deal” which obviously implied that the Sinn Féin/IRA national-liberation revolution was a “failure”, with which the Weekly Worker has barely been able to conceal its plea-hlessly (for ‘Marxists’) scorning the role that national-liberation can play against imperialism, and scorning the Irish struggle to get their six stolen Ulster counties back in particular, — because four of those are wanted by the reactionary CPGB working-class ‘leadership’ to reserve for an Orange-fascist laager where the original colonising Brits like the worst RUC sectarian thugs, the ex-‘B’ Specials, the Paisley vigilantes, the UDR/ RIR killer army units, the ‘Loyalist’ psychopaths like the Shankill Butchers, the Special Branch assassins they worked closely with, etc, etc, etc., — can continue to beat up or murder any straying Irish, trying to return to their ancestral land; — or each other if it makes an easier target, as is now happening.

This ‘very conquest for ever’ nasty backwardness from the CPGB was clearly begat by the above cowardly imbecility, trying to under-mine the anti-imperialist struggle in Ireland (which, to all normal minds, had plainly fought the British colonial-military occupation to a standstill, bombing London into retreat which, through the GFA, effectively wipes out the ‘Northern Ireland’ Parti-otion colony as it was under its sectarian police-military dictatorship, and effectively opens the door to Ireland’s reunification in the foresee-able future, which was ex-actly the aim of this particular national-liberation struggle, and a very laudable and worth-while aim from any genuine international anti-imperialist revolutionary point of view, and of especial significance for the situation in Britain, free-ing workers there from their rotten centuries old anti-Irish chauvinism).

Here, the same Little Eng-lander contempt for a small nation’s liberation aspirations against big, and seemingly all-powerful, imperialism is expressed even more biliously: Without finding a way to dissipate the national hatreds that have been built up over generations in the Middle East, there will be no solution.

The same confused poisoned recipe that these petty-bourgeois anti-communists wanted to impose on Ireland.

But in both cases, the exact opposite is the truth. In Occupied Palestine as in Occupied Ireland, only the most imperialist-influenced posturing academicism could claim that all bitter ‘nationalist-rivalry’ was an ‘equally bad’ obstacle to peace, and desper-edly ‘cancelled each other out’, etc. In the real world, there is no way that the ‘Orange’ nationalist interests equate to the Irish wish for national-lib-eration. Unionism is the local dictatorial arm of conquering British imperialism, which has now been defeated and which has to go. Similarly, Zionist colonial ‘national rights’ over Palestine are just a recent imperialist
fiction, imposed by military conquest and total world neo-colonial domination. It is only the rights of the Palestinian nation which have been brutally obliterated by continuous near-genocidal menace from the conquerors. There is only one wrong to be righted, that of the dispossessed Palestinian nation, – 6 million people still suffering torment, humiliation, and pain inside tiny Zionist-policed reservations or else regularly-bombed refugee camps around the Near East.

And how can national-liberation hatred not be part of the necessary revolution to get Zionist tyranny off Palestinian backs??? Only in the devisious minds of 'liberal' Western political poseurs, posturing as the 'communist' left in their petty-bourgeois comfort in middle-class Britain, where the last thing they really want is too much revolutionary upheaval in the world. From its earliest days, volume after volume of Marxist science has made crystal clear its total support and enthusiasm for whatever damage to the main imperialist enemy can be inflicted by justified nationalist struggle. Lenin gloried in the Easter Rising's sensational blow to British imperialism, 'petty-bourgeois nationalist putsch' though it technically might have been described by its pedantic academic 'left' critics. In the theoretically handicapped world bequeathed by the revisionist progenitors of the present CPGB philistines, national-liberation will frequently have to give the anti-imperialist lead, as was done so brilliantly by the Provisionals in Ireland in both revolutionary politics and revolutionary guerrilla war. So will it inevitably be in Palestine for the immediate future, where decades of international revisionist debacle have made the early rebirth of Leninism a still distant prospect only.

As pretend 'Leninists' and 'communists', presumably the Weekly Worker looks down on the perspective of 'mere' nationalist liberation war from the posturing lotus of claiming that only 'revolutionary class war for socialism – against all bourgeois nationalism' could be the 'real thing', – a Walter Mitty stance they affected over Ireland.

But the doubts that this CPGB opportunist egocentricity would really want to identify itself with any kind of revolutionary war anywhere are raised sky high by the following absurd social-pacifist bleat:

**Last weekend's ceasefire,** brokered by Bill Clinton in Egypt, is very tenuous, to say the least. Both Palestinian militants and Israeli extremists are denouncing it as a sell-out. The danger of escalation remains:

**Danger to who? To the Palestinians?** So don't bother fighting persecution tyranny if it is bigger and better equipped? Some 'revolutionary communist' advice, this is! It would not draw a whole lot of admiration in Vietnam, Cuba, Occupied Ireland, or 500 other centres of national-liberation struggle since 1945.

**Danger of bloodshed?** So just give in to imperialist colonisation and live a long life in undisturbed peace? Wiped-out aboriginal populations from Australia to the Americas would hardly endorse this recommendation.

**Danger to the Zionists?** The Western imperialist might behind this armed-to-the-teeth colonisation is hardly in need of timely-warning assistance from genteel fake 'revolutionary' observers from abroad, but a letter of thanks may have been posted in Tel Aviv, who knows?

From a revolutionary Marxist perspective, the real 'danger' is precisely the opposite, – that the ability to fight imperialist domination everywhere will not escalate, and that history will end with the triumph of neo-colonialism.

**But that is not realistic proposition.** As last week's Review explained from a Marxist scientific position in detail, ongoing imperialist exploitation will eventually train and educate the whole world in how to fight, defeat, and overthrow monopoly capitalist domination one day. This Al-Aqsa Intifada is the severest revolutionary challenge to Zionist tyranny yet from within Palestine, but this process is still barely in its infancy. Very many far more serious assaults on this colonisation outrage have yet to come.

Just as disorienting as the CPGB opportunist bilge, is the near-racist Weekly Worker sneer at the inevitably Islamic colouration to the Palestinian intifada:

Muslim fundamentalism offers a counter-revolutionary solution to the masses. Israel and the US are fanatically hated in a reactionary way. But however barmy the religion, Islam also provides a cultural-nationalist solidarity which can inspire some anti-Western imperialism fervour which might easily and temporarily play a decisive and progressive historical part against neo-colonial globalisation. What insane footling academicism to simply jeer this out of contention 'on principle'? Sinn Féin has likewise been jeered at by many fake-'lefts' among the 57 varieties of Trot and Revisionist anti-communism for harbouring 'fanatical nationalist hatred'; for supposedly 'rejecting the true path of socialist revolution'; and for accommodating to religious (Catholic) fundamentalism itself. And the Ten Men Dead of the early 1980s Hunger Strikes were a powerful cultural phenomenon of a decidedly nationalist/religious character (rather than any orthodox communist-revolutionary nature) which as much as anything else helped to destroy British imperialist political credibility in Occupied Ireland.

Similar fanatical-nationalist suicidal heroism helped drive US imperialism out of its temporary invasion-occupation of Lebanon in the early 1980s after explosives-packed trucks were driven into American target buildings with devastating casualties to the US Marine Corps and US Diplomatic Corps.

None of which stops Islamic religion remaining superstitions nonsense, holding people back; but it does nevertheless allow that some of the broad anti-Western-imperialism cultural influence of Islam could.
be one focus of serious revolt against neocolonialism, all the same. And in the broad spread of anti-imperialist struggle in the world, it is foolish to rule it out that some purely nationalist-fanatical spark could light a far deeper and bigger conflagration, and play a historical role despite all its chance/episodic quality.

Lenin was in no doubt about the anti-imperialist influence of nationalist struggle, as he told the Second All-Russia Congress of Communist Organisations of the Peoples of the East on November 22, 1919: "I am very glad of the opportunity to greet this Congress of Communist comrades representing Moslem Organisations of the East, and to say a few words about the situation now obtaining in Russia and throughout the world. The subject of my address is current affairs, and it seems to me that the most essential aspects of this question at present are the attitude of the peoples of the East to imperialism, and the revolutionary movement among those peoples.

I think that what the Red Army has accomplished, its struggle, and the victories it has won, will be of colossal, epochal significance for all the peoples of the East. It will show them that, weak as they may be, and invincible as may seem the power of the European oppressors, who in the struggle employ all the marvels of technology and of the military art - nevertheless, a revolutionary war waged by oppressed peoples, if it really succeeds in arousing the millions of working and exploited people, harbours such potentialities, such miracles, that the emancipation of the peoples of the East is now quite practicable, from the standpoint not only of the prospects of internal revolution, but also of the direct military experience acquired in Asia, in Siberia, the experience of the Soviet Republic, which has suffered the armed invasion of all the powerful imperialist countries.

Furthermore, the experience of the Civil War in Russia has shown us and the Communists of all countries that, in the crucible of civil war, the development of revolutionary enthusiasm is accompanied by a powerful inner cohesion. War tests all the economic and organisational forces of a nation. In the final analysis, infinitely hard as the war has been for the workers and peasants, who are suffering famine and cold, it may be said on the basis of these two years' experience that we are winning and will continue to win, because we have a hinterland, and a strong one, because, despite famine and cold, the peasants and workers stand together, have grown strong, and answer every heavy blow with a greater cohesion of their forces and increased economic might. And it is this alone that has made possible the victories over Kolchak, Yudenich and their allies, the strongest powers in the world.

Russian Bolsheviks have succeeded in forcing a breach in the old imperialism, in undertaking the exceedingly difficult, but also exceedingly noble, task of blazing new paths of revolution, whereas you, the representatives of the working people of the East, have before you a task that is still greater and newer. It is becoming quite clear that the socialist revolution which is impending for the whole world will not be merely the victory of the proletariat of each country over its own bourgeoisie. That would be possible if revolutions came easily and swiftly. We know that the imperialists will not allow this, that all countries are armed against their domestic foes and that their one thought is how to defeat Bolshevism at home. That is why in every country a civil war is brewing in which the old socialist compromisers are enlisted on the side of the bourgeoisie. Hence, the socialist revolution will not be solely, or chiefly, a struggle of the revolutionary proletarians in each country against their bourgeoisie - no, it will be a struggle of all the imperialist-oppressed colonies and countries, of all dependent countries, against international imperialism. Characterising the approach of the world social revolution in the Party Programme we adopted last March, we said that the civil war of the working people against the oppressors and exploiters in all the Advanced is at present being combined, with national wars against international imperialism. That is confirmed by the course of the revolution, and will be more and more confirmed as time goes on. It will be the same in the East.

We know that in the East the masses will rise as independent participants, as builders of a new life, because hundreds of millions of the people belong to dependent, underprivileged nations, which until now have been objects of international imperialist policy, and have only existed as material to ferment imperialism and civilisation when they talk of bequeathing our mandates for colonies, we know very well that it means handing out mandates for spoliation and plunder - handing out to an insignificant section of the world's population the right to exploit the majority of the population of the globe. That majority, which up till then had been completely outside the orbit of historical progress, because it could not constitute an independent revolutionary force, ceased, as we know, to play such a passive role at the beginning of the twentieth century.

The imperialist war aroused the East also and drew its peoples into international politics. Britain and France armed colonial peoples and helped them to familiarise themselves with military technique and up-to-date machines. That knowledge they will use against the imperialist country. The period of the awakening of the East in the contemporary revolution is being succeeded by a period in which all the Eastern peoples will participate in deciding the destiny of the whole world, as not to be simply objects of the enrichment of others. The peoples of the East are becoming alive to the need for practical action, the need for every nation to take part in shaping the destiny of all mankind.

That is why I think that in the history of the development of the world revolution - which, judging by the events of the last ten years and will demand much effort - that in the revolutionary struggle, in the revolutionary movement you will be called upon to play a big part and, to merge with our struggle against international imperialism. Your participation in the international revolution will confront you with a complicated and difficult task, the accomplishment of which will serve as the foundation for our common success, because here the majority of the people for the first time begin to act independently and will be an active factor in the fight to overthrow international imperialism.

We must realise that the transition to communism cannot be accomplished by the vanguard alone. The task is to arouse the working masses to revolutionary activity, to independent action and to organisation, regardless of the level they have reached; to translate the true communist doctrine, which was intended for the Communists of the more advanced countries, into the language of every people; to carry out those practical tasks which must be carried out immediately, and to join the proletarians of other countries in a common struggle. Despite the problems the solution you will not find in any communist book, but will find in the common struggle begun by Russia. You will have to tackle that problem and solve it through your own independent experience. In that you will be assisted, on the one hand, by close alliance with the vanguard of the working people of other countries, and, on the other, by ability to find the right approach to the peoples of the East whom you here represent. You will have to base yourselves on the bourgeois nationalism which is awakening, and must awaken, among those peoples, and which has its historical justification. At the same time you must find your way to the working and exploited masses of every country and tell them in a language they understand that their only hope of emancipation lies in the victory of the international revolution, and that the international proletariat is the only ally of all the hundreds of millions, of the working and exploited peoples of the East.

No treacherous pacifist weirdness about "the danger of escalation" here. Just the opposite. Only by suffering the pain of defeat and slaughter can the oppressed sometime learn how to triumph through greater fortitude. Nor does Lenin hesitate to spell it out bluntly that the nationalism that the anti-imperialist revolution might make use of is specifically termed "bourgeois nationalism", if necessary, to avoid any confusion.

Lenin would have saluted ecstatically the shattering blow to US imperialist prestige and pride inflicted by fanatical Islamic nations when in the suicidal attack on the USS Cole in Aden Harbour, regardless of the total absence from the event of any academic "revolutionary socialist" scholasticism, which would doubtless have had the Weekly Worker cold fish disparaging it for its "uninhibited national belligerence", and for being nothing but "reactionarily fundamentalist" and "counter-revolutionary". In the real world, the soul of genuine anti-imperialism soared everywhere with this blow against American tyranny.
dispossession of the Palestinian nation and its homeland, the destruction of its ‘material standard of life and national self-respect’. The two aims are not just utterly incompatible, they are the polar opposites of each other. But relentlessly, these middle-class ‘communists’ (?) pursue their latter-day Sermon on the Mount, and preach: ‘By fighting for democracy for both nations, socialists can make a start on the necessary task of exposing the Zionist fortress from within, of laying the basis for a working class-centred struggle for socialism, for a genuinely voluntary federalism, for a genuinely voluntary federalism which the_restless, these middle-class ‘communists’ (?) pursue their latter-day Sermon on the Mount, and preach: ‘By fighting for democracy for both nations, socialists can make a start on the necessary task of exposing the Zionist fortress from within, of laying the basis for a working class-centred struggle for socialism, for a genuinely voluntary federalism, for a genuinely voluntary federalism which the Restless, these middle-class ‘communists’ (?) pursue their latter-day Sermon on the Mount, and preach: ‘By fighting for democracy for both nations, socialists can make a start on the necessary task of exposing the Zionist fortress from within, of laying the basis for a working class-centred struggle for socialism, for a genuinely voluntary federalism, for a genuinely voluntary federalism which the

sibilities for resolving this explosive contradiction, which has no solution, (typical of the whole world-problem facing the insoluble ‘overproduction’ economic crisis, threatening the whole imperialist system with collapse and trade depressions, will have no solution at all), Palestinian resistance, over time, will precisely escalate, escalate, and escalate, and the guerilla-war ability to frustrate the Zionists’ superior will might also steadily grow, – as Hizbollah have already shown in South Lebanon can happen.

It is impossible to know exactly what will occur but a likely, all-the-way genocidal blitzkrieg-response by Zionist colonisation to such an over-growthing revol will then mean almost certain intervention on a much wider scale by a far greater number of powers. And this could well be coinciding with the international markets crash of the imperialist system itself, wrecking imperialist/oil supply relationships (already into warming more into turmoil anyway, as prematurely arose over Iraq, and then Iran before that, creating the almost 20 years continuous war that has already been exploding on and off around the Persian Gulf even before the major inter-imperialist-carrot-and-tomato combined policy splits that this inter-imperialist war, will be far harder work than the ridiculous ‘Socialist Alliance’ posturing of non-existent ‘unity’ based on total discordance of philosophy and ideals which there is no intention of trying to sort out. Oppressive-Nationalist commuter manoeuvring around the ‘Socialist Alliance’ is for parliamentary cretins, and this tower of Babel will never say anything of real significance to the working class about the actual world of imperialist crisis for as long as this bogus ‘unity’ survives. Carrying a torch for such double-dyed op-portunist reactionaries as Ken Livingstone is the essence of this ‘socialist’ posturing.

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its hands, - are still considered obligatory (to try to keep the myth of 'press freedom' going in the West); but the admissions still conceal 90% of the true monstrousness of the situation, (while yet remaining horrifying enough):

Race relations have indeed been improving towards a more civilised adult maturity, but the rotten pressures of capitalist exploitation and slump-disruption are increasing faster now. Divide and rule is now the worldwide agenda of a Western-dominated imperialist economic system in crisis. Western privilege, prejudice, and colonising financial-military power, genocidally tyrannising the Palestinian nation, is the clearest example of a process that will have every ghetto in revolt before long (No 1091 29-05-01).

The evidence that the racist problem is inseparable from the continuation of the capitalist system comes in the capitalist press itself as well as from the Marxist scientific understanding (from Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy, 1859) that it is man-kind's social existence which determines consciousness and not consciousness which determines social existence:

In the social production of their existence, men inevitably enter into definite relations, which are independent of their will, namely relations of production appropriate to a given stage in the development of their material forces of production. The totality of these relations of production constitutes the economic structure of society, the real foundation, on which arises a legal and political superstructure and to which correspond definite forms of social consciousness. The mode of production of material life conditions the general process of social, political and intellectual life. It is not the consciousness of men that determines their existence, but their social existence that determines their consciousness. At a certain stage of development, the material productive forces of society come into conflict with the existing relations of production or - this merely expresses the same thing in legal terms - with the property relations within the framework...
of which they have operated hitherto. From forms of development of the productive forces these relations turn into their fetters. Then begins a era of social revolution. The changes in the economic foundation lead sooner or later to the transformation of the whole immense superstructure. In studying such transformations it is always necessary to distinguish between the material transformation of the economic conditions of production, which can be determined with the precision of natural science, and the legal, political, religious, artistic or philosophical - in short, ideological forms in which men become conscious of this conflict. Hence, I say it is not judge an individual by what he thinks about himself, so one cannot judge such a period of transformation by its consciousness, but, on the contrary, this consciousness must be explained from the contradictions of material life, from the conflict existing between the social forces of production and the relations of production. No social order is ever destroyed before all the productive forces for which it is sufficient have been developed, and new superior relations of production never replace older ones before the material conditions of the latter have disappeared as readily as the framework of the old society. Mankind thus inevitably sets itself only such tasks as it is able to solve, since closer examination will always show, that the problem itself arises only when the material conditions for its solution are already present or at least in the course of formation.

The capitalist press has no great appetite for reprinting Marx’s devastating analy-sis of its system’s insoluble contradictions and clear guide to the only way out (through proletarian revolution) but it does, willy nilly, provide anec-dotal evidence, from ethnic contributors themselves, of how racist small-mindedness is symptomatic of every community locked into capitalism’s backwaters into which the Jews, and grotesque ‘reformist’ political provocations and hypocrisy…..

But why should society under twilight imperialism turn so violent??

Because of the examples of international persecution and brutality which the ‘Western way of life’ has effectively always condoned whilst hypocritically dressing it up as something other than what it is.

The colonial savagery by Zionist imperialism (originally a tool of the foreign policy) which first brutally expropriated the Palestinian nation, and then ruthlessly has sought since to genocidally wipe out its nationhood altogether, is an obviously topical example.

Reluctantly, the capitalist press itself is beginning to admit what a monstrous barbaric injustice has been inflicted on the Palestinian nation by Western policy, and systematically condoned and covered up for more than 50 years—since 1967. Only the fraction of the horrific persecution is revealed here, but it puts into context the grotesque hypocrisy of the NATO allies in muscling their way into the Balkans for geo-political counter-revolutionary long-term and long-range reasons (see countless past Reviews) but done under the guise of preventing ‘ethnic cleansing’ (supposedly by the Serbs who were eventually more sinning against than sinning, it has recently emerged) while for more than 50 years barbaric ethnocratic colonisation programme has been systematically inflicted on the Palestinian people with the West’s full connivance and military assistance.

Even Western authors with Jewish connections are beginning to admit in their own imperialist newspapers what colonial horrors are still being committed in the name of the ‘free West’ which is supposed to have turned its back on such primitive racist degeneracy.

At some level, I suspect, feelings like these animate the attitude of most diaspora Jews, however disillusioned or assimilated to Israel. You may despair over its idiotic invasion of Lebanon, its complicity in atrocities such as the massacres at Sabra and Shatila, its countless human rights abuses, its reckless and frequently disproportionate use of force, its paranoia, its sheen blood- mindness. But somewhere inside there is always a small, per-sistent voice saying: these people are putting their necks on the line, making sacrifices, doing ugly things so that there will be a sanc-tuary for you if ever you need one. Who are you to judge them? Nothing you have read quite prepares you for the provocative ness of the settlements, the sheer one-in-the-eye, fuck-you-ness of them here are the familiar stat-istics, of course: some 200,000 settlers hogging a wildly disproportionate share of the land (20%) (the Gaza alone was 2% of the Palestinians squeezed into the rest. But you don’t quite get it till you see it: the boxy orange-roofed houses plonked on to hillocks like Monopoly houses, little pinky-green grove dotting the drab brushes of the Judean hills, shiny black roads leading down to the broad, smooth highway, specially constructed to allow settlers to travel through the West Bank without having to pass through Palestinian areas.

As we speed past, our Palestinian guide points out the ones that have ‘been out the Oslo agree-ment in 1993, and you can’t help wondering: why? Why, when peace was so close, did Israel con-tinue to poke these concrete fin-fish? He’s said it out loud: Yossi Beilin, the former Israeli minister who was instrumental in the Oslo negotiations, says settlement ex-pansion was a price Labour felt it had to paying for the weakness of its rightwing coalition partners. Now he’s not so sure: “We believed peace was so close that talking about settlements that were not go-ing to be there seemed irrelevant. What happened was that we don’t have peace but we do have settle-ments.”

And more concentrated, Gaza, is far more instantly shocking than the West Bank. The stench hits you first - the area’s only sewerage plant has long been out of commo-tion since the clan have been in. More than with a million people packed into an area roughly the size of the Isle of Wight (26% of whose land is occupied by 6,500 settlers) Gaza would be a claustrophobic place at the best of times. Sealed off, as all Palestinian territories have been since September, it feels like nothing more than a self-governing prison camp. In the West Bank, thousands of Palestinians defy the Israeli cor-don, walking over the hills to get to work each day in Israel. But here, much of which is surrounded by an electric fence, closure means closure.

On one day in Gaza, we meet a man whose home has just been bulldozed by the Israeli army, visit a part of the Khan Yunis camp where 32 homes were flattened by the Israelis a few weeks earlier, and see a rocket attack on the only Palestinian Authority building in Gaza. But somehow these are less shocking than the everyday deg- radations and indignities of life in Gaza. We hear of the daylong bulldozings and the rocket attacks on TV; the sheer brutality of closure only emerges from the steady stream of stories you hear as you travel through Gaza and the West Bank.

Stories such as the one told to me by a Palestinian woman, call her Sarah, but not over critical TV or radio, but out of real life while we were in east Jerusalem. Since the intifada, her mother, who lived in Ramallah, had been unable to travel to east Jerusalem to see her or her chil-dren. So Sarah and her husband moved to Ramallah to keep the family together. There was just one problem: since Sarah and her husband were technically Israeli Arab, they were not allowed to pay to be in Ramallah. Any time they travelled into Jerusalem, they risked being turned back when they tried to go home.鸡 airy, a woman who grew up under apartheid, I have always resisted the glib comparison with South Africa. But hearing stories like this, it’s hard to avoid the para- lels. “It’s worse than apartheid, ac-tually,” one Palestinian said when the analogy inevitably came up. “Right now it’s apartheid without the violence.”

As we speed through Gaza, hearing stories like Sarah’s, the seeing the settlements, you can’t help asking the same ques-tion: how can Jews behave like this? He was a Jew. Why, when so long oppressed allow itself to become an oppressor? It’s a na-tive response, of course; at the core of Israel’s identity has always been the idea of being determined never to allow a repetition of the catastrophe that befell European Jewry, even if it meant treading on others to make sure.

Talk to any Israeli about why Israel behaves the way it does, why it is a nation that feels it is fight-ing for its very existence despite its overwhelming military and eco-nomic superiority over its neigh-bours, and pretty soon you come back to the Holocaust. Over dinner, an Israeli novelist described how the Tsarist police of the 19th centu-ry had thrown Jewish enclaves into the clausrophobic place at the best of times. Sealed off, as all Palestinian territories have been since September, it feels like nothing more than a self-governing prison camp. If the Holocaust is one over whelming influence on the Israeli psyche, the other is the deeply held suspicion that the Arab world will not be satisfied until it has pushed the Jewish into the sea. It’s a view that frequently slides close to paranoia, as when one Israeli sympathiser pointed down from a hilltop view of the Jordan River and talked and said: “It’s the Palestinians we’re worried about, but how would you feel if there were Iraqi troops down there? But we don’t have a foreign enemy, only a terrorist movement.”
rier between Arab East Jerusalem and the West Bank, and between numerous Palestinian towns and villages on the West Bank. They and the ‘Doom of the Rock’ was built in Jerusalem), and the post-1922 Zionist colonisers from Europe has always been about land.

Though Israel has existed as a sovereign state since 1948 on 78% of British Palestine, its top leaders, be they rightwing or left, have yet to declare a wholesale downing of the Zionist aim of all of Palestine as the Jewish homeland. After the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, it was the Labour government which initiated the policy of Jewish settlement in occupied territories. The example of Kiryat Arba, a settlement near Hebron, is illustrative. After its 1967 victory, the Israeli military setup its camp on 40 hectares of Palestinian agricultural land, something it entitled to do as the occupation army. What it was not entitled to do was to increase the confiscated land 10-fold, to 400 hectares, acre, over the next two decades and create a complex of four Jewish settlements inhabited by some 6,000 civilians. In the process the Israeli army deprived Palestinians of two-thirds of their cultivated land in the area.

In its various resolutions, starting with 252 in 1967, the United Nations security council has repeatedly affirmed that the fourth Geneva convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war (August 1949) is applicable to the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967. This convention expressly forbids the occupying power to change the demography of the territory under its occupation through such means as deportation or transfer of ‘parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies’.

‘The transfer, the installation of the occupying power into the occupied territories is considered as an illegal move and qualified as a “grave breach”,’ said Rene Kosirnik, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross delegation to Israel and the Palestinian territories, last week. ‘It’s a grave breach, formally speaking, but grave breaches are equal in principle to war crimes.’

But Israel has ignored this. For a long time Jewish Israeli leaders refused to accept the fact that Palestinians were as much a nation as Israeli Jews. It was the eruption of the intifada in 1987 and its long-}

The crooked Bush regime is the one facing collapse, not the Third World determination to fight back against Zionist-imperialist tyranny with every weapon available. It is Trew fears of the historical re-establishment of workers-state paths to development which line them up with the demented imperialist propaganda blitzkrieg against the Mugabe regime. But Western ‘democracy’ hypocrisy keeps quiet about the imperialist state-terror silencing of Hobeika to stop him indicting Zionism’s genocide plans, a death as convenient to monopoly-bourgeois Mafia circles as Cliff Baxter’s. But all objects for colonial-exploitation tyranny are now doomed by imperialism’s insoluble economic crisis and Third World revolts (No1121 29-01-02).

... ‘democracy’ gibberish is at the heart of the back-stabbing on the major current international class-struggle issues raised at the beginning.

Because the whole of the West wants it, the Trots want ‘democracy’ for the Zionist armed colonisation of Palestine too.

Because the ‘democratic’ bourgeois powers everywhere all submit to the unchallengeable ‘leadership’ by the ‘left’ of ‘right’ American monopoly-capitalists and their super-power military technology, then the petty-bourgeois Trots also agree that ‘just being realistic’ is the only sensible factual starting point.

Except that this joke ‘anti-imperialism’ precisely does not start with how things really are or with the scientific historical perspectives, accessible only through Marxist understanding.

The Socialist Alliance fake-lefts are wrong about where things stand in the current international balance of class and national forces, and they are even more criminally misleading of any of the working class they influence on the question of what is historically possible for the future.

Is it really so “easy” for US imperialism as the Trots state above?

Are the American monopoly-bourgeois in a position to teach anybody “a few home truths about the post-Sept 11 New World Order”, never mind “teach the world”? And what sort of weird non-
Marxist understanding is it which thinks anti-imperialist struggle is taught its place by the belief that "There is no doubt that the Israeli government could, if it chose, move decisively against Arafat. It could topple his administration if it chose, move decisively to humiliate further the Palestinian imperialist actually wants to create a Palestinian state, out of the goodness of its heart; and that the Zionists really do want Arafat dead or out of the way, and are only delaying the coup de grace in order to humiliate further the Palestinian stooge of decadent Arab bourgeoisie-feudal nationalism so as further to discredit the idea that a Palestinian entity could ever stand worthy as a fully independent state.

Such a rubbish-tip of fantasy rigmaroles could even blacken the name of subjective idealism, which is the last crenuous refuge of petty-bourgeois fake-'leftism' as it is. It is objective realities which need looking at, not meandering subjective interpretations of what are only subjective imperialist pipe-dreams to start with.

Never mind all the assumptions in people's heads that "of course there must be a right to secure existence for Israel", etc, etc; "Of course the whole world has already accepted this at the 1949 United Nations decision to recognize the Israeli state on Palestinian territory" etc, etc; "Of course Israel is now far too powerful and far too well established to turn the clock back now", etc, etc; "Of course US imperialism would never ever consider again even the thought of all direct colonial conquests of which people have decided to anchor firmly in their own hands.

But what are the objective facts??

The colonisation of Palestine by Western Zionist imperialism took place post-1945 in the end-of-20th-century epoch of the defeat and overthrow of all direct colonial conquests despite the most genocidally murderous resistance by the great European empires as in Algeria, Malaysia, Vietnam and Indo-China generally, Indonesia, Kenya, Angola, Mozambique, Ghana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Egypt, Cyprus, Aden, etc, etc, etc. The only butchery which could have prevailed to keep these places colonial extensions of the home country would have been the total genocide (which in effect was how the imperialists created the extensions of West Europe in the USA and Australia, etc.)

How interesting that the capitalist press this week should have openly repeated a common Zionist thought that "the only way to get peace here is to kill all the Palestinians", and the colonial thug (recently arrived from New York for his share of the 'promised land') obviously really meant it too. How interesting that such genocidal smiting pipe-dreams should be placed back in the limelight by capitalist press cover-up just at the time when a huge 'free world' propaganda ego-week has been mounted to deliberately avoid drawing too much publicity-attention to the astonishing brazen act of international terrorism in the assassination of a leading Lebanese politician Elie Hobeika by US imperialist's favourite 'chosen people'.

Hobeika was precisely the Western stooge responsible for an earlier real Zionist attempt at 'genocidal solution' trend-setting to see how the world might react.

Before the CIA had time to impose a worldwide news blackout on the subject, the capitalist press had itself at least admitted the following:

A FORMER Lebanese Christian warlord who was a potential key witness in a war crimes trial against Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Prime Minister, was killed yesterday in a massive car bomb blast outside his home in Beirut. Hobeika, 45, carved out a bloody reputation as one of the most ruthless and cunning of all Lebanon's warlords during the country's 16-year civil conflict which ended in 1990. His last claim to notoriety was his role as an Israeli-backed militia commander during the massacre of Palestinians in the Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps in West Beirut in September 1982, and most Lebanese accused Israel of being behind Mr Hobeika's death.

A law suit was filed in June against Mr Sharon by survivors of the massacre. The suit was filed in a Brussels court based on a 1993 Belgian law that allows heads of state to be tried for crimes against humanity regardless of where they occurred.

Mr Sharon was Defence Minister in 1982 and the architect of Israel's invasion of Lebanon that June. The Kahan Commission's Israeli government inquiry into the massacre, concluded that Mr Sharon bore personal responsibility for the killings, in which at least 1,000 Palestinians died.

Mr Hobeika had said that he was willing to travel to Belgium and testify against Mr Sharon if asked. It has been reported that, in a secret meeting in Beirut with three visiting Belgian senators on Tuesday, Mr Hobeika had told them that he feared for his life. Josy Dubie, one of the senators who met Mr Hobeika at his north Beirut office, said: "I asked him if his life was in danger and he said, 'Yes, but I have to testify and wash my honour.'" Mr Hobeika had said he was innocent, had proof and he wanted to come to Belgium to say that, Vincent Van Quickendorne, another of the senators, said. "He was afraid that [his] revelations would harm him."

Emile Lahoud, the Lebanese President, implicitly blamed Israel, saying that the killers wanted to divert the attention of Arab and world public opinion from the "crimes committed in the occupied Palestinian territories".

Marwan Hamad, the Lebanese Minister of Displaced People, said, on a visit to the Jordanian capital Amman: "Israel doesn't want witnesses against it in this historic case in Belgium which will certainly convict Ariel Sharon, the permanent and continued criminal."

The Belgian court announced on Wednesday that it would decide on Monday if the trial should proceed. If it does, which is looking increasingly likely, Mr Sharon could have an international arrest warrant issued against him on charges of crimes against humanity. Leaving aside global startling facts that hatred and ridicule of the West will escalate even more dramatically as a result of this latest grotesque hypocrisy (going henny over acts of international terrorism but not this one; invading the Gulf to prevent Iran recouping its own province of Kuwait, hacked off by British colonialism early last century and 'invented' as a 'separate state', but actually helping Zionist colonial expansionism to occupy Lebanon, a truly independent state, and now to assassinate one of its leaders who was preparing to reveal all about Zionism's anti-Palestinian genocidal plans, etc, etc), the really challenging issue raised by all this, and ignored by the Trots, is, are such sordid little manoeuvres as having to bump off Hobeika, and having to threaten genocide (!) for a credible(!) anti-Intifada repression plan, really an indication of an all-powerful imperialism, able to make the whole world dance to its tune??

The Zionists started with genocide in 1947/48, and tried several renewals since with total occupations and utterly vicious repression, driving more and more millions of Palestinians out of their homeland for good, as the Zionist dream sees it.

And although 5 million Palestinians still rot in exile or refugee camps, and the remaining three million have to endure what are virtually the harshest open-prison conditions imaginable in Gaza and the Occupied West Bank, subject to continuous vicious and arbitrary Zionist repression at any time that the 'chosen people' Master-race wishes to inflict it, – still the colonisation problem of "what to do with the Palestinian nation we have usurped" grows and grows and grows, raising fascist-war-imperialist revival perspectives as a 'solution' to the system's insoluble international economic 'over-production' slump crisis.

And the nastiest 'left' posture of all by the Trots is
the nice-sounding but totally academic hoax (out of some non-existing ‘ideal Marxism’ manual) pretending (but without actually saying it, far too indecisive) that the only worthwhile Palestinian struggle would be in unity with ‘the last line of communist resistance’ (presumably, but coyly unsted) a total socialist revolution against everything the whole Western world stands for.

a) they obviously do not mean a word of it;

b) it is an anti-Marxist imbecile fantasy anyway.

There may be some excellent working-class communists in ZOP (Zionist-occupied-Palestine, a.k.a. ‘Israel’) but ZOP is not remotely a regular country or a normal state. It is a front-line battlefield for Western imperialism’s warmongering colonial revanchism, the only ‘solution’ to economic crisis in imperialist history.

All who are taking part in this Mafia-colonisation by the Jewish religious freemasonry are Zionists (i.e. imperialists). Whatever their economic status within that entire capitalist-colonial exploitation racket inflicted on the land, wealth, and people of Palestine, to describe the hired-hand participants as “the Israeli working class” is totally misleading and pure idealism.

And the richest hypocrisy of all in this whole nonsense, of course, is that it is these Trots who in the wrong circumstances never stop going on about the primacy of ‘self-determination’ rights.

They supported the NATO bombing of the Yugoslav socialist federation in the name of ‘self-determination’. They denounce the Good Friday Agreement retreat by British imperialism from Ireland on the grounds that the lumpen colonist ‘working class’ (which the ‘loyals’ and Mao -killers, etc) are being denied their own ‘self-determination rights’ to just a three-country occupation-dictatorship over the native Irish, to replace the six-county tyranny known ludicrously as ‘Northern Ireland’ (which the ‘loyals’ is properly going to dismantle, albeit at a snail’s pace (to avoid the national-liberation guerrilla-war triumphalism which all sections of reactionary British bourgeois ideology (including the fake-left middle-class ‘liberals’ and ‘academics’)

But precisely where it is inevitable that national self-determination will again be the cutting edge of revolution- ary struggle (and not remotely ‘at the expense of socialist aims’) but as the unavoidable national-democratic liberation (or February Revolution) pre cursor to an October Revolution, – so do the Trots pour all the venom they can find on such a genuine anti-imperialist path forward.

Is this conscious counter-revolutionary disruption and disinformation?? What does it matter. This anti-communist (anti-dictatorship-of-the-proletariat) mentality instinctively will always tend to avoid potential political perspectives of a critically dangerous nature where there is no guarantee of success for their middle-class interests but where there is a real danger of a serious breach with their big bourgeois.

Thus fake-left’s always talk very ‘R-e-revolutionary’ in abstract academic terms, but in practice always act very conservative-reformist.

The whole history of the bizarre phenomenon of defeatism in ultra-left’ circles reflects this. What are the Trots always so defeatist about?? Because they find anti-commu nist solidarity with mainstream bourgeois ideology so comfortable that any breach in this deeply class-based relationship always comes across initially as a hazardous, depressing, and thoroughly unnecessary escape.

And far from being in step with world anti-imperialist opinion, these Trots are now missing the boat completely. In a long run, the fake-left’ reformist and class-collaborationism is tied up with the fate of imperialism on which it is totally dependent for its existence.

Monopoly-capitalism, – no space for endlessly pretending to ‘reform’ monopoly-capital ism.

The Socialist Alliance view that US and Zionist imperialism is effortlessly forcing the whole world to dance to this fascist-aggressive warmongering tune is not only not backed up by the general picture of growing international crisis in all directions (economic collapse; corporate crashes and corruption; anti-imperialist revolt and terrorist guerrilla-war; anti-globalisation anarchy; incipient inter-imperialist trade war; and growing fear of revolution in many developing economies everywhere; etc) but is specifically contradicted by many particular developments. The capitalist press itself frankly admits the utter turmoil in the imperialist system’s crisis-ridden affairs:

Four months later, the careful, polite, respectful lies that character istic with anti-imperialist positions is where America have dissolved in a whirlpool of suspicion and vitriol. A relationship based on mutual military self-interest and billions of dollars’ worth of oil is dangerously close to rupture.

American complaints of Saudi petroffery have been countered by imperialists threats in Riyadh to ‘reform’ monopoly-capitalism by hitting US forces from the country. Senior officials on both sides have ditched their habitual diplomatic reserve in favour of scathing criticism.

In Riyadh last week, Prince Nawaf bin Abdul Aziz, the crown prince’s brother and Prince Turki’s successor as head of intelligence, said the policies that US uses in the Middle East are not resulting in a peaceful settlement in the area. America is always with Israel. This is very bad.

Demands on both sides to defuse the crisis, some of Riyadh’s most eminent citizens are publicly calling for American troops to leave the Saudi bases that have been a cornerstone of US strategic planning in the region since the Gulf war against Iraq.

Since September 11, America has ‘declared war on terrorism’,” said Dr Abdulrahman al-Zamil, chairman of the Al-Zamil business group and a member of the shura, the consultative council.

“America tried to convince people that they are here to protect the regime, and this is total garbage. Their presence is a liability to the Saudi government. This is the worst type of crisis I have seen.”

Abdul-aziz Alsebai, professor of Arabic literature at King Saud University-and deputy editor-in-chief of the daily Saudi Gazette, said many Saudis had long admired America. “Many of us and our children have been educated there and even born there. But after September 11, questions were raised. Should Saudi Arabia stay loyal to the United States? Nobody is happy that the American forces are here,” he said.

Nawaf emphasised, however, that tension will continue as long as Washington fails to curb Israeli attacks on Palestinians. Even before the terror attacks, Crown Prince Abdullah wrote to President George W Bush, warning that “a time comes when people and nations part”. The prince said Washington and Riyadh should now “look at their separate interests”.

Nawaf complained that Washington obstructed all attempts to condemn Israel at the United Nations.

James Akins, a former American ambassador to Riyadh, warned last week that the Bush administration’s handling of Middle Eastern issues was bordering on a crucial relationship. “Oil is going to be an American interest for ever” he said. “There’s every reason for us to be interested in stability in Saudi Arabia and all the other major oil producers of the world’s proven oil reserves.”

Akins added: “The reason we are hated in Saudi Arabia is that we have a double standard. We allow Israel to get away with breaking international law and defying UN security council resolutions. As long as that condition continues, the relationship with Saudi Arabia and other Muslim countries is going to be very bad.”

Other American experts warned that any breach between Riyadh pledged to rebuild the country, bin Laden’s, has vi lified the Saudi royal family for allowing 5,000 American troops to be based in the country that houses the Muslim world’s most important religious shrine at Mecca.

The spread of radical Islam in the region has compelled the Saudi royal family to enforce numerous restrictions US military presence in the country, and American warplanes stationed at the Prince Sultan air base near Riyadh have been barred from carrying out bombing raids in Iraq.

“If we pull away from the Saudis, Bin Ladin will have won a major victory,” warned Anthony Cordesman, a former Pentagon planner.

Despite last week’s international donors’ conference on Afghanistan in Tokyo, where £3 billion was pledged to rebuild the country, there are fears that Afghanistan could blow up in the West’s face.

Diplomats warn that the fragile reunification process could be compromised by the delivery of powerful pockets of Taliban and Al-Qaeda resistance, Iranian meddling in the west and south to undermine the central government, ethnic and territorial rivalries, and fighting among warlords. Although American officials praised Thursday’s special forces raid in the Al-Qaeda capital of Kandahar, which killed the newlyweds and their Pashtun population.

In Paktia province resentment still burns after US planes, acting on misinformation from local sources, bombed a wedding party, killing the newlyweds and their families.

American operations in southern and eastern Afghanistan are conducted largely in collaboration with forces from the Northern Alliance, which captured Kabul after the Taliban regime fell. But Alliance forces lack support in Afghanistan’s south and have sometimes used their new-found power to persecute the local Pashtun population.

America’s western allies recognise that sweeping up Al-Qaeda
remnants is essential for success in the war against terror. But they do not want the bombing to continue much longer. One western diplomat said: “The areas the Americans are bombing are where the government requires popular support if it is to survive.”

But diplomats say it is Iran’s “mischief” that casts the biggest shadow on Afghanistan’s political future. Although President George W Bush has told Iran to hand over any Al-Qaeda members seeking refuge there, there is no sign of the dire consequences if it tries to destabilise Hamid Karzai’s western-backed government, reports of Iranian political and military interference have multiplied.

Locals in the mountains around Zormat, 50 miles south of Kabul, said that after defeated Taliban at the Tiquita festival, Iran had given arms and money to local warlords, now Iranian official turned up with lists of Iranian and Al-Qaeda fighters arrived, an aide to the Kandahar government, reports of Iranian hardliners are unbridled. The Americans do not want the bombing to continue much longer. One western diplomat said: “The areas the Americans are bombing are where the government requires popular support if it is to survive.”

Mohammed Yusef Pushkao, a close aide to the Kandahar governor, said senior Iranian military officers, including two generals, had been operating for two weeks in the southern province of Farah and Herat, trying to lure local warlords away from commitments to back Karzai in Kabul with offers of goods, cash and perhaps arms. The Americans fear that Iranian hardliners are unbridled. The Americans do not want the bombing to continue much longer. One western diplomat said: “The areas the Americans are bombing are where the government requires popular support if it is to survive.”

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Another veteran of Revisionist period anti-imperialist delusions, Mohamed Heikal, has also been fascinatingly stirred by events. The old Egyptian editor from Nasser’s anti-imperialist revolution, never a communist, has nevertheless found his own way of telling Qadafy, in an interview with the new wave of anti-imperialist struggles has a revolutionary content quite different from the national-liberation content of the Cold War period:

“The Americans control the world,” he continued. “As for the Arab world, the Americans not only control it, they rule it. And what they are saying and doing is alarming. Their bias for Israel is absolute and they no longer even take the trouble to disguise their hostility towards the Arabs, to the degree that the Arab world these days hears nothing from Washington but threats and repressive actions. The entire Arab world is in a humiliating position.

“Yet, the Arab street, which the great powers would once take into their calculations because it is out of their reach and represents the voice of conscience that cannot be bullied into submission, is silent. What is wrong with the Arab street?"

I told my host that he was correct in his observation and that the phenomenon was palpable. But in my opinion this silence in the midst of the current crisis has a meaning.

First, when the Arab street moved, as it once did, that alone did not produce change. The Arab masses, no matter how much their outpouring in an Arab capital, cannot possibly adopt a concrete course of action. The most they can do is to make an appeal. Generally, the Arab people address their appeal to a government they trust in, or to a leader they believe represents them, confident that this government or leader will act in their name and take a position that responds to their collective feelings and aspirations. This implies the existence of a certain bond between the people and those responsible for drawing up national policies and taking the decisions that affect their lives. Apparently, the Arab street has developed a profound sense that those whom it is asking to change the way of confrontation, the means of the war, the presence and violence of the US are the very individuals who surrendered the fate of the region to the US. After all, it is difficult for the defendant to serve as a real advocate for a cause. It follows, therefore, that the Arab street feels that the bond between it and those that rule it is broken, to at least, that mutual trust is lost, and, consequently, that its voice would simply drown in the winds. In short, I said, there is a deep-seated crisis of legitimacy in the Arab world, and this crisis is hampering the relationship between the Arab people and their systems of government.

We can sit in this tent until tomorrow morning without guessing the causes for the gap between the feelings and aspirations of the Arab street and the ruling regimes in Arab capitals, and eventually we may or may not come to an agreement on a diagnosis. Ultimately, however, I believe that the key to the mystery of the current silence resides in the sense that the people feel their appeals would fall on deaf ears, or if heard, the response would be ineffective.

Is it not odd, I asked, that when the Palestinians look to their foreign governments to help them, they, turn first to European rather than to Arab governments? This is because the Arab governments are doing little more than scrambling to get Washington’s ear in order to alert it to the Palestinians’ national and humanitarian plight. As long as this remains the case, the Palestinians believe that Washington would rather hear about them from the Europeans than from the Arab regimes, which have toyed at helping the Palestinians for so long that they Spontaneous anti-imperialist revolt leaves non-Marxist ‘left’ sophistry completely bypassed. Despite anti-imperialist philistinism rendering the British labour and TUC movement a laughing stock, capitalist-system management and government disaster still sends out a revolutionary message in spite of all censorship and propaganda controls. Cold War end (nominally) ends brain-deadening ‘safety & security’ illusions of ‘balance-of-power’, shattered by imperialism’s war crisis nastiness. The facts of serious anti-imperialist revolt will have their impact in spite of all the fake-‘left’ bad-mouthing (No1129 26-03-02).
There is no 'self-determination right' for the 'Jewish' people in Palestine since: a) there was no 'Jewish nation' there to start with; – just a few handfuls of visionary kibbutznik settlers, dropping out from persecution in Europe; and b) the idea of a Jewish race is far-fetched anyway, including black-African Falasha Jews from Ethiopia, 40th-generation peasants from Russia and Poland, 40th-generation intellectuals from Germany and elsewhere in Central Europe, but mostly modern American Jewish 'entrepreneurial families' from New York and Los Angeles who have got in on the colonisation because it makes excellent business sense, and because the CIA's world military domination plans for American imperialist colonial policing of the planet want to encourage this colonisation with everything possible. Hence the Zionist colony is the world's number one recipient of both American economic aid and American military aid.

Cleverly, this imperialist invasion has united itself around the artificial revival of the Hebrew language and the UN-backed fiction of 'Israeli national rights', but the whole colonial racket is a fake and a fraud of 'self-determination' from start to finish.

In the real world, Palestine is the homeland of the 7-million strong Arab Palestinian nation, and it must all be returned to them. History will continue to choke without end on any other 'solution'. Any attempt to pretend that the astonishly heroic self-sacrifice by the suicide bombers of the national-liberation guerrilla war is nothing but damned 'terrorism', and will rule out any serious consideration of Palestine's rights 'until it is terminated forthwith' etc, etc.

The many influences of Western bourgeois thought have painfully lost all touch with the real world, and are clearly inflicting domineering delusions of astonishing stupidity, bordering on insanity.

Consider first, for example, the extremely limited glimpse of reality which the Western imperialist system's own bourgeois press, relentlessly pro-Zionist, – is prepared to admit about the impossibility of life under 'Jewish' colonisation:

Mohammed, whose forebears were fishermen in an area north of the Gaza Strip before being forced to flee in 1948, says that immediately following the death of the baby daughter he wanted revenge.

"I felt so angry and confused. I thought, if they have killed my child, I have the right to do the same. When an Israeli child is killed, it is on the front page of newspapers around the world. When one of our children is murdered, little attention is paid".

According to the American rights organisation B'Tselem, in the 14 years from the beginning of the
first intifada in 1987 to December 2001, a total of 443 Israeli civilians have been killed in the conflict, including 50 children. Over the same period, 2,237 Palestinian civilians have been killed, among them 432 children. In recent months, however, Mohammed, a policeman with the Palestinian Authority, has joined the ranks of the other bereaved families working with the National Movement for Change. Mohammed, like many Palestinians, refers to the militants of Hamas as “freedom fighters” and praises the network of social services the Islamic movement funds to make up for the failings of the Palestinian Authority’s corrupt and repressive...]

“...But many Israelis look at us as little more than animals. They think we are all aggressive. They do not see what our lives are like.”

Nasser Wajj Agha, a local organiser for the National Movement for Change, said, “The future of the occupied territories is uncompromising. The Islamic extremists. Allowing them to broker ceasefire talks has come back to the region in early January when the Middle East envoy, Anthony Zinni, returned with a package of services the Islamic movement promises as the ‘matrix of control’ that will make the current climate conducive to cia- lisation in the current climate....”

The Europeans could do a lot more, but even they have given up. But what we need is leaders with true vision both here and on the international stage. At the moment they are sadly lacking.”

Sharon’s tactics of targeted assassinations, declaring Arafat “irrelevant”; strafing Palestinian towns and villages with helicopter gunships and bombing key Palestinian Authority installations plays directly, and some say deliberately, into the hands of the Islamic extremists. Allowing them to move into the power vacuum, it increases the violence in turn used to justify an ever stronger crackdown by the Israeli military. The position of extremists on both sides is uncompromising. The militants of Hamas and Islamic Jihad refuse to recognise Israel’s right to exist; Israeli extremists want their Jewish homeland extended east to the River Jordan. Juxtaposed over the occupied territories, they want to keep out the majority of the space but are still convinced that the cycle of violence and hatred has a natural tendency to stop the destruction. Twice more, Salim rebuilt his home with the help of Israeli volunteers. Twice more it was demolished. Standing on the remains of his home, Salim points a short distance away to where a settler bypass road is being carved through the landscape: “There is one site where his home was demolished and then has more than doubled to 400. Salim points a site where his home was demolished to illustrate what he de...”

In a village on the outskirts of Hebron, another father cradles his dead son as he stands beside the house where his home was demolished two years ago. Despite documents that Atta Jaber says prove his family has owned this land in the Baqa’a valley since the days of the Ottoman empire, the Israeli army declared it had the right to confiscate it on the grounds that it was needed to protect the security of the nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba. When Atta protested, he and his wife, Rudaina, were beaten in front of their children. Atta was imprisoned, their fruit trees cut down and their home demolished. ‘When they rebuilt a house nearby with the help of international aid organisations, settlers attacked it with stones. We were driven off the site where his home was demolished and the system of checkpoints, curfews and unmanned roadblocks have proven to be just as effective. The system of checkpoints, curfews and unmanned roadblocks have proven to be just as effective. The system of checkpoints, curfews and unmanned roadblocks have proven to be just as effective. The system of checkpoints, curfews and unmanned roadblocks have proven to be just as effective.
Palestinian youths face Israeli oppression on a daily basis

reimposed with a vengeance following the outbreak of the latest intifada in September 2000.

The resulting sharp rise in unemployment, hunger and hardship among the Palestinians has created a pressure cooker of resentment, rage and thirst for retaliation.

Some senior Israeli officials admit that the system of closure does little to contribute to security. Terrorists can easily evade detection by trudging across the open hillsides of the West Bank, entering Israel through a rabbit warren of dirt tracks. Some admit that closure has more to do with control than concern for safety. After crossing the West Bank in buses and taxis and witnessing the casual but consistent humiliation of Palestinians at the Israeli army checkpoints that exist on every main thoroughfare, it is hard to disagree.

One journey from Hebron to Jerusalem that should have taken less than an hour turned into a torturous three-hour ride across rough hillside tracks, which had one elderly woman vomiting with dizziness after our bus was turned back at one checkpoint because she was a driver and most passengers were Palestinian.

In recent months a growing number of Israeli army reservists have refused to serve in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Those who refuse, some of them senior officers in elite combat units with proud war records, face prison sentences for taking such a stand. Some have already been stripped of their command positions. Sharon has thundered that such action signals “the beginning of the end of democracy”. But in an open letter published in the Israeli press recently, the reservists argue that Israel’s policies in the occupied territories amount to “dominating, expelling, starving and humiliating an entire people.” There are things that a decent person just does not do,” says one. “A decent person does not... treat people as if they were dirt.”

As reports of abuses of Palestinians at roadblocks have grown, a group of around 70 Israeli women has formed an organisation called Machsomwatch to monitor the action of soldiers and police. The women mounted vigils at checkpoints throughout the West Bank in the early morning and late afternoon. Judith Keshet, one of the three founders of Machsomwatch, believes the women’s presence holds those at the checkpoints accountable, briefly, for their actions.

“It is particularly uncomfortable for young conscripts to feel they are being watched by women, most of us old enough to be their mothers. The younger generation seems to lack any sense of what human rights are about. There is a strong racist element to the way they behave. They act as if they believe Palestinians are inherently inferior.”

Practices the women regularly observe include ad-hoc strip-searches, Palestinians being forced to sit in cars or buses for hours with their windows open in the pouring rain and shut in extreme heat, or told to stand for long periods with their hands in the air after having their ID cards confiscated. Where possible, the women intervene, sometimes by calling soldiers and police to treat those they stop with more dignity and respect. This sometimes elicits verbal abuse. Keshet describes the women’s action as “a drop in the ocean”. But, she says, “in these dark days, every drop counts”.

More serious abuses are monitored by doctors belonging to the small but influential group Physicians for Human Rights, involving Palestinians urgently seeking medical care such as kidney dialysis and cancer treatment, or women in labour being denied safe passage. Since September 2000, the group has recorded 221 instances of ambulances bearing such patients being turned back at checkpoints, resulting in 29 deaths. The group consistently lobbies the Israeli High Court for soldiers held responsible for refusing to let patients pass through checkpoints to be arrested and tried. One such case involves the treatment of a young expectant mother called Fatima Abed-Rabo, who was stopped at a checkpoint with her husband, Nasser, as the couple tried to make their way to Bethlehem for Fatima to give birth last October. It was early in the morning when Fatima, then seven months’ pregnant, started to feel the first pains of labour. Certain that his wife would give birth within hours - the couple’s daughter, Arij, had been born two months prematurely - Nasser convinced a neighbour in their West Bank village of Wallaje to lend him the truck he used for transporting chickens, to get his wife to the nearest hospital.

The couple had been trying for a second child for several years and undergone fertility treatment, Nasser says, after he suffered several miscarriages resulting from abuse during a two-year spell in an Israeli jail. “When Fatima became pregnant,” he says, “we were so happy, we celebrated by replacing the tin sheeting on our home with a concrete roof.”

But when the couple, accompanied by Nasser’s mother, arrived at the Israeli army checkpoint three miles outside their village, they were told to go home, despite the fact that Fatima had started haemorrhaging. In desperation, Nasser returned to the village and transferred to a taxi in case it might be allowed to pass. Again they were refused permission. The couple sat huddled in a cold January wind on plastic chairs outside their one-room shack as they describe what happened next. When Nasser got out of the car and started shouting that his wife could give birth at any moment, he says the soldiers laughed, walked over to the car, took his ID card and started imitating the moaning woman in labour. Nasser moved to hit one of them, he was struck to the ground.

Then the driver called out to me to leave them alone, that it was too late, that victory is only granted by God and not by [Tony] Blair or Bush. My aim is to liberate my land and to transfer the triangle of fear to [the Israeli] environment. I call this my self-defence. When I embark on my mission I will be carrying out two obligations: one to my God and the other to defend my country and myself.”

Western press correspondent writing in the same pro-Palestinian imperialist newspapers:

His face covered by a keffiyeh, or headress, to conceal his identity, Yunis spoke first about the paintings of Michelangelo, da Vinci and Picasso, the notion that there is some subject and described - with equal passion, his urge to become a martyr.

“We are educated strugglers,” he said. “We are not terrorists and the world should recognise that our acts are not intended to be pure, cold-blooded murder.”

The Palestinians had sought help from Arab countries, the United States and Europe in their attempts to establish an independent state, he said, but to little or no avail.

“Finally, I searched for my God in the holy Koran and I found it filled with verses and commands on how to end my oppression,” he said. “‘I discovered Picasso, then abruptly changed the course of my life. I discovered the presence of those three founders of Machsomwatch, who were denied our basic rights as human beings.”

Then consider how ‘extremist’ or ‘unnecessary’ or ‘artificial’ or ‘dispensable’ or ‘reactionary’ or ‘unprogressive’, etc, etc, are these astonishing Palestinian martyrdom struggles, – as written about by the Western press correspondent writing in the same pro-Palestinian imperialist newspapers:
and nights, parties, family gatherings and seaside picnics”, he said. “We are denied this as, long as we are under occupation and until liberation, we have no choice but to fight.”

Until the day his mission dawns, Yunis will remain enthralled in his study of the Koran. He keeps the Koran within his reach at all times. “I never covet to be a doctor, a lawyer or a teacher.”

“at the moment of executing my mission, it will not be purely to kill Israelis. The killing is not my ultimate goal, though it is part of the equation. My act will carry a message beyond to those responsible and the world at large that the ugly face of the occupier must be forced to live without freedom.”

Like Yunis, Abu Fatah’s commander, is an educated man - a second-year university student of medicine. In September 2000, he delivered a brief history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that culminated in the first intifada, starting in 1987, the Middle East peace process and the setback following the Oslo accords, which began in September 2000.

He railed against Israeli settlements, political detentions and restrictions on the movements of thousands of Palestinians within and between their territories.

After “self-restraint” during the first intifada, he explained, the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades - a branch of the Fatah organisation of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader - decided to follow the example of the more radical Islamic group, Hamas, and launch suicide attacks. It has no shortage of volunteers.

A specialist unit is responsible for the selection and training of the bombers. Anyone under 18 is rejected; so are married men with children and anyone without a sibling who may be a family’s sole breadwinner.

It is a logical Washington decision to make this ‘war on terrorism’ and on ‘rogue states’ a global issue because resisting the bullying trade-war impositions of imperialist economic crisis in one place (e.g. Iraq, Colombia, Occupied Palestine, South Philippines, Afghanistan, Yemen, etc) can plainly be identified by colonial economic domination as quickly infecting an ‘axis of evil’ virus elsewhere if not rapidly contained.

This is the reality of imperialist-crisis warmongering to try to divert the world from the destructive catastrophes of the freemarket economic crash and slump itself, as to preserve the credibility and respectability of continued long-term, planetary warfight tradition.

The commander observes can do nothing as they go about their routine business in public and at home. If the assessment is positive, he informs them of their selection.

These men were not found on the streets. These educated men who under normal circumstances would have the potential of being constructive members of society. If they did not move to carry out such a mission, they could have become a doctor, a lawyer or a teacher.”

Once the bomber’s preparations are complete, he is collected by another member of the unit who accompanies him on the final journey to his target. It is only just before the assault that he is told details of his operation, and then he will be a bomber or will attack with grenades and guns until he is shot dead.

Ten to 15 minutes before being dropped at the target, the bomber straps on a hand-tailored vest filled with about 10 kilos of explosive and five kilos of nails and metal. He is then given his final instructions: “Stand at the point at which he should detonate himself.”

“The later he knows the better for the martyr, since he will not have much time to think of the target and his own fates.” The commander said. A separate unit has the job of finding potential targets for suicide attacks.

“She spoke to us of Jaffa, its grape vines and the seaside. She instilled in us a love for the home we did not know and over many tears recounted old stories of life in Jaffa. ‘Take care, my son, remember God, repeat the verses, pay attention to everything you see, concentrate on the task ahead, pick your moment. May God bless you with success and may the other side be a bomber or will attack with grenades and guns until he is shot dead.”

“arrested and denied the ability to move freely”, he said. “How can I live in a state without sovereignty where I am forced to show an identity card at an Israeli checkpoint for permission to move? They control our electricity and water supply and our lives, and people still ask why we are rising up.”

A squad of fighters gathering around him as he spoke nodded in agreement. “I am committed to carry out a martyr’s mission to show my rejection of being forced to live under this oppression,” he said to cries of “Allahu akbar [God is greatest]”.

“My aim is to prohibit settlers from enjoying their lives here. My aim is to force the Israeli checkpoint out of my territory. If they leave in peace, I have no intention of following them into their areas. But they remain here then I shall use the methods at my disposal to force them out.

“I and many others like me are now prepared and waiting to carry out a suicidal attack for the cause of my enemy. We are not afraid and will not cease until they withdraw totally from our areas. You can call us terrorists all you like, but we have both that justice is on our side and that victory will be ours.” Casualties were described purely in terms of numbers, without reference to the gender or age of the victims. There was little room here for sentimentality.

They recited the names of all the group’s previous attackers and talked about the details of Mohammed Farhat, 19, who infiltrated the Israeli settlement of Gush Katif earlier this month, killing five Israelis before he was gunned down.

A few hours before his attack, he had called his mother from his mobile phone to ask her advice. His mother, Um Nidal, told me that she was convinced he had no choice but to accept his fate. “I cried for a whole month every time I looked at my son’s selection for a mission waiting for news of her son’s fate,” she said, “We pay attention to everything you see, concentrate on the task ahead, pick your moment. May God bless you with success and may the other side be a bomber or will attack with grenades and guns until he is shot dead.”

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Let Islamic religious voodoo fall by the historical wayside as soon as possible, but this guerrilla war is the reality now of the genuine anti-imperialist struggle to prevent Western domination from destroying the planet with its colonial warmongering nightmare.

What anti-colonial national-liberation struggle could be more ‘genuine’ than this?? Or what could be more ‘right’ than this??
crisis of ‘over-production’.
By all means let that failure and defeat eventually be dictated and administered by proletarian-dictatorship forces of conscious planned-socialist redevelopment for the whole

Trying to put the ‘blame’ for the electoral support for Le Pen’s bogus ‘anti-establishment’ posturing onto the workers who vote for him is as stupid and reactionary as trying to ‘condemn’ the turn to terrorist-violence by the Middle East in despair at unending Western-imperialist tyranny. Refusing to debate ‘race’ issues exploited by philistine chauvinism will only drive more questioning about asylum-seeking and immigration into the arms of the BNP. Refusing to condemn Zionist racism and religious fanaticism will only breed anti-semitism (No 1134 30-04-02).

...And even more pointedly, how long before people start asking if the lies, tyranny, and criminal violence which the West imposes on the whole world, has a negative influence on teenage bullying and crime on the streets and in school??
How does the West’s ‘war on terrorism’ and ‘tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime’ posturing square up with the following admissions in the capitalist press itself of violent lawlessness either tolerated, or condoned, or actually carried out by the ‘leaders of the free world’???
The true crime of Jenin camp is this act of physical erasure. It is covered by Article 147 of the Fourth Geneva Convention in its prohibition on ‘the extensive destruction or unlawful appropriation of property, not justified by military necessity committed either unlawfully or wantonly.’

Article 147 mentions other crimes that may be applicable to Jenin: the alleged taking of hostages for human shields by the Israelis; the same army’s refusal of access for humanitarian and emergency medical assistance and deliberation targeting of civilians by snipers. But it is the sheer scale of the destruction that Israel will most likely have to answer for.

I am reminded of this prohibition on ‘wanton destruction’ of civilian homes by Miranda Sissons, a researcher with Human Rights Watch.

‘Neither or not there appears to have been any mass killing here’ says Sissons, who appears inclined to be cautious of this claim until better evidence is provided, ‘there have been very serious violations of the rules of war that need to be investigated’. ‘Those key issues are the disproportional use of force; the excessive use of force and the extensive destruction of property. There has been a total lack of respect for the rights of civilians. And those breaches are still continuing. Israel is still blocking the facilitation. of humanitarian access and continuing to shoot on civilians here.’

Sissons describes one group of soldiers calling to them to evacuate their homes before destruction then being threatened with being shot by other soldiers who insisted that a curfew was still in force. What they describe is a panic that seems to have taken hold of the Israeli army in Jenin camp, and in its panic it laid the camp to waste. The Jenin refugee camp, whose physical erasure has come to symbolise the devastation and death inflicted by the Israeli army in the past four weeks, lies at the northern extremity of the territory. While the world has been preoccupied with the camp, the stories beginning to unfold from the Palestinian cities, towns, refugee camps and villages that lie between Jenin and Dura show that the Israeli army has been engaged in systematic abuse throughout the West Bank.

“Jenin is not so different from any of the other attacks,” said Peter Bouckaert, a senior researcher at Human Rights Watch. “The focus of the international community has been on events in Jenin, but equally serious violations took place in Ramallah, particularly, and in Nablus.”

The most grievous abuses break down into four categories: the killing of Palestinian civilians, the denial of medical care, the wanton destruction of civilian property, and the use of Palestinian civilians as human shields for house-to-house searches.

Human rights organisations have not even begun to investigate the raids on the smaller West Bank towns and villages such as Dura. The scale of the offensive, the biggest since Israel occupied the West Bank in 1967, is too forbidding, as is its use of a military curfew to deny international organisations access.

The first human rights field worker, from the Israeli group B’Tselem, reached Dura on Thursday, when the village had, been under curfew for 17 days. Aref Ahmed’s life ended at 5.05am on April 9 when two Israeli helicopter gunships soared over the hillsides, firing a rocket at him and his cousin Nafi as they walked home from morning prayers.
The helicopters returned, firing on civilians here. Their bodies were not removed for several terrifying minutes as Aref’s wife, Samira, stumbled out to their bodies with her infant daughter. Mother and daughter were saved from serious injury by her brother, Farooq, who flung himself over them. A bullet pierced his side and fragments ripped his leg.

That was the beginning of the invasion of Dura, a village south-west of Hebron which marks the southernmost extent of the Israeli army’s offensive in the West Bank. The first civilian deaths B’Tselem recorded were those of Aref Said Ahmed, 34; a teacher and the acting imam of the local mosque, and Nafi Said Ahmed, 33, who was his cousin and brother-in-law. After dawn prayers they had paused outside the mosque to smoke a cigarette when the rocket killed them.

Their bodies were not removed for 36 hours. Despite his serious injuries, Farooq Said Ahmed was rounded up with the other Palestinian men of the village, propped up by two other men. One asked the soldiers for a doctor.

“The soldier told him in Arabic: ‘Whoever is dead is dead, and whoever is injured can wait’,” he said.

The army allowed an ambulance through in 10 hours later, by which time his jeans were so soaked in his own blood that he considered wringing them out.

It took three hours to reach the hospital, he said. Twice soldiers shot at the ambulance, and twice they stopped it, unloading him on his stretcher, prodding his injured leg until he yelled in pain, and flipping him over on his face to check for weapons on both occasions.
Nothing that happened in Dura is extraordinary in the context of the past month.

In Arrabah, south-west of Jenin, a pair of helicopter gunships fired on Mohammed Nabil Hardan and his wives, Amal and Jamila, killing all three as they walked home from their field. Jamila was five months pregnant.

A few minutes later they fired a rocket at the barn where Mohammed’s father, Nafeh Abed Hardan, lived. He was shot in the leg and his younger brother, Naif, was mortally wounded, wounding him in the hand and the foot. The foot may have to be amputated.

“I swear I don’t know why,” he said. “There was no reason for them to kill my son and his wives, and if I knew they were going to fire on the barn, I certainly would not have slept there.”

During the siege of the Nablus casbah, doctors used a mosque as a mortuary and hospital. It was strewn with the stained mattresses of the wounded who bled their lives away. Two dozen corpses lay there for six days, stacked up like firewood, before a chaotic evacuation on April 8.

But the fighting devastated much of the West Bank. In the Nablus casbah several historic buildings with 28th-thick stone walls, including a soap factory, were reduced to mounds of rubble.

In the Balata refugee camp, homes were destroyed as punishment. The army blew up four...
houses near the entrance of the camp. One belonged to the Badawi family, whose two sons were commandants in a Palestinian militant group. Ramallah, the seat of Yasser Arafat’s administration, was another destruction zone. This was where the army established its pattern of compelling civilian males to walk in front of soldiers when they were hunting the Palestinian militaries and police.

On March 30, Israeli soldiers exchanged fire with more than 20 Palestinian policemen and threw grenades into their hideout in a third-floor flat in a town centre building. Moments later Nader Mansi, 22, an architecture student, was ordered to enter the building and approach the flat to see if the policemen would surrender.

In Jenin refugee camp the following Friday, Ali Mustafa Abu Siria, 43, an Arabic teacher, was marched from his flat in handcuffs and at gunpoint and forced to walk ahead of troops and army sniper dogs seeking gunmen. He went to 11 houses before he was shot in the kneecap. “As soon as I knocked on the door, a bullet was fired at me,” he said.

Capt Dallal emphatically rejected the term “human shield”; though he admitted that Palestinian civilians were used as “guides” and “foils”. Not is the fascist-military terrorism attempt to deprive the Venezuelan people of their “democratically elected” government, (for what it is worth) by any means the full extent of the American imperialist ruling class’s criminal tyranny. The “free world leadership” (as honoured by Blair and throughout the West) has for months wagged its approval like a dog with two tails at Musharrafi, the military dictator of Pakistan whose stealing of a whole country at gunpoint is now accepted with a smile and a shrug by the ‘free world’ because of his help in the war on ‘terrorists’ in Afghanistan (whose only crime has been to oppose the West’s manipulation of the whole Middle East in its own interests, using dictatorialships like the Saudis, Musharrafi, etc., whenever it suits the UAE, Venezuela, and in Chile before that, despite the pretence of ‘democratic’ world rule.

And how does the Zionist genocidal persecution of the Palestinian people out of their own land (especially when they fight back) square with the West’s blitzkrieg destruction of Serbia in 1999 (for allegedly ‘persecuting’ inside Serbia the minority Albanian population), – going so far as to rip out Serbia’s Kosovo province to hand it over to the KLA terrorist-separatists?

The Palestinians are fighting back inside their own country, trying to chase out the colonising Zionist invaders, fighting with whatever they can against the overwhelming might of the Zionist-imperialist colonial forces, first murderously sent in there by US-run “United Nations democracy” in 1948.

But no sooner had the Albanian ‘exodus’ stunt been staged than came the ‘Reac massacre’ (30 bodies artificially piled up in a village, all casualties of a lengthy gun battle between separatist KLA forces and the Serbian state authorities) than the whole of Serbia was destroyed by NATO-bombed air war.

Falling for unchallenged ‘logical’ assumptions of bourgeois ‘liberalism’ on issues like the Zionist colonisation tyranny called ‘Israel’, and like so-called ‘terrorism’, renders all Western fake-‘lefts’ as just the racist stooges of Western imperialism. To insist on the spontaneous revival of worldwide anti-imperialist struggle without any ‘terrorist’ accusations flying around is to basically abandon anti-imperialist revolution (No1136 14-05-02).

The problem is the historic class and international conflict direction into which the unalterable iron laws of capitalist ‘over-production’ crisis have now hurled the entire ‘free-market’ system worldwide; to which the only answer... is revolution.

Once imperialism has been driven by uncontrollable economic forces into inter-imperialist warmongering-for-survival mode, then nothing can stop reactionary chauvinism from spreading, (all the time that capitalism lasts) except revolution.

The ludicrous mistake of the social democratic (etc) lay in the fake-‘left’ delusion that “fascism can be stopped” on its own, thus completely mis-educating the working class about the historic phase that was on the horizon for the ‘free market’ system.

Far from a period of ‘ever-improving democracy’, the cyclical-crisis nature of capitalism must always eventually return to a phase of uninhibited class-repression and international warmongering.

Always knowing this, the imperialists merely have to make tactical timing judgements about what can be risked, or what needs to be risked, in such matters as unleashing a 1965 on Indonesia or a 1973 on Chile, or a 2002 on Venezuela, etc, etc. Not knowing this, the working class has frequently been misled to catastrophe by fake-‘left’ leadership into deluding itself that “the bourgeois democratic state can be preserved and is all the progress we need at this stage, etc.” Always believing in the ‘free world leadership’ in 1970-73, and in Spain around the petty-bourgeois Republican parliament against Franco in the 1930s, when in reality only a complete revolutionary seizure of power by the working class under the dictatorship of the proletariat could possibly have saved the people from total repressive tyranny by that selfsame bourgeois state.

Absolute economic proof of imperialist-collapse has obviously not been made wide-spread yet; – only the circumstantial evidence of increasingly relentless ‘spin-doctor’ political cynicism; chauvinist degeneration, isolating and dividing workers more and more; cultural dumbing down towards the most phonily ‘inclusive’ philistine consumerism in everything; and a depraved international “war on terrorism” which is covering-up the most blatant counter-revolutionary skuldugery preparations with the bravest hypocrisy ever.

But the unending lies about ‘economic recovery’; the growing social decay and despair in all things; and the rapidly deteriorating competence and believability of the entire corporate and political leadership of the Western world, make a strong case as being indicators of an imminent economic crash of the whole imperialist system of indefensible injustice and unfairness, and irrational wastefulness and destruction.

The paralysing confusion caused by the fake-‘left’ inability to understand the revolutionary-crisis nature of the epoch, resulting in a muddled and inactive working class (politically) and the continuing failure to see the start of any international revolutionary party building, is demonstrated in one of imperialism’s worst messes, in Palestine:

“To call for Israel’s abolition is un-Marxist” declare the self-regarding ‘theoretical’ gians of the Socialist Alliance in Weekly Worker 430.

As an attempted definition of Marxism, this would make even a donkey smile.

If it is a ‘moral’ stance, it stinks even more.

But as practical ‘socialist’ agitation, it is not just cowardly-class-collaboration but consciously counter-revolutionary mischief making.

Marxism is the science of historical inevitability or historical necessity, not an ethical guide to subjective feelings ‘right’ and ‘wrong’.

Strongly believing in the social evolutionary progress of human civilisation through various epochs of class struggle, the ‘moral enthusiasm’ of Marxism is inseparable from achieving the worldwide triumph of the dictatorship of the proletariat which will finally allow the class-divided, war-scarred, frequently foolishly ‘pre-historical’ of irrational subjectivism and conflict to advance to the triumph of objective reason and planned cooperation between all peoples and with nature.

The only ‘good’ is what leads to the speediest assured triumph of the worldwide dictatorship of the proletariat.

Only from then on can the balancing of ‘rights’ and ‘wrongs’ even begin to aspire towards “the maximum all-round justice for the greatest number”, – (via which, ‘pre-history’ bourgeois ‘morality’ pretends to dispense ‘fairness’ and ‘justice’ but in reality only breeds resentment by serving
subjective interests and covering them up with boundless hypocrisy and self-righteousness.

This Alliance posturing justifies its preemptive moral stance by pretending to know that dismantling the Zionist colonisation of the land of the Palestinian nation is either naive utopianism or genocidal.

Firstly, these Western stooges want to make up their minds. Either the Palestinian national-liberation struggle can recapture the whole of its homeland, relentlessly colonised and ethnically-cleansed by waves of (literally) millions of Zionist settlers from all over the world since the ‘go ahead’ was given by the imperialist-dominated United Nations’ infamous decision of 1947-48.

Or the Intifada will fail. But fail just this time, or never succeed? Taking a ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ verdict in such a [Socialist] Alliance situation of supreme fake-left ignorance only emphasises what idiotic petty-bourgeois ‘morality’ games these dilettante ‘socialists’ basically never cease playing.

Marxist science would undoubtedly like to know what would be a realistic outcome of the Zionist attempt to hang onto its colonisation of the homeland of the Palestinian nation in a period of worldwide imperialist-system terminal crisis when the entire Third World, which basically must include the entire family of Arab nations from Morocco to Iraq, will increasingly take the revolutionary road to end the Western imperialist domination of the planet, of which the Zionist colonisation of Palestine is plainly a part.

Unless some almost incomprehensible and extremely unlikely freak conditions prevail whereby the Zionist colonial state of ‘Israel’ was allowed to survive by the Arab anti-colonial revolution, then Marxist science of world anti-imperialist development must surely conclude that the monstrous armed Zionist colonisation and ethnic cleansing is doomed to ultimate failure.

Or else all of Marxist history’s understanding is total gibberish and the proletarian dictatorship is not destined to take the world into a new civilisation at all.

Either way, to boast of knowing that the abolition of ‘Israel’ would be ‘unMarxist’ shows only what grotesque posturing these middle-class fake-lefts’ indulge in who clearly have no connection or sympathy with Marxism whatever.

In the fast-developing circumstances on Earth of imperialist crisis and anti-imperialist revolution everywhere, surely the most likely scenario, even for straight-line ‘logical’ petty-bourgeois ideology which cannot ever cope with dialectical transformations, is that the Palestinian national-liberation-struggle will continue to endlessly improve its clarity, determination, capacity, and skills, as it has been doing ever since 1947 (and even earlier against British colonialism), and start to give Zionist repressive tyranny an even bloodier nose and an even bigger headache than it has already succeeded in doing.

And why would such a process have to end in ‘genocide’? (by which it is presumably meant the killing of every last Zionist colonist where they currently stand)?

Why would not the pattern established already by the colonisation states of White South Africa, Rhodesia, and ‘Northern Ireland’ before whereby the colonists continued to repress with the utmost ruthlessness, savagery and cruelty but were forced to accept defeat in the end, and either scuttle away to White/British domination pastures new, or else make a brave face of ‘accepting’ their capitulation to majority rule (or to dismantling the sectarian bogus ‘statelet’ in the case of the British-occupied zone of Ireland)?

“The Israeli Jewish nation is historically constituted”, these Alliance imperialist stooges go on in their counter-revolutionary diatribe against Palestinian national-liberation revolution.

But no more or less than were the White nation-builders in Rhodesia, or in South Africa (there nearly 100 years), or in British-occupied Ireland (there even longer). But of course, it is precisely these Alliance ‘theoretical’ counter-revolutionaries who agitate even now to resurrect the despised and failed ‘Partition’ of Ireland, the source of as vile a tyranny and fascist hatred as any other infamy in history, into a new mini-Partition occupying and tyrannising just three of Ulster’s nine counties instead of the previous six ripped out at bayonet-point by British imperialism in 1921.

But as the EPSR’s struggle for Marxist science has under stood and explained for all its 23 years of existence, this is the epoch of imperialist decay, and of national-liberation revolutionary triumph against all vestiges of colonialism, in time.

The utter worthlessness of these fake-left fraudulent ‘Socialists’ in quoting Lenin on the national and colonial question is suitably judged by their utterly reactionary agitation for the fascist-colonial ‘British’ remnants in Ireland to be still granted a concentration-camp laager to administer, because of being equally ‘historically constituted’ just like the ‘Israeli Jewish nation’.

Interestingly, the vicious cruelty and routine torture depravity inflicted by the supported illegally-constituted colonial ‘authorities’ such as ‘Israel’ and ‘Northern Ireland’ do not figure at all in these ‘self-determination’ fanatics’ academic musings on their own truly-utopian world-shaping ideas of leaving some native Irish still trapped behind artificial ‘Partition’ boundaries, or behind the lethal racist lines of Zionist ‘security’ and the self-appointed ‘promised land’ as far as abandoned Palestinians are concerned.

Is this astonishing lack of concern or curiosity about the old colonial tyranny continuing – while changes in the opposition to the pro-Zionist League are encouraged for as “genocide” – not a racist posture in itself???

Other degenerate fake-left stances are being equally shown up to be vacuous anti-Marxist opportunism by the rapid turn of events.

The Stalinist Revisionist swamp, still faking it as ‘revolutionary socialists’ around Lalkar and the SLP, have ventured one of their (very occasional) perspectives on the question of the Middle East too, also settling for the safe bourgeois ‘two-state solution’ posture of ‘liberal fair-play’.

It stinks from every point of view, not least because it is anti-historical garbage based on bet-hedging guesswork drawn from a long Stalinist class-collaborating tradition of ‘peaceful road to socialism’ (Western communists) to always put themselves across as being eminently ‘reasonable’ on all public issues. Marx would turn in his grave.

But while these Scargillite remnants of Stalinist theoretical philistinism have not yet sunk so low as the fake-left Alliance opportunists in slandering Hamas as the ‘reactionary racist twins of Sharon’, and have gone no further than a general ‘condemnation’ of ‘terrorism’ in line with the US imperialist dictates from Sept 11, – the poverty of their straight-line ‘logical’ thinking is outrageous enough.

There is no ‘two state solution’ to be had, even with Sharon in reality; let alone with Netanyahu who is now overtaking the Likud government leader as the right’s right. As the EPSR has consistently explained over the years, there is an inescapable conclusion to any ‘sense’ that unrestrained Zionist smiting has made over the years (against Palestinian attempts to fight back against having their country stolen from them and ethnically cleansed) – namely that there will never be an end to
Intifada resistance to Zionist colonisation until the whole Palestinian nation, not just the 5 million in exile abroad, or in refugee camps in Gaza and on the West Bank, are safely ethnically-cleaned out of their homeland altogether. From 1947 onwards, Sharon's intemperate ‘logic’ of wanting to see Arafat’s authority crushed that is a problem; Netanyahu, now pressing for Sharon's leadership position within Likud, is even dismissive of that for its ‘capitalist softness’. Netanyahu insists on destroying for all time any serious possibility for any serious authority to be vested in any Palestinian state at all.

A permanent colonially-subjugated race is the only future inside Palestine that this increasingly aggressive and expanding section of Zionist opinion is prepared to allow the Palestinian nation (whose homeland this whole territory solely was until the infamous decision of the imperialist-dominated UN in 1947-48, shamefully supported, of course, by Stalinist Revisionism through the USSR’s Security-Council vote.)

In such endlessly renewing circumstances of Zionism’s extremist survival dementedness, what sense can even the cowardly class-collaborationist ‘uprooting tyranny, relentlessly deprivings the Palestinians of their lands, their water rights, their freedom of movement, their rights to build homes anywhere inside their own homeland, etc, etc, etc, - constantly driving the Arabs into exile or refugee camps. What sickeningly vile fascist tyranny these fake ‘lefts’ are concealing behind this disgusting pseudo-‘Marxist’ posturing about a “historically constituted majority”, etc. But best of all is the final ‘justification’ for all this Weekly Worker reactionary gibber:

"Ours is a fighting programme under the conditions of capitalism whereby we fight and win the battle for democracy. I.e. our fight for democracy is integral to the struggle for socialism...Communists therefore envisage a democratic solution in Israel-Palestine...Communists look towards a democratic and secular Israel existing alongside a democratic and secularPalestine" etc, etc;

Contemplating all this reactionary bilge from these petty-bourgeois hoax ‘Marxist revolutions’, it is no surprise to recall that the one great boast of the Zionist colony is that “full democracy is allowed to rule there, unlike in all the Arab despotsisms all around”.

And British imperialism loved to insist on the “democratic” way forward in the propaganda and military-dictatorship tyranny against the imprisoned Irish Republican minority, left with only utterly meaningless and toothless ‘democratic rights’ by virtue of the very same gerrymandered arbitrary Partition imposed on them at bayonet-point precise to render them a ‘minority’, - exactly in the same way that Zionism boasts of its ‘democracy’ against the Arabs, (but only for as long as its decidedly ‘undemocratic’ colonial military tyranny ensures that the Zionist colonisers always will keep their ‘majority’ secure in any territorial carve-up that is proposed).

But by all means let all these ‘democratic’ posturers stick together, and let the dictatorship of the proletariat (truly only the Arabs in Palestine) finally settle accounts in a revolutionary way with all such ‘democracy’. Build Leninism. EPSR

As imperialism begins beating the war drums louder (for) the Great Diversion, and armaments spending escalates, so do the fake-‘lefts’ start posturing more energetically than ever to become, objectively, a more plausible block to workers revolution, regardless of their subjective motives. But their ‘left propaganda’ still cannot stop the undermining of imperialism... It is the objective, insoluble economic collapse of the imperialist system which will remain the decisive driving force.... Fake-‘left’ attacks on imperialist Zionist warmongering still hinder bourgeois brainwashing but only to try to save it from total defeat. A conscious grasp of monopoly capitalist crisis will rout this fake-‘left’ (No1144 16-07-02).

Serious civil wars or revolts are brewing on every continent against the American ‘New World order’ or against its catastrophic economic or political/social effects and permanent military tyranny, and ‘socialist’, “democratic”, or “protest” posturing of all kinds is having to perform increasingly energetically in order not to get left behind. Although a pain in the neck themselves, and the obvious last resort for imperialism to turn to when all else has failed to sow enough anti-Leninist confusion so as to halt the march of proletarian dictatorship, the fake-‘left’ epidemic can only be viewed as a sign of how imperialism’s difficulties are still steadily growing, and not remotely as a sign of a stop to those difficulties, or ‘solution’ for them.

The ‘extreme’ propaganda effects that the fake-‘left’ need to create in order to retain ‘credibility’ work much the same as ‘democracy’ itself. The fraudulent “electoral government” game is easily the smartest self-preservation racket that the capitalist system ever came up with, but the hoax of “parliamentary democracy rule” will also be one of the things that will help trip up the bourgeois imperialist establishment completely in some countries in the end. Either the voting itself, or prevention people from voting, or attempting an armed coup to overturn the results of voting, could all serve occasionally as the catalyst for fullscale proletarian revolution.

Capitalism survives via the lies and outright deceptions of the “democracy” game for a long time, but can eventually get tripped up by trying to avoid the consequences of its own racket.
Fake-'left' propaganda is actually a part of that same game. In some distant recess of the bourgeoisie's vast counter-revolutionary network and academic frontage, future "useful confusion" headlines will also be manufactured, such as: "You are preparing the ground for another Bolshevik Revolution" warns militant union leader; and "We are all Leninists now" declares left Labourite; etc, etc.

The 'boycott Zionist aggression' campaign, spread by academics who are themselves Zionists (i.e. people who believe that part of Palestine should be colonised by pro-imperialist Western Jews (with a ruling class mostly from the USA and Europe) in order to set up a pro-imperialist mailed fist (Israel) in the Middle East, forever threatening the very throat of Arab nationalist interests) is a current example. There is massive worldwide unease at the apparent 'democratic' indifference in the West to the heinous butchery and fascist persecution of the Palestinian people (whose land it is) being daily inflicted by the Zionist colonisers, who have all always been totally financed, sustained, and protected by the West since even before the tragic butchery of the 1948 UN diktat to impose a 'Jewish state' on Palestinian homes, gardens, villages, towns, roads, and water-supply was "voted for".

What better diversion from this dangerously-escalating and yet hardly noticed butchery in the West than a huge 'democratic' furor over the rights and wrongs of a partial academic boycott of 'Israel' proposed by a 'protest' movement. The protesters are no doubt well meaning, and the coverage they are getting in the imperialist media reflects nothing on them necessarily, of course. And some of their propaganda demonstrates the point that erecting a fake-'left' barrier to genuine revolutionary understanding nevertheless does still add something to imperialism's difficulties:

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Faced with this growing international movement, some have cried foul. Does the boycott not risk endangering those fragile academic links between the academica and Palestinians that do exist? Yet these are in far greater danger as a result of the restrictions on movement which the Israeli government places on Palestinian researchers, and the repeated attempts to close down Palestinian universities. And no Palestinian has voiced concern that erecting a fake-'left' propaganda demonstrates the orthodoxy, – namely that all violence is bad. Their only "protest" is to monstrosity imply an equivalence of 'violence' when such bourgeois are supposed to be so-called "anti-fascists" and "defend democracy", i.e. that the only real issue of course is that, as throughout history, the sole effective class-war and national-war means against absolute tyranny (the existence of 'Israel' means the stealing of the best part of the Palestinian homeland for keeps) is to fight total conflict. The 'violence' of the Palestinians, all of it, is 100% justified both morally and politically.

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Zionist gobshite, the total
viciousness of imperialist
global military tyranny in all
its rotten glory.
All 100% of Palestine (as was
until 1948) is 100% Palestin-
ian, and always will be.
The colonialist limit these
gents want everyone to call
it quits at (Palestinians all
confined to the West Bank
and Gaza; Zionist colonisation
getting all the rest up to the
1967 limits of their military
conquests) would leave the Pal-
estinian people with just 22%
of their own homeland.
What a monstrous joke.
But there is even more
harms than in this sinister
‘even-handed ‘peace’ proposal’
for the permanent humili-
ation, misery, and shame of the
Palestinian nation.
These ‘left’ protesters have
an even more vicious and
demoralising purpose than
their wretched condoning of
the colonisation-theft of 78% of
the land of Palestine from
the Palestinian people, – and
even more crucial than their
predictable bourgeois ortho-
doxy in echoing the worldwide
Western ‘democratic’ con-trick
of getting the whole planet
to “condemn violence” while
the actual imperialist global
military dictatorship gets on
with brutalising everywhere
into enforced submission, bit
by bit.
Their big fraud is in so
adamantly implying that there
could not possibly be any
other solution than for the
Arabs and Zionists to “share”
the land of Palestine (as was)
(Some “sharing”, - 78% to
32%!!).
Utter total nonsense. It is the
one ‘solution’ which could
obviously never work in prac-
tice; (where would the ousted
Palestinian millions with no
more home to go back to end
up, – on the already overcrowd-
ed West Bank and Gaza? and
with already not enough water,
or land, or manoeuvrability
there for any tolerable life even
for the Palestinian natives of
Gaza and the West Bank?????
it is a nonsense ‘solution’,
meaning certain continuing
anti-occupation conflict for the
rest of time).
But worse still, what does
such a hopeless temporary
ceasefire compromise im-
ply about the world as a whole?????
It implies that history never
solves any problems, and that
intolerable grievances must
continue for ever.
This is the most monstrous
philosophical brainwashing
assault that could be conceived
against the working class.
Unless it takes the power by
revolution, the working class
will remain the working class
forever, perpetually exploited
by the private monopoly-
ownership total control of eco-
nomic, political and social life
by the ruling class, and forever
doomed to an ever widening
gap between rich and poor as
an ever increasing percentage
of total wealth is cornered by
an ever narrowing Establish-
ment of the super-rich.
These polite ‘protesters’ are
telling the entire working
class to remain wage slaves
forever, always subject to the
capriciousness of the hire-and-
fire jobs market, and in times of
crisis of ‘over-production’
crash and slump, facing cer-
tainly falling living standards
and fraught prospects and
likely inter-imperialist trade-
war warmongering for the
indefinite future, – all on the
bourgeois philosophical basis
that “nothing ever changes”.
It is a stinking lie, of course.
And it is the dramatic trans-
formations within the crisis it-
self that are the only ultimate
historical reality.
The whole pattern of nation-
al-liberation itself was set up
by the great imperialist system
crisis of the 1930s (and its en-
suing inter-imperialist World
War II), with the anti-colonial
liberation wars-struggle (to
end direct Empire control) all
proceeding from the blows to
imperialism which that crisis
represented.
The neo-colonial control
of the American ‘New World
order’ is the obvious next stage
of imperialist tyranny which
will be brought down by the
next ludicrous crisis of monop-
olalty-capitalist economic anar-
chy and trade-war destruction
(accompanied by imperialist
warmongering bluster and
bullying, and inter-imperialist
score settling, as the Great
Diversion to stop the interna-
tional working class turning to
the socialist revolution as the
only possible way forward for
civilisation now).
These bourgeois ‘protesters’ sit
right in the middle of this
Great Diversion with their
condoning of the continued
Zionist US colonial-military
tyranny over the Middle East,
the key to which is the subju-
gation of the post 1949 seized
territories of Palestine, the
bits which have outrageously
been re-titled ‘Israel’. And what
is this ‘protest’ diversion
protecting????? It is hoping to satisfy anti-
imperialist hatred, rapidly
spreading all round the Mid-
dle-East, by taking this joke
“halfway-house” stand against
Western bourgeois orthodoxy.
For where all revolutionary
consciousness is undoubtedly
heading is towards challeng-
ing the ludicrous “right” of
this Zionist colonisation called
‘Israel’ to exist at all.
There is not a scrap of
sensible rational justification
in it of any kind, and as soon
as the rotten nonsense of
the 1948 imperialist imposed
colonisation tyranny is chal-
 lenged in its entirety, the
obvious only solution (to the
whole catastrophic business of
ethically cleansing the entire
Palestinian nation from the
main heartland of their own
country), – becomes immedi-
ately crystal clear.
The Zionist colonisation
(and UN 1948 tyrannical
decision) must be rescinded
forthwith, and the whole
Palestinian people restored to
the whole of their rightful
homeland.
And this is the conscious-
ness, – the only sensible and
rational one, – which is obvi-
ously on the advance.
And hence the objective his-
torical role of all this middle-
class ‘peace mongering’ is to
stop all thinking and to con
everyone with this non-exist-
ent ‘compromise’ daydream as
rapidly as possible.
It won’t work, and not be-
cause superior genuinely anti-
imperialist propaganda can
have a hope of counteracting
all this diversionary bourgeois
’compromise’ propaganda
which the capitalist media arennow promoting, – but because
of the crisis itself, once again.
On the one hand, it is the
growing crisis of confidence in the
global imperialist eco-
nomical and political system,
(now a byword for destructive
failure, corruption, inequality,
and injustice), which is fuelling
rising Palestinian anger at
their miserable lot; which is in
turn panicking Sharon Zion-
ism to more and more vicious
and desperate ‘final solution’
tyranny, even making the joke
’compromise’ offer impossible
from the Zionist side too.
And on the other hand, the
panic within US imperialism
at their system collapsing
down around them is driving Bush-
Texan thug corruption towards
to blast its way out of global
humiliation difficulties on the
economic and political-control
fronts, blasting half the world
away with it if necessary. It is
hardly capable of offering even
the joke 'compromise' itself. And as the crisis deepens and as conditions get steadily harsher for everyone, in all directions, so will Palestinian national-liberation determination relentlessly harden towards _defeating_ the Zionist imperialist tyranny systematically if that is the only possible solution to their never ending misery. And the unbelievable heroism of the suicide-bombing determination shows that the mood is steadily growing for the Palestinian nation as a whole to be prepared to fight to the death rather than submit to colonisation tyranny any longer. And in the epoch of imperialist humiliating crises and of anti-colonial national-liberation triumphs, there can be only one possible outcome to this struggle. This ludicrous anachronistic Zionist-US colonisation tyranny is utterly doomed. This all places the bourgeois 'protesting' gents objectively in the camp of counter-revolution, and it shows in other ways too. Likening an anti-apartheid boycott of Zionist colonialism to the Nazi boycott of Jewish shops in Hitler Germany is not merely 'hyperbole', or merely on a par with rival bourgeois-prescriptions accusations against the protesting gents of "anti-semitism" (a joke when both are Jewish and Zionist believers in a state of 'Israel' on colonised Palestinian soil). This monstrous _Guardian_ slander is the real Hitlerism, and it shows in other ways too. If you are going to tell a lie, tell a big one, said the Nazis. Trying to invent a 'Jewish' boycott comparability in these two absolutely different historical contexts and in the service of Western imperialist warmongering-aggression is the German imperialist-tyranny's own _big lie_ technique at its very worst. And the _Guardian_'s boycott of Goebbelsian feature-writing also needs telling that the only valid historical comparison is how most of the Western bourgeois world _kept silent_ about growing imperialist-warmongering tyranny and fascist ideological extremism in the 1930s, _just like_ most of the Western bourgeois world _keeping silent_ about growing US imperialist (and Zionist) warmongering tyranny in this new crisis of the degenerate global-exploitation system. But the _Guardian_ is not even the worst of the recruits to this coming CIA brainwash-campaign. The doyen of 'liberal journalism' Harold Evans has been leading this demented Goebbels-speak:

'It is not anti-Semitic to raise questions about Jenin, no more than it is anti-press to raise questions about the reporting. It is not anti-Semitic to report and protest at ill-treatment of Palestinians. It is not anti-Semitic to consider whether Sharon's past belies his promises for the future. It is not anti-Semitic to criticise the Jews for what you ignore or condone elsewhere; it is, above all, anti-Semitic to de-humanise Judaism and the Jewish people as such to incite and justify extermination or extermination.'

What wretched imperialist warmongering special pleading. It is merely preposterously puffing up a more silly way of saying that Evans (and incidentally US imperialism and the CIA) does not think that the 1948 UN decision to allow the forcible colonisation by Zionism of the land of Palestine ought to be reopened for discussion. As Aunt Sally, he sets up some of the clumsier ways in which anti-Zionism can be expressed. And what is the big deal here? Since 1937, every workers state which has ever existed has been forced to put up with exaggeration and vilification a billion times worse than some of the inevitable hyperbole with which world conscious-ness is beginning to understand that the need for anti-Zionism in the present grotesque international warmongering crisis which sick and dying imperialism (with the American ruling class and the Zionists as the main pacemakers) is now trying to inflict on civilisation. Evans' deceitful expansion of the 'anti-Semitism' denunciation in the service of CIA/Goebbels brainwashing will only help spread more really mindless anti-Jewish prejudices.

And what also needs naming as another unhelpful source of racism??? Where does this specious, double-think, Goebbelsian bilge come from???:

Africaner devotees of the Springboks may have been firm backers of apartheid: depriving them of international rugby had a logic. Hitting a bastard of the Israeli opposition makes no sense. Fine judgements like that are essential. A boycott of goods produced in Israeli settlements on the West Bank or Gaza would be hard to oppose - indeed there is a domestic Israeli campaign on these very lines. But it brings new problems, even besides the unfortunate consequences of a boycott of Jewish goods. There is plenty of false labelling of settlers' produce as Israeli and, when an item is honestly identified, there's always a chance it was made in the West Bank by a Palestinian company. So right-thinking Islington shoppers could be depriving the very people they want to help.

In other words, sanctions and boycotts are a messy, contradictory business. Far better, in all but the most extreme cases, to deal with those non-violent disagreements through dialogue and engagement, rather than ostracism and chilly exile.

From the great 'liberal' anti-apartheid-campaigning _Guardian_, of course, oh-so-politically-correctly allowing this demented race prejudice licence to one of its own Jewish feature-writers. Sharon is fired up by exactly the same degenerate logic: "How can you, how dare you, criticise the Jews for anything???

Growing revolutionary hostility to Zionist imperialist warmongering for 'solving' monopoly capitalism's crisis has forced the talented and deservedly much-praised fake-'left' Pilger to make some more interesting anti-Western waves:

The fanatics who attacked America came from Saudi Arabia and Egypt. No bombs fell on these American protectorates, but more than 5,000 civilians have been bombed to death in stricken Afghanistan, the latest a wedding party of 40 people, mostly women and children. Not a single al-Qaeda leader of importance has been caught. Following this 'stunning victory', hundreds of prisoners were shipped to the American concentration camp in Cuba, where they have been held against all the conventions of war and international law. No evidence of their alleged crimes has been produced, the US confirms only one is a genuine suspect. In the United States, more
than 1,000 people of Muslim background have 'disappeared'; none has been charged. Under the drac- onian Patriot Act, the FBI's new powers include the authority to go into libraries and ask who is reading what.

Meanwhile, the Blair government has made fools of the British Army by insisting they pursue war crimes tribunals against exactly what squaddies in putties and pith hel- mets did over a century ago when Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, declared them criminals as the combatants in the 'pieces on a chessboard upon which is being played out a great game for the domination of the world'.

There is no war on terrorism; it is the great game speeded up. The difference is the rampant nature of the superpower, ensuring infinite dangers for us all.

HAVING SWEEPED the Palestinians into the arms of the supreme ter- rorist Ariel Sharon, the Christian Right fundamentalists running the plutocracy in Washington, now replenish their arsenal in prepara- tion for an attack on the 22 million suffering people of Iraq. Should an- yone need reminding, Iran is a na- tion held hostage to an American- led embargo every bit as barbarous as the dictatorship over which Iraqis have no control. Contrary to propaganda orchestrated from Washington, much of the com- bating attack has nothing to do with Saddam Hussein's 'weapons of mass destruction', if these exist at all. The reason is that America wants a more compliant thug to run the world's second greatest source of oil.

The drum-beaters rarely mention this truth, and the people of Iran. Everyone is Saddam Hussein, the demon of demons. Four years ago, the Pentagon warned President Clinton that an all-out attack on Iraq might kill 'at least' 10,000 civ- ilians. That, too, was under-statement.

In a sustained propaganda campaign to justify this outrage, journalists on both sides of the Atlantic have been used as cham- pions of 'conduits', for a stream of ru- mours and lies. These have ranged from false claims about an Iraqi connection with the anthrax at- tack in America to a discredited link between the leader of the 11 September hijackers and Iraqi intel- ligence. When the attack comes, these conspiratorial journalists will share responsibility for the crime.

Imperialism and the global ex- pansion of the western powers were represented in unambigu- ously positive terms as a 'major contributor to human civilisation'.

The quest went wrong when it was clear that fascism was imperial- ism, too, and the word vanished from academic discourse. In the most Stalinist tradition, imperialism is no longer existed. Today, the preferred euphemism is 'civilisation'; or if an adjective is required, 'cultural'.

From Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, an ally of crypto- fascists, to one of the leading co- mentators, the new imperialists share a concept whose true mean- ing relies on a xenophobic or rac- ist comparison with those who are deemed uncivilised, culturally inferior and might challenge the 'values' of the West. Watch the 'de- bates' on Newsnight. The question is how best we 'can deal with the theme'.

For much of the western media, especially those commentators in thrall to and neutered by the su- percult of America, the most sali- tent issue is the remain taboos.

Perhaps the most important ta- boo is the longevity of the United States as both a terrorist state and a haven for terrorists. That the US government, to date, has never been condemned by the World Court for international terrorism (in Nicaragua) and has vetoed a UN Security Council resolution calling on governments to observe international law, is unmention- able.

In the war against terrorism,' said Bush from his bunker follow- ing the 11 September, 'we're going to hunt down these evil-doers who- ever they are, no matter how long it takes.'

Strictly speaking, it should not take long, as more terrorists are given training and sanctuary in the United States than anywhere on earth. They include mass mur- derers, torturers, former and fu- ture tyrants and assorted interna- tional criminals. This is virtually unknown to the American public, thanks to the freest media on earth.

There are no terrorists war to compare with Florida, cur- rently governed by the President's brother, Jeb Bush. In his book Rogue State, former senior State Department official Bill Blum de- scribes a typical Florida trial of thugs. The Castro terrorist who hijacked a plane to Miami at knife- point. 'Even though the kidnapped pilot was brought back from Cuba to testify against the men,' he wrote, 'the defence simply told the jurors the man was lying, and the jury deliberated for less than an hour before acquitting the defend- ant.'

General Jose Guillermo Garcia has lived comfortably in Florida since the 1990s. He was head of El Salvador's military during the 1980s when death squads with ties to the army murdered thou- sands of people. General Prosper Avril, the Haitian dictator, liked to display the bloodied victims of his torture on television. When US Secretary of State Colin Powell went to Florida by the US Government, Thiounn Prasith, Pol Pot's hench- man and apologist at the United Nations in New York, where General Mansour Moharari, who ran the Shah of Iran's notorious, is wanted in Iran, un- troubled in the United States.

AL-QAEDA'S TRAINING camp- ing in Afghanistan were regarded as compared with the world's leading university of terrorism at Fort Benning in Georgia. Known as the school where it trained tyrants and some 60,000 Latin American special forces, paramilitaries and in- telligence agents in the black arts of violence.

In 1993, the UN Truth Commission on El Salvador named the army officers who had com- mitted the worst atrocities of the 1970s and 80s. One of them is wanted in Iran, but un- troubled in the United States.

In 1992, in Nicaragua, the US government was forced to release copies of the school's training manuals, which recommended blackmail, torture, execution and the arrest of wit- nesses, relatives.

In recent months, the Bush re- gime has torn up the Kyoto treaty, which would ease global warming, to which the United States is the principal contributor. It has permitted the use of nuclear weapons in 'pre-emptive' strikes (a threat echo- ded by Defence Minister Geoff- rry Ford and officially sanctioned by a UN resolution) as a form of an international criminal court. It has further undermined the United Nations by blocking a UN investigation of the Israeli assault on Palestine refugee camps. Meanwhile, it has ordered the Palestinians to replace their elected leader with an American stooge. At summit confer- ences in Canada and Indonesia, Bush's people have blocked hun- dreds of millions of dollars going to the most deprived people on earth, those without clean water and electricity.

Who are these facts to no doubt beckon the innuendo slur of 'anti-Americanism'. This is the imperial preroga- tive; the last refuge of those whose contempt of intellect and moral- ity demands a loyalty oath. As Noam Chomsky has pointed out, justifying the government's criticism with -anti-German'- slurs. Of course, the United States is not Germany; it is the home of some of history's greatest civil rights move- ments, such as the epic movement in the 1960s and 1970s. In was in the US last week and glimpsed that other America, the one rarely seen among the media and Hollywood stereotypes, and what was clear was that it was stirring again.

The other day, in an open letter to their compatriots and the world, almost 100 of America's most dis-tinguished names in art, litera- ture and education wrote this: 'Let it not be said that people in the United States did nothing when their government declared a war without limit and instituted stark new measures of repression. We believe that questioning, criticism and dissent must be valued and protected, even when contested and must be fought for. We, too, watched with shock the horrific events of September 11. But the mourning had barely be- gun when we sensed a spirit of revenge. The government now openly prepares to wage war on Iraq - a country that has no con- nection with September 11.

"We say this to the world. Too many times in history people have waited until it was too late to resist. We draw on the inspira- tion of those who have rebelled and all those other great causes of freedom that began with dissent. We call on all like-minded people around the world to join us.'

What this useful propaganda lacking, of course, is as always any serious attempt to come to grips with the class-war reality of history.

The destruction of imperial- ism only ever comes across as the province of clever journal- ism.

In such clever circles, the dictators of the proletariat is usually either religiously ignored as 'Marxist gobblede- gook' or its weaknesses/mis- takes exploited as an academ- ic-intellectual 'we oppose tyranny of all kinds' fence- sitting clean bill of health.

Pilger is cleverer than most, and sometimes manages to avoid the cruder "we condemn Sept 11 terrorism" sick class- collaborative Western chauvinism that the entire rest of the fake- 'left' have fallen for. But the anti-theory philis- tinism remains as debilitating as ever:

"The United States is not Germany."

Nonchalantly adding "of course" is fine for imbecile- level logic or geography, but dozens more historical com-
comparisons between imperialist crisis 2002 and imperialist crisis 1930s need examining more purposefully. Assassination, subversion? Coup-making? Military expansionism? Secret-police surveillance at home? Foreign agents in every country? Global economic exploitation?? Contempt for international courts and world opinion? Blitzkrieg aerial destruction of defenceless regimes declared ‘hostile’? An ideologically batty and arrogantly corrupt ruling elite? An insane international war mongering mission? Etc, etc, etc, etc??? Opportunities like Pilger can start to be taken seriously when they can be heard using their platform to argue for the rights of the dispossessed to fight with terrorism or any other weapons they can lay their hands on for combating intolerable tyranny, and when they can be heard hammering the rest of the fake-‘left’ for its miserable cowardice in going along with the West’s Goebbels lying arrogance demanding that “terrorism be condemned”.

It might be a long wait, but meanwhile imperialism will still not stop losing more than it gains from having to encourage these fake-‘lefts’ so as to hold the anti-Leninist line.

And with capitalism’s catastrophic economic crisis news currently seemingly never-ending, the deliberate study and spreading of Leninist scientific understanding could not be more appropriate. EPSR Marxism’s social-revolution basis for any worthwhile political or economic analysis is ignored by fake-‘lefts’ to help conceal their practical, reformist, class-collaboration-with-imperialism stances now, and their rotten class-collaboration-with-imperialism origins in Revisionism and Trotskyism. Defence of Arafatite class-collaborative weakness in Palestine is another smokescreen to prevent revolutionary light being shed on the Revisionist insanity which agreed to Zionist colonisation of Palestine in the first place, in 1948. The worldwide dictatorial tyranny against any criticism of “Israel” is undermining the fight to separate anti-Zionism from anti-semitism. The “two-state solution” remains a sinister, sick, reformist hoax aimed only at destroying revolutionary anti-capitalist understanding. The class essence of life in imperialist crisis Greater Palestine means that the Jews can NEVER take their boot off the Palestinian neck. It will be removed by revolution (No 1146 30-07-02).

There is not a ‘left’ reformist group in the West (and beyond) which does not revel in the exposure (repeatedly) of imperialism’s oil exploitation tyranny.

But what they all conspire to keep quiet about is that rational solutions will not be found. In the reality of the class-war real world, ‘rational’ (i.e. reformist) solutions are impossible.

Portentous statements like: “He who would understand the economics and the politics of the Middle East from the beginning of the 20th century, must learn to spell, pronounce and really grasp the significance and meaning of just the word - Oil.”

“This single word furnishes the key which unlocks the door to an understanding of all the burning questions of war and peace in this area, ranging from the struggle of the leading imperialist powers to carve up the Middle East in the aftermath of the first imperialist war of 1914-1918 to the Arab-Israeli conflict, the war in Lebanon, the Gulf war, the war in the Balkans and the war in Afghanistan presently being conducted with characteristic brutality by US and British imperialism;” etc, etc, sound very fiercely ‘left’, and anti-capitalist, and even ‘revolutionary’, – but in today’s all important context of the international balance of class forces and class ideologies, they are hollow.

The ‘news’ of this grab-for-oil by imperialism has been old hat to Marxist analysis precisely since the grabbing began more than 100 years ago. This pattern of human and territorial conflict has been the whole basis for the entire historical epoch of colonial imperialism. But even such slightly pompous and pointlessly one-sided emphases as these would hardly be worth a mention or a second glance if it were not for their origin.

They are publicity-leafleted extracts promoting “the launch of this very important book” put out by a fake-‘left’ sect whose problems are the epitome of the entire anti-revolutionary swamp which for generations has been undermining serious anti-imperialist ideology throughout the world, corrupting and bringing down the Soviet workers state eventually.

And the Lalkar backbone of the wretched Scargillite SLP is not merely recycling as usual its safe old Revisionist “anti-imperialist” propaganda with this book, but is also scrambling a bit desperately too to keep upright because world developments are now shining their harshest light on the very compromise deals of old Stalinist rottenness which helped set up this horrifically confused and tortuously dangerous Middle East imperialist powder-keg in the first place in 1948 by insanely agreeing to allow Zionist agents from Western imperialism to come in and colonise Palestine.

The big issue Lalkar is on the spot over is the continuing contemporary running-sore of the explosive Middle East situation (which exactly reflects and draws attention to that original impossible nonsense which was foisted on the region of allowing Zionist colonisation to proceed), – namely the mythical “two-state solution” which is inevitably proving equally impossible to fulfil.

The only possible way to get out of the Third International’s Revisionist guagmire of the class-collaborative “peaceful road to socialism” plus Zionist “sharing” of Palestine, etc; (opened up by the projected “economic disintegration of imperialism” in the face of “superior planned socialist economic competition”), was
by returning to the Marxist-Leninist science of (imperialist boom/slap recurring warmongering crises as the driving force of historical developments), and totally denouncing these hopelessly rotten Stalinist "theories".

To which category does the entire fake-'left', in all its 57 varieties of Trotskysm, centrism, museum-Stalinism, etc, etc, lies in this philistine unwillingness/inability to return to Marxist-Leninist revolutionary theory. They all end up only asking themselves the whole question wherever possible, and cover up relentlessly each sect's rotten Revisionist and/or Trotskyst origins.

Posturing ruses about oil, or about the CIA itself doing Sept 11, or about Genoa anti-global anarchists being police stooges, or Hamas and Sharon serving each others needs, etc, etc, are not necessarily without a scrap of truth in all of them, hinting at the sort of non-stop reactionary provocations which the imperialist system won the Cold War with; – but they all deliberately miss the point.

The great historical question to be faced by the whole world is whether or not capitalism's injustices can be resolved through piecemeal reformist means and all parliamentarianism has always pretended, including Revisionism, Scargillite syndicalism, and all centrism and Trotskysm in practice (with the SWP support for 'left'-Labour candidates; or Trotskyism into the Labour Party, etc, etc), – or whether on the contrary the Marxist science of history is what needs to be followed which only ever tried to teach revolutionary understanding in all things as the sole possible way forward for civilisation, building on the ruins of warmongering imperialist slump destruction.

As typically dithering middle-class tendencies who are unhappy to stick their necks out any further than the most 'left' trade unionists (petty bourgeois compromise) marginalising the entire fake-'left' spends its whole time putting more and more effort into merely posturing about how "anti-imperialist" they really are, – but, of course, without ever finally telling the working class whether the world is like that for real reform, or total, final, global warmongering, revolutionary upheaval.

What does it matter? Well the bourgeois class-war ideologists have not the slightest doubt that smashing the working-class resistance to slump and war is one thing when the proletariat has been totally disarmed worldwide by generations of Revisionism (and its fake-'left' escapist into always expecting 'left-pressure' reforms to inevitably finally win the day for sanity and reason – but that taking on an international working class which has deliberately been made conscious that revolution is the only possible and sensible answer when capitalist crisis degenerates into its slump-warmongering phase, is another level of difficulty entirely.

Hence the huge recent bourgeois-press puff pieces for Lula in Brazil and for Tommy Sheridan in Scotland, as just two examples. What is imperialism hoping to gain by bulling-up this type of "socialist Firebrand"? Why, endless new Salvador Allendes, of course, – crucial when capitalist crisis conditions have become hopelessly bad but the working class still needs harmlessly diverting aside into safe 'reformist day-dream' backwaters where they can be trusted up at leisure, as Pinochet did in Chile after Allende handed him the Chilean working class on a plate by lulling them with crap that "firm parliamentary reforms can do it", etc, etc, – just like the SSP, Lula, the Socialist Alliance, Lalkar's SLF, etc, all say.

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trouble, and not its oil-supplies at all, or any other particular problem or requirement.

Such a major global industry as oil will of course always be a significant incidental detailed feature of some of the actual workings of the imperialist crisis, – but it is capitalism itself off the hook entirely, and is a complete travesty of Marxism, to pointless pretend that oil as such "unlocks the door to an understanding of all the burning questions of war and peace in this area".

And it is well worth pedantically insisting on this point when the wretched reason for this fake-'left' oil industry concentration is so as to distract attention from the insoluble human political disaster in Palestine, which much more graphically and interestingly reveals the revolutionary future of the world to mankind, & which much more requires a history of rotten imperialist/Revisionist-era philosophy as its deeper explanation rather than oil (which directly does not motivate the Palestinian revolution one bit, the key to the only real solution to "all the burning questions of war and peace in this area" by pointing the way to the defeat of imperialist warmongering).

If there really is a need for aphoristic shorthand to sum up the Middle East focal point of imperialist crisis, which is key to the world imperialist crisis, that word would be Palestinian revolution, and not oil.

And one of the main ingredients making this so is, once again, not oil but something even more permanent, and timeless, and material, – namely the unalterable political-philosophy of colonial-imperialism, – the essential political-economic human relationship of capitalist-unionism (a key to civilisation for the last 800 years, much longer than oil) which incurably imposes the 'kill-or-be-killed' class-war material imperative on (ultimately) the whole character of the whole of society or else it can no longer remain the essence of human problem in the Middle East (which will not go away (oil or no oil) and will not go away from any other part of the world either (oil or no oil), – the material problem of the human ingredients which make up 800 years of capitalism simply being no longer compatible. Revolution is inevitable:

Jewish settlers began attacking Palestinians as they returned home yesterday from the funeral of an Israeli soldier, shooting dead a 14-year-old girl and wounding several others in the West Bank city of Hebron, Palestinians said.

They said the settlers began attacking directly after the funeral in Hebron's Old City, throwing stones at houses and cars, and breaking windows.

Nizin Jamjoum, 14, was standing on the balcony of her home when she was shot in the head and died, said her brother Marwan, 26, who was injured.

At least six Palestinians were hurt, including one who was stabbed, Palestinians said. The Israeli army said it was only aware of one injured Palestinian, and that he had received treatment from the troops. It said it was trying to reduce the tension in Hebron, where several hundred Jewish settlers live among more than 100,000 Palestinians.

The city was shut down for the funeral of Elazar Leibovitz, a Hebron resident, who was one of four Israelis shot dead on Friday in an ambush.

Before the funeral Israeli forces imposed a curfew by throwing stun grenades and firing tear gas to disperse Palestinians crowding the main market area.

In Burkin, south-west of Jenin, Israeli soldiers arrested Mohammed Abu Tabikh, 22, a member of the military wing of Islamic Jihad, and two others in the village of Burkin, south-west of Jenin, members of the group said.

The soldiers ordered the family of Majid Tayeb, a member of the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, to leave the family home in the village. Tayeb was killed a year ago when a stolen car he had recently bought blew up with him inside.

After the family's departure tanks destroyed the building with shellfire, Palestinians in the village said. The army said it was checking the report.

Two cars outside the home of Mohammed Afaneh, a Hamas member arrested 20 days ago were blown up by the troops, residents said.

In Ramallah Israeli special forces arrested a prominent Hamas figure, Hussein Abu Kwaik, and four other members. In March Mr Abu Kwaik's wife and three children, 10,12 and 13, were killed by an Israeli tank shell as she drove them home from school in Ramallah.

To stretch a point, the colonising ruling-class might be got out of Hebron (beyond the 1967 military-conquest front line, the last 'compromise' point that idiotic "lets-call-it-quits" arguments generally go back to (and obviously illogically to all serious Zionists)).

But getting the colonising ruling class away from the Hebron flashpoints (and possibly scores of other flashpoints too) cannot possibly alter the capitalist ruling-class productive reality of this country, which is that the Zionists will dominate, and the Palestinians (and all their lands, – lost before, or lost since) will remain the eternal exploited underdogs,
creating more and more flashpoints exponentially as their relentlessly transformed proletarian status (after 800 years of accumulating work-class culture of resentment and flight against exploitation and class-discrimination) increasingly renders more and more domination no longer tolerable.

The ‘two-state solution’ Revisionist cop-out (which this Lalkar oil smokescreen is shamelessly being used to conceal or distract attention from) is just a sily reformist fantasy.

Even if the Palestinians were ever weak enough, or divided enough, or stupid enough to enact out the pretence of having their ‘own, independent state’ (when, in reality it will be totally subjugated to past Zionist military conquests and to current Zionist ‘security’ demands, of all invasive and humiliating kinds), – the only economic reality would quickly become total Zionist-imperialist market domination once again (and for as long as the international capitalist system lasts).

And in an epoch of worsening economic crisis everywhere anyway, (which is producing more and more revolutions and national/civil wars everywhere as it is), – why would the already-fired-up and hate-filed Palestinian masses not immediately start demanding the revolutionary overthrow of the Zionist ruling class again anyway????? Only in the eternal ‘left’- reformist fantasies of the fake exist ‘petty bourgeois world can such ludicrously unlikely proposals as a “two-state solution” be taken even remotely seriously.

Other fake-‘lefts’ are already chiding in against this Marxist-Leninist revolution ary perspective with chants of anti-semitism, but purely irrational prejudice against Jews as such has nothing whatever to do with it.

It is not anti-semitic to denounce modern Zionism as incurably condemnable colonialism, now indubitably stained with the absolute rule that if any state of ‘Israel’ exists in Palestine under capitalism, then it will inevitably be a colonial-domination state of permanent exploitation of the Palestinians and their lands (‘present’ lands, and ‘past’ lands (only in still living memory)) which the modern anti-imperialist world is not going to be able to tolerate anywhere on the planet, let alone the explosive and resentment filled Middle East.

And when it comes to deranged prejudices, dredged up from the foulest historically pidged of backward human culture and then anti-semitism and semitism (including the recent massacres at Jenin and Gaza City, and the non-stop humiliation (home destructions, checkpoints, etc, etc, - see above capitalist press report and a million other such reports over the years)) invasion and occupation by almost equally contemptible obscurantisms which more advanced human culture could usefully remain critical of to everyone’s benefit, – as this following capitalist press report inadvertently would seem to indicate:

Inside the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, the Californian audience had been struck.

Dennis Bernstein, the Jewish host of KPFA Radio’s Flashpoint, current affairs programme, was reading some recent e-mails that he had received from Israel’s supporters in America. Each one left the people in the church - Muslims, Jews, Christians in a state of shock.

“You mother-fucking asshole-hating, self-hating Jewish piece of shit. Hitler killed the wrong Jews. He should have killed your parents, so a piece of Jewish shit like you would direct have been born. God willing, Arab terrorists will cut you to pieces Daniel Pearl-style, AMEN!!!

Bernstein’s sin was to have covered removal story of Janin in April and to have interviewed journalists who investigated the killings that took place there - including Phil Reeves and Justin Huggler of The Independent - for his Flashpoint programme. Bernstein’s grandfather was a revered Orthodox Rabbi of international prominence but neither his family history nor his origins spared him.

“Read this and weep, you mother-fucker self-hating Jew boy!!!” – another e-mail told Bernstein, “God willing a Palestinian will murder you, rape your wife and slash your kids’ throats.” Yet another: “I hope you, Barbara Lubin and all other Jewish Marxist Communist traitors anti-American cop haters will die a violent and cruel death just like the victims of suicide bombers in Israel.”

Lately, also Jewish, the executive director of the Middle East Children’s Alliance, a one-time committed Zionist but now one of Israel’s fiercest critics. Her e-mails are...

Indeed, you have to come to America to realise just how brave this small but vocal Jewish community is. Bernstein is the first to acknowledge that a combination of Israeli lobbyists and conservative Christian fundamentalists have in effect censored all free discussion on Israel and the Middle East out of the public domain in the US. On this, Bernstein says, “Everyone else is terrified.”

Bernstein talks of the only ones who begin to open their mouths are the Jews. This country, you know, as a kid, I sent money to plant trees in Israel. But now we are horrified by a government representing a country that we grew up cherishing. Israel’s defenders have a special vengeance for Jews who don’t fall in line behind Sharon’s scorched-earth policy because they give the lie to the charge that Israel’s critics are simply anti-Semitic.

Adam Shapiro is among those who have paid a price for their beliefs. He is a Jew engaged to an American-born Palestinian, a volunteer with the International Solidarity Movement who was trapped in Yasser Arafat’s head quarters in the spring while administratively discovered for myself at Stanford during his fall conviction that the Sharon government was acting like “terrorists” while receiving $3bn a year in US military aid, Shapiro and his family were savaged in the New York Post. The paper slandered Shapiro as the “Jewish Taliban” and demeaned his family as “traitors”. Shapiro’s supporters publicised his family’s address and his parents were forced to flee their Brooklyn home and seek police protection. Shapiro’s father, a New York public high-school teacher and a part-time Yeshiva (Jewish day school) teacher, was fired from his job. His brother receives regular death threats.

Israel’s supporters have no qualms about their alliance with the Christian right. Indeed, the fundamentalists can campaign on their own in Israel’s favour, as I discovered for myself at Stanford recently when I was about to give a lecture on the media and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, part of a series of talks arranged largely by Christian “Free Republic” outfit posted my name on its website, and described me as a “plo butt-kisser” and asked its supporters to “freen” my lecture. A few demonstrators turned up outside the First United Methodist Church in Sacramento where I was to speak, waving American and Israeli flags.

“Jew hater!” they screamed at the organisers, a dark irony since these were non-Jews shrieking their abuse at Jews. They were also handing out crudely printed flyers, “Nothing to worry about, Bob,” one of my Jewish hosts remarked. “They can’t even spell your name right.” True. But also false. 

Bernstein sums it up quite simply: “Any US journalist, columnist, editor, college professor, student-activist, public official or clergy member who dares to speak critically of Israel or accurately report the brutalities of its illegal occupation will be vilified as an anti-Semite.” In fact, no sooner had Bernstein made these remarks than pro-Israeli groups initiated an extraordinary campaign against some of the most pro-Israeli newspapers in America, all claiming that The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and the San Francisco Chronicle were biased in their coverage of the Middle East conflict. Just how The New York Times - which boasts William Safire and Charles Krauthammer, those giants of pro-Israeli bias, among its writers - could be anti-Semitic is difficult to see, although it is just possible that, amid its re-
ports on Israel's destruction in the West Bank and Gaza, some mildly critical comments found their way into print. The New York Times, for example, did report that Israeli soldiers used civilians as human shields - though only in the very last paragraph of a dispatch from Jenin.

Now the less, the campaign of boycotts and emails got under way. More than 1,000 readers suspended their subscriptions to the Los Angeles Times, while a blizzard of e-mails told pro-Israeli readers to cancel their subscription to The New York Times for a day. On the East Coast, at least one local radio station has lost $1m from a Jewish philanthropist while other stations attempting to cover the Middle East with some degree of fairness are said to have lost even more. When the San Francisco Chronicle published a four-page pull-out on the Middle East was, in fact, a soft sell. Its headline - "The Current Strife Between the Israelis And the Palestinians Is A Battle For Control Of Land" - missed the obvious point: that one of the two groups that were "fighting for control of the land" - the Palestinians had been occupied by Israel for 35 years.

The most astonishing - and least covered - story is in fact the alliance of Israeli lobbyists and Christian Zionists that was formed in 1997 with the publication of a Likud plan to encourage fundamentalist churches to give their support to Israel. By 1985, a Christian Zionion lobbyist emerged at a "National Prayer Breakfast for Israel" whose name was Benjamin Netanyahu, who was to become Israeli prime minister.

"A sense of history, poetry and morality imbued the Christian Zionists with a vision of the future that began in 1882 and was all but defeated in the 1974 Democratic defeat of President George McGovern. But the Israeli lobby is powerfully supported by a lobby of churches that has been growing steadily over the past 125 years. In the 1980s, there was an "International Prayer Breakfast for Israel" whose principal speaker was Benjamin Netanyahu while other stations responding to the Bush administration's call to stop "the killing" in Lebanon were continuing their destructive invasion of the West Bank. "I go to the House of Representatives. It is to an American politician: he had never been asked either. But that is the state of American politics today... The votes and bows have nothing to do with the money that is fed to the Israelis. They have everything to do with the money that is fed into their campaigns by members of Congress who want to do something else, no average American, has been asked either.

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was cancelled. Steve Meinrein, who is chairman of the Israel Affairs Committee at B'nai Israel, remarked bleakly that "intimation on the part of the secular sector of the community has deprived the entire community of hearing a point of view that is being widely debated in Israel. Some people feel it is too dangerous."

Does President Bush's long-awaited Middle East speech was Israeli policy from start to finish. A group of Jewish leaders, including Elie Wiesel and Alan Dershowitz who said recently that the idea of executing the families of Palestinian suicide bombers was a legitimate if flawed attempt at finding a balance between preventing terrorism and preserving democracy - and the APAC and CPMAO heads all sent clear word to the President that no pressure should be put on Israel. Wiesel - whose courage permeates his books on the Holocaust but who lamentably failed to condemn the massacre of Palestinian refugees in Beirut in 1982 at the hands of Israeli Lebanese allies, said he felt "sadness" but his sadness was "with Israel, not against Israel" because "that soldier did not kill" - took out a full page in The New York Times. In this, he urged Bush to please remember that Israel is not a democracy - and the APAC saw the danger of which all insistently - "I'm a journalist. I have the right to walk on my streets. Don't worry..."

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The story is contradicted by eye-witnesses and by pictures taken by Sayeed Dahla, a Palestinian photographer who was with Imad and who was also shot. The photographs show the armoured vehicle marooned on an empty street. There is no mob. There is not even a person in the photographs. "The Israelis are lying," Sayeed says. ‘Everyone had fled when the tanks came into the centre of Jenin. People were terrified. They left their shops open and their cars on the street and ran.’

‘Imad and I were alone on the street when the tank opened fire at us. I told him to be careful of that tank, but he just said: ‘This is a good photo.’ Then they shot us.”

Sayeed points out that both men were wearing jackets; his said “Press”, Imad’s “TV”.

Bselem, an Israeli human rights group that monitors the actions of the IDF with the help of former Israeli soldiers, claims that hundreds of unlawful killings of
Palestinians should be investigated. But few actually are. “The army hardly ever opens investigations into cases of unlawful killing,” says Lior Yavne, B'tselem’s spokesman. “The army is basically conducting a policy of impunity. Soldiers realise they can do anything they want and they will not face problems. They know nobody is monitoring their behaviour.”

Yavne points to what he regards as the important difference between now and his time in the army between 1991 and 1995. “Before this intifada every shooting death was investigated. The commanders have now decided we are in an armed conflict short of war, but that means they don’t have to open an investigation in case of death.”

Even when they do, Yavne claims the investigating - military police - rely on the word of the soldiers who did the shooting and their unit commander.

Forty Palestinians are reported to have been killed since June 20, when tanks rolled into West Bank cities. B'tselem says that at least 20 of the dead were unarmed civilians.

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), based in New York, has this year listed the West Bank and Gaza as the world’s most dangerous places for reporters to work because of Israeli gunfire - all the more so for Palestinian journalists, who lack even the nebulous protection of an international organisation:

“The CPJ has taken up Imad’s case, but is not optimistic. Sixteen journalists have been wounded by Israeli fire, two of them fatally, since Israel took control of the cities. B’tselem says that at least 20 of the dead were unarmed civilians.” says Ann Cooper, the CPJ’s director.

“I don’t think there is a deliberate attempt to kill journalists, but certainly this year we did see the IDF using major force to keep journalists out of areas where they did not want that story covered - they didn’t want eyewitnesses.”

The last photograph of Imad, taken by his friend Sayeed, shows him sitting in the street pressing his hand into a huge wound in his right thigh.

His trousers are soaked red, and his grey polo shirt is splattered with blood. His sunglasses hang from his neck and his eyes look too old for his age. He is quiet, perhaps the first time I saw him not talking.

A number of organisations have called, offering help to his dependants. His family have turned them down, saying their boy would rather have had justice.

A “two-state solution” with Nazi German invasion and colonisation would make as much sense, it becomes increasingly obvious but.

But not to the fake-‘left’, of course.

Here is another variant of Stalinist Revisionism’s rot-ten legacy, still pompously and deceitfully posing as the CPGB (for effect) while having retreated from Leninism and pro-Sovietism more rapidly and further than the most despicable anti-communist Trotskyists who ever joined in imperialism’s mind-rotting Cold War brainwashing propaganda.

Their latest ludicrous contribution to philistinism’s anti-theory lower depths is to favourably quote some reformed Palestinian Stalinist Revisionists still trying to justify Moscow’s 1948 nonsense of agreeing to the Zionist colonisation of Palestine in the first place.

The old Revisionist insane delusion of a ‘peacefully tamed’ imperialist (Zionism), or a totally ‘reformed’ capitalist-imperialist system, is dimly discernible through this confused fog of cringing, self-contradictory, opportunist goshite:

Only in 1982 did the two Palestinian sections reunite to form the Palestinian People’s Party. We chose this name to highlight the priority of the national struggle in Palestine today. But there is no doubt: we are communists fighting for a communist world. In 1997 we joined the PLO. We were the first Palestinian organisation that put forward a programme for two states. I think we were quite influential in pushing the PLO towards this position. Ever since 1948 we have been advocating that there are obviously two people with two very distinct cultures. Why should we force them to live together in one state? Of course as a communist I want to live without borders and I am working towards the unification of all peoples. But today Israelis and Palestinians need to live in two different states.

I am hopeful that Israelis and Palestinians will unite into a democratic, secular state one day, but this will need a long patient process. For the here and now, the slogan of a ‘democratic, secular Palestine’ is useless. It does not show a way to the future. Without the Israeli peace movement the Palestinians will never get a democratic state of their own. The Israeli working class needs to fight for the rights of the Palestinians. We need their help and solidarity, just as they need our help. We have to tell our friends in Israel that we do accept their state if they accept ours.

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What is your view on the right to return for Palestinians? Does it contradict a programme for two states?

The right to return is very important to us. As a communist I fight for the right of every human being to live where they want to and naturally that includes Palestinians. This right does not mean that everybody moves back to where their family might have lived many decades ago. Who knows where people want to live? I presume most Palestinians don’t want to go to Israel and give up their friends and families. My own village was totally destroyed in 1948. Why would I want to go back there? - But we must fight for this right to return, because it has a very important political meaning. It means Israel has to accept its responsibility for the unjust way in which this state was founded.
emerge: the democrats and socialists against the Islamic fundamentalists.

But surely we can’t wait! Surely we need to win people away from their leadership in the here and now! Communists would be amongst the first people a fundamentalist regime would want to get rid of.

The occupation has unfortunately blurred the distinction between opposing political groups on the Palestinian side. But of course I agree and we are arguing very strongly against Hamas and Jihad. Only our voices are very weak and Hamas is very loud.

At every meeting I go to I speak out against this most corrupt form of religion. I used to live in Algiers and have seen what Islamic fundamentalism can do to a whole people. It wants the opposite of all the things that I am fighting for, justice, women’s rights, democracy. For example, the PPP is currently campaigning for a ‘family law’ which would allow the right to divorce and equal rights for men and women. Hamas and Jihad are very much against this. The only way we can win the Palestinian people away from Hamas is by showing them that we have solutions for earth, not just for heaven.

After such a deluded rant of pathetic and philistine evasiveness posing as ‘communism’, it not only can hardly be marveled at that the CP (PPP) voice is so “weak” (despite nearly a century’s start on Hamas) and that the Islamic Guerrillas’ voice is so “strong”; but serious anti-imperialists could even feel pleased that those who are at least willing to fight to regain their homeland from colonialism and incessant brutalisation and humiliation, are at last gaining ground.

But not the despicable British fake-‘left’, of course, who thoroughly approve this unbelievably continuing Stalinist Revisionist delusion that ‘democracy’, and ‘justice’, and ‘feminism’ will tame imperialism and totally reform the capitalist-colonialist exploitation system out of all recognition.

And this is the jibber that is supposed to be more “earthly realistic”!! No wonder the Islamics are having it their own way for the moment.

But a resurgence of Marxist-Leninist scientific anti-imperialist revolution is inevitable. Growth Jewish doubts about their “right” to any part of what for centuries has been the homeland of the Palestinian people, reveals how impossible contradictions of imperialist crisis pressures all round, are forcing revolutionary thinking and consciousness of all kinds onto the agenda.

Collapse-haunted imperialist warmongering cannot fail to boot the Third World so hard that a revolutionary response will be forced forward everywhere. And because of the symbolism, for Western domination, of the Palestinian question, and because of the real value for imperialist global exploitation of maintaining total Middle East control, – this issue of intolerable Zionist colonialism could turn into US warmongering tyranny’s terminal disaster.

Fake-‘left’ spinelessness about Zionism’s fascist colonialism sums up the entire doomed history of ‘reformist’ rottenness.

The idiotic “condemnation” of terrorism will see Trot and Revisionist ‘left’ posturing to its grave (No1148 13-08-02)

The ever-sharpening imperialist-system crisis of economic collapse and warmongering bluster to cover up the evidence, centred on the Middle East, is now causing a challenge to the most basic prejudices of the West’s world-domination, – exactly as the EPSR has argued must happen (in polemics against the fake-‘left’ whose class-collaborating servility makes them tail-end the liberal bourgeois pipe-dream ‘solution’ of a “two-state settlement for Palestine” to get them all off a difficult hook).

The degenerate and cowardly nonsense of saying “O.K.” to just(!!) 78% of Zionism’s hunters, reactionary, imperialist and Revisionist, out-of-date colonisation of the homeland of the Palestinian Arab nation, just to dispose of awkward matters which none of the faintheart Trot and Revisionist ‘left reformists’ have the stomach or the understanding to face up the rotten retreat from Marxist revolutionary science since Lenin’s death.

In the present intimidating climate of American fascist militaristic domineering, all grasp of history’s eventual progress towards what is just and rational via dramatic revolutionary transformations (when ripe) has been abandoned completely by the fake-‘left’. A better understanding of the great revolutionary processes now driving the Palestinian nation forward towards total and undying resistance to Zionist colonisation of any part of their homeland, can be found in the confused or shamefaced admissions of the capitalist press or bourgeois circles rather than in the deliriously petty-bourgeois sects of fake-‘left’ posturing around the Alliance or the CP/SLP factions.

The Western Zionist religious-freemasonry’s “right” to be militarily colonising the Palestinian Arab homeland aall has at last become the subject for discussion. The EPSR explained from the start that in this epoch of irresistible anti-colonial liberation, the deepening of the imperialist-system global economic crisis could not fail to force monopoly-capitalist domination everywhere into ever-nastier repression as the miraculous post-1945 world-trade boom finally petered out.

As a result, exploited communities throughout the Third World were bound to be forced into increasingly unprecedented revolutionary development.

Anticipating that the viciously exploited and brutally tyrannised Palestinians (uniquely still utterly humiliated and denied all nationality rights unlike the proud Arab people all around) would be driven to resist persecution more ferociously than almost any other community, – did not require massive perception.

It was equally easy to guess that these particularly arrogant and fascist-minded “chosen race” Zionist colonisers would be demoted in their savage repression, and that the US imperialist “international upholders of fairness, justice, and democracy” would back this savagery all the way (because of the especially priceless control over the whole Middle East that Washington got from having this ruthless and focussed (US) imperialist expansionism on its side).

The historic conditions had been created for a classic, all-or-nothing, revolutionary conflict.

Precisely because the whole idea of “a national home for the Jews” is no more than the sickest and most old-fashioned colonial conquest (in spite of all the loony “chosen race” bogus religious rhetoric), Zionist ‘Israel’ cannot survive in any form at all unless total defeat over the Palestinians is maintained for evermore.

And equally, there is no way that the Palestinian people can ever win for themselves the slightest serious nationhood self-respect until they have regained their sovereignty over the whole of their homeland from the Jordan to the sea, every square yard of which is still a fond image in the memory of the living older generations of the 7-millions-strong Palestinian nation, and each family history still fiercely kept alive by the younger generations – all kept going in exile by willpower.

Any genuinely equal state strength for the Palestinians (under the cop-out reformist pipe-dream of a “two-state solution”) would never let the Zionist colonisers sleep peacefully in their beds.

But even the very best of all the totally inadequate “two-state” foisting-off of the Palestinians with just 22% of their original homeland donated back to their “control” (but all carved-up into pocket handkerchief sized bits, here and there, with total continuing Zionist state domination looming over, still, at every point) would never remain anything else for this proud and talented Arab people but a constant humiliating reminder of all that they had lost, and of what a uniquely cowed and diseased people they would always make almost alone among the Third World.
It can only get worse, longterm, as this terrifying economic crisis deepens still further towards a dollar collapse itself, and total US ruling class humiliation, and loss of all their sweet power.

The appalling aggressive fascist Zionist behaviour represents this worsening in advance.

Because of the theoretical possibility of unforeseen quirks or confused and ill-managed timing by desperately-sick and worried imperialism, there might still be a temporary compromise halfway-house ‘settlement’ in Palestine while imperialism’s main warmongering focus moves elsewhere.

But it is overwhelmingly likely that sticking-up for Zionist tyranny will symbolically suit US imperialism down to the ground throughout the long crisis ahead, epitomising the ruthless kicking-of-arse that Washington’s continued world-domination means lies ahead for everyone on earth who refuses to kow-tow inside the American imperialist camp.

The US ruling class could not give a damn about the Zionists as such; but the Zionist cause is seen as a very convenient ‘politically-correct’ figleaf for Washington’s championing of military blitzkrieg-tyranny methods for dealing with anti-imperialist revolt everywhere.

And that is also how the rest of the world is beginning to see the Palestine tragedy too. Either a stand is made against this tyrannical US Zionist arse-kicking, or else bullying fascist-militarism will run away with things henceforth.

In the light of the ever-deepening imperialist system global economic crisis which has no solution, ‒ then unquestionably it is the warmongering aggression that is set to continue.

The reformist peace movement whinges for ‘restraint’ and ‘compromise’, etc, etc, are ludicrously out-of-touch with the epoch being entered.

There is only one alternative route for civilisation now, and that is the path of revolution.

The sensational pressures which have forced the Palestinian Intifada to these scarcely credible acts of heroic self-sacrifice and bravery of deliberately suicidally blowing themselves up in order to destroy the Zionist tormentors, – are set to continue.

One of their next steps is to begin to formulate in the minds of the Palestinian nation (and in the understanding of the rest of the world too) the idea of the total Palestinian revolution which will, as best it can, engage in non-stop all-out war until either the Zionist colonisation can take no more or else the Palestinian nation will have been genocidally nullified to all intents and purposes, (as happened to the Indian nations of North America at the hands of earlier Western imperialist colonists).

Everywhere evident, now, in the Palestinian tragedy are the spontaneous beginnings of what must eventually become a conscious Palestinian revolution against the fate which the imperialist world (backed by liberal-reformist brainrot and fake-‘left’ posturing) earmarked for this Arab people of permanent humiliating capitulation to never-ending Zionist domination, ‒ at best the so-called ‘two-state solution’ ‒ in reality the acceptance of established Zionist colonial victory, and the status of repressed and exploited subjects for the Palestinians for the rest of time.

Far from this being merely wishful thinking on the part of over-excited ‘catastrophists’, such a revolutionary development, or things like it elsewhere, would correspond entirely with the broadest brush Marxist traditional expectation of how a late period imperialist crisis might proceed (see the Communist Manifesto).

With the EPSR having argued for a long time now how profoundly this imperialist crisis would stir things up, overturning almost every Western-world prejudice on the way, ‒ it is interesting to now see the ‘right’ of a Zionist state to exist at all on occupied Palestinian territory being finally questioned, and by the most respectable Western ‘politically-correct’ opinion at that. The following appeared in a letter to the Guardian:

We are Jews, born and raised outside Israel, who, under Israel’s “law of return”, have a legal right to Israeli residence and citizenship (Real lives, G2, August 7). We wish to renounce this unsought “right” because:

1) We regard it as morally wrong that this legal entitlement should be bestowed on us while the very people who should have most right to a genuine “return”, having been forced or terrorised into fleeing, are excluded.

2) Israel’s policies towards the Palestinians are barbaric - we do not wish to identify ourselves in any way with what Israel is doing.

3) We disagree with the notion that Zionist emigration to Israel is any kind of “solution” for diaspora Jews, anti-semitism or racism - no matter to what extent Jews have been or are victims of racism, they have no right to make anyone else victims.

4) We wish to express our solidarity with all those who are working for a time when Israel, the West Bank and Gaza Strip can be lived in by people without any restrictions based on so-called racial, cultural, or ethnic origins.

We look forward to the day when all the peoples of the area are enabled to live in peace with each other on this basis of non-discrimination and mutual respect. Perhaps some of us would even wish to live there, but only if the rights of the Palestinians are respected. To those who consider
Israel a “safe haven” for Jews in the face of anti-semitism, we say that there can be no safety in taking on the role of occupier and oppressor. We hope up and down Galilee and their leaders will come to realise this soon.

Michael Rosen, Ian Saville, Prof Irene Bruegel, Mike Kustow, Mike Marqusee, Prof Steven Rose, Leon Rosselson and 38 others.

One of the academics involved went even further in a subsequent Radio Four interview and questioned why a Jewish state should have been implanted in Palestine at all. Follow-up questions from me in the Guardian raised even more interesting points from equally-respectable areas of intelligent middle-class opinion:

The 40 or so Jews who wrote to say (Letters, August 8) that they disdained Israel’s offer of citizenship, are simply “rightful returners” on the grounds that Palestinians do not have that right are simply a little bit more. Why haven’t they made this gesture before?

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national domination genuinely feels it has some ‘right’ to be bossing things.

And the viciousness of this conceived global exploitation will grow ever worse, - in how offensively it strikes the majority of people on earth, but also in the increasing amounts of absolute damage the imperialist system is going to cause to the world.

Listen to these further capitalist press admissions, revealingly reporting the debilitating doubts and fears which are driving this whole rotten Zionist colonisation to the brink of despair and disaster, but simultaneously trying to gain sympathy for an ‘innocent Israeli family, unjustly caught up in evil mayhem’, etc. etc.

Despise a dim awareness that the whole ‘Israel’ colonial venture is wrong from every aspect and should be historically aborted, the Western conceitedness prevails and imperialism’s gun-law is signed up to in the end.

Severely edited, the gist of the weakness of the Zionist position reads as follows:

I have always been a reluctant Israeli. In fact, I don’t think of myself as Israeli at all. I’m British, but I have an Israeli passport because I married an Israeli. From the moment I landed in Israel nine years ago I felt the state was denying my right to exist here, and for the first few years I often wondered if I could ever make this my home. My experiences helped me to understand how hard it must be for Arabs trying to live or work alongside this community. They were constantly treated as second-class citizens, as objects of fear and threat. They were denied basic human rights. No wonder they were angry. I was angry too, and I suffered far fewer injustices than they did.

The intifada has been a progressive campaign. It goes step by step, getting worse with every step taken. Each attack is more appalling than the last. First you react with horror, then the fear comes, then you adapt and gradually learn to live with it. Then something new happens and the cycle begins all over again. The violence that happens now would have been unthinkable 18 months ago, or even a year ago. We are all, Palestinians and Israelis alike, becoming hardened by the violence. We go into survival mode. For months I ignore the bombings. I stay home as much as possible, limit trips to dangerous areas such as city centres, shops, cafes, banks, parks, shows, even the beach. I keep my two children, Daniel and Yonatan, at home. I try not to watch the news, and to think of the dead in terms of numbers, not people. I think small, very small.

What makes forgetting more difficult is that here, near Qalqiliya, we are on the front line. We have frequent security alerts. On occasions I’ve picked up Daniel, my four-year-old son, from his nursery to be told to go home, lock all my doors and windows and watch the entrances to my house. Neighbours are sometimes woken in the night and told to watch the village perimeter. We have our own security but sometimes soldiers are also stationed here. Last week the village and surrounding area were completely dosed down because a Palestinian dressed as an Israeli soldier was spotted throwing a bag away in Matan, the village next to ours.

We often hear fighting in Qalqiliya. Rounds of machine-gun fire at night, tank shells that rattle the windows, light flares, bombs, helicopters hovering for hours overhead. People on both sides are dying and we can hear it. And it’s frightening for us, what is it like for them, in the midst of it? The truth is that even when you try hard not to think about what is happening, it still penetrates your unconscious. I have frequent nightmares. I often wake sweating with fear. I worry about breaking into my home and shooting Yonatan, who isn’t yet two, in his bed, Daniel as he plays in his room, or an attack in the park, or the
swimming pool, or the local shop, anywhere and everywhere in fact I devise escape routes in my head, thinking them through while I am home.

Ask anyone on the Left, and even many on the Right, and they will tell you that the Palestinians should have been able to defend themselves and should have left the territories. Until a few months ago I believed it was wrong for the Israelis to reoccupy the territories. What we need is a clear and decisive final solution. But the gap between my battle.

The wretched delusion of a "fair, reformist compromiser" haunts the whole world and not just this sad casualty of the whole arrogant historical wretchedness of the arbitrary "Israel" bastards, - fittingly the product of "left" Labour government's "reformist" postwar idio to reign 'justice' and 'fairness' while in reality merely oiling the wheels for resurgent imperial warmongering-nastiness to re-dominate the planet.

Equally fittingly, the fake- 'lefts' of Trotskyism and Revisionism, - who may soon be alone among 'intelligent' people still trying to justify the foully poisonous creation of 'Israel' colonialism, are now halfway mentally back in the left-'Labour camp of total bo gusness and posturing. Welcome joining 'militant' new leaders loyal to the reactionary TUC, and preparing to stand aside in droves for crenitus little-'Labour MPs who are now all back on the stump to yet again repeat the age-old historical trick of the 'left' of reviving Labour's "party of the working class" image after yet another severe battering from a period of utterly reaction ary Labour Government once more.

But as this fake- 'left' spinelessness effectively does nothing but dis face people from seriously standing up to imperialist warmongering domination by playing with endless meaningless "reform" pipe dreams, - on the real front line of mass suffering from monopoly-capitalism's crisis and the latest manifestation at its tragic savagery of life at the bottom of the world's exploita tion heap carries on relentlessly driving people into spontane ous revolutionary action, however primitive initially: Musa Rajoub died a traitor's death, dragged from a jail cell in the West Bank before dawn. He was strung up by his left foot from an electricity pylon in the centre of Hebron without an ounce of pity. He must have known he had it coming to him. In the 'West Bank and Gaza, there is a special hatred reserved for Palestinians believed to have trafficked with Israel's in telligence agencies, and Rajoub had boasted for years of his powerful connections.

When an Israeli helicopter gun ship fired four missiles into the car of Marwan Zaloom, incinerat ing the local commander of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades and a fel low passenger, Rajoub's fate was sealed.

Under cover of darkness, a mob of officered men descended on the central jail in Hebron and dragged Rajoub and two other prisoners out. It is unclear where Rajoub, a Palestinian journalist, would be at the time, but there is no sign that they intervened to stop - or even protest at - his punishment. The three men's mouths were sealed with masking tape, their hands and feet bound with wire. All three were accused of collaborating with Israel. They were being held for nearly 24 hours and shot on the spot where Zaloom died, around dawn on April 23. The summary execution was claimed - almost immediately by the Martyrs' Brigade that a militia linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

Several hours later the police cut them down and carted the bodies to city hall in a rubbish truck. Mrs Rajoub, Sahar, recognised him by his shirt.

"It was more than mutilation," she said, sitting in the family home in Dura. "If I show you the clothes he was wearing, you would see too much blood. The collar of his shirt is encrusted with it".

Palestinian informers necessarily operate in secret, for fear of ending up like Rajoub and the 70 other suspected collaborators who have been killed in the West Bank and Gaza in the past two years. But Rajoub never hid his allegiance, neither has his family. "Of course he was a collaborator. He always used to admit it. Everyone in Dura knew it," his widow said.

"But that's not the real reason why he was killed." Mrs Rajoub's lack of embarrass ment at her husband's profession is extremely rare: the stain of collaboration with Israel is far from erased.

The families of collaborators almost always disdain any knowledge of their activities, even after they are killed, or judged by the Palestinian police.

That Rajoub's family is even pre pared to discuss his death is testi mony to the power he exerted over his vil lage, Dura, and his powerful clan connections. The Rajombs are one of the biggest families in Dura, and well connected: Jibril Rajoub, a distant cousin of Musa, is a former West Bank governor.

Musa behaved as if he was un touchable, drawing on those family contacts, the threat that he could bring down Israel's wrath on those who dare to help cow the protection money he is believed to have paid to the local Palestinian police each month.

"He held his M-16 aloft and walked ostentatiously through the streets of Dura. He would bully people in the street. He would humiliate them," Khalid Amayreh, a Palestinian journalist and commentator, said.

"He acted in a gangsterly manner. I dare say many many Palestinians in the town have personal stories about their encounters with him."

Since Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza in 1967 it has used a variety of methods to build up an extensive network of spies: sexual blackmail, offers of travel, work and building permits, early release from prison.

"Collaborators have been a can cer on the collective conscience of the Palestinian people," Mr Amayreh said. "It's the worst and most diabolical product of the Israeli occupation, and the collective hatred for collaborators cannot be overstated.

Rajoub began his career as a collabora tor after he was arrested by the Israeli army in 1983 for harbourover wanted men in his home. He was a construction worker and designer. He started as an asifour - literally a sparrow - the name Palestinians use for the men planted in crowded cells to elicit information from in mates.

As an asifour also has a more sinister use.

Since the Israeli supreme court restricted the use of torture during interrogations two years ago, Palestinian informers have been used to administer beatings in the cells. But if they are caught they can be beaten to death themselves.

By the time of his death, people in Dura say, Rajoub presided over five cells of collaborators who collected snippets of information about militant Palestinian groups in a Hebrew jail on charges of coll aborating with Israel.

He was often away, in outposts of the West Bank, and in Hadera, in northern Israel, where he was able to conduct his business using the Israeli identity papers he was given in 1994.

All those activities came crash ing to an end on November 15 2000 when he was arrested by the Palestinian police and imprisoned in a Hebrew jail on charges of coll aborating with Israel.

A trial was instigated, Mrs Rajoub retained a lawyer. But the trial was postponed indefinitely and she turned her attentions towards en suring her husband's comfort and
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is this depraved hypocrisy that pushes the Palestinians to fight us relentlessly - our double standard that allows us to boast the highest of standards in our treatment of the same military slays innocent children. This lack of ethics is bound to corrupt us.

My son Arik was murdered when he was a soldier by Palestinian fighters who believed in the ethical basis of their struggle against the occupation. My son Arik was not murdered because he was Jewish but he was Jewish; we are the occupation that occupies the territory of another. I know these are concepts that are unpalatable, but I must voice them loud and clear, because they are true - the heart of a father whose son did not get to live because his people were blinded with power.

If this is like I would like to do so, I cannot say that the Palestinians are to blame for my son's death. That would be the easy way out, but it is we, Israelis, who are to blame - we who are the occupation force. Anyone who refuses to heed this awful truth will eventually lead to our destruction.

It is we who insist on maintaining the status quo; it is we who escalate the situation in the region and feed the cycle of reprisals. Anyone who refuses to heed this reality will eventually lead to our destruction.

The army still sends tanks and massive amounts of military supplies to Palestinian cities which have blocked medical supplies, ruined the Palestinian economy and exacerbated poverty. It condemned the Hamas government and government buildings by Israeli troops. It pointed out that, although Jenin was the focus of its inquiry, Nablus suffered more heavy bombing and deaths than Jenin. In 18 days of fighting, around 50 civilians died in Nablus while Israeli lost four soldiers. More homes were wrecked in Nablus, though the area of destruction was not so compact as in Jenin.

The aftermath of the two most heavily debated episodes in Israel's military operations has caused psychologists to study the effects of the attacks on the nervous systems of the victims. The UN report was published. The army said troops had found explosive devices and tanks with flying marks for all Palestinians unpredictable and humiliating. All except "humanitarian" movement facilities are used to manufacture heroin for sale on the black market. The army may not be destroyed unless it is "rendered absolutely necessary by military operations".

The UN criticised the protracted curfews and, in Gaza's case, the bombing of the house in Gaza City. The bombing of the house was a "bomb factory". The troopers dynamiting wrecked several nearby shops and flats. "We are almost out of bullets," one trooper said, "so we destroyed the supermarket and were able to escape."

The UN report did not use the word "massacre". They leapt on the fact that the report did not use the word and cited a total of 22 dead civilians rather than 500, as some Palestinian leaders had claimed. The notion of massacre is relative. In Kosovo and the deaths of two dozen innocent people in a single military operation were often described as massacres. But the key criticism of Israel in their report on Jenin was the lack of mercy or compassion, the lack of ethical standards.

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fight against terrorism? Is it really too far-fetched to suggest that the US government does not want UN arms inspectors back in Iraq? Do they fear that this would lead to a political drama of the first order since the inspectors would confirm what individuals such as Scott Ritter have argued for some time, that Iraq no longer possesses any capacity to produce weapons of mass destruction?

This indeed would be the final blow to the “war against Iraq” policy of the Bush administration, a policy that no-one else wants. The Iraqis would be well advised to seize this opportunity and open their doors without delay to time-limited arms inspectors, thereby confirming that they indeed have nothing to hide.

This would make a US war against Iraq next to impossible. Nothing to hide. The Iraqis would be well advised to sign a non-aggression pact with the real hate-target of resurgent Western arms-race warmongering, the USSR.

All that has to be noted is that mighty German imperialism has decided virtually for the first time since 1945, and certainly the first time so ostentatiously and on such a big issue, to deliberately go out of step with US imperialism. Huge implications are afoot for the whole imperialist crisis-system.

In acting as it either cannot see all these distorters happening to the imperialist system (economic crash; warmongering cover-up; inter-imperialist splits; spontaneous revolutionary responses all round the world; etc, etc) or else cannot any longer believe in the dramatic world revolutionary-ary perspectives that a Marx-ist science analysis of such extraordinary phenomena can formulate, – the fake-’left’ is demonstrating for certain how bourgeois ideology always maintains the tendency to keep reasserting itself globally all the time that the interna-tional socialist revolution still remains so far incompleted, as Marxism-Leninism explained must be the case.

Thus the fake-’lefts’ are part of the bourgeois ideological camp, so their perpetual unavailability as serious anti-imperialists, or any kind of anti-imperialists at all, is hardly surprising.

And hence the huge changes in the world, about to shatter the whole basis of all bourgeois ideology for all time, – are being more readily reflected in concrete middle-class opinion (honest objective Jews who are beginning to understand the impossible contradiction that having a state of ‘Israel’ at all, represents) rather than in the role-play posturing of the petty-bourgeois fake-’left’.

There, a lifetime’s pretence of ‘progressive’ struggle now leaves no mental space for simple objective observation of real opportunities for change on the way.

It is in...capitalist economic crisis as a unique phenomenon that the revolutionary-ary essence itself of the huge changes that the world is hurting towards becomes grasable. Total upheaval and breakdown is the core of this revolutionary understanding, – and imminence or otherwise of a long period of chaotic revolutionary turmoil is a naturally vital key to winning sympathy for anti-imperialist agitation on Leninist lines (No 1188 10-06-03).

Growing worldwide anti-imperialist revolt has seen the Palestinian national liberation revolution grow steadily towards destroying any meaningful Zionist “security”.

An American blitzkrieg on the Intifada is politically out of the question (so far), and in any case what good would it do where the even more ruthless, brutal, and well-equipped Zionist forces cannot succeed in colonising the revolt into silence?

Kidding themselves that Iraqi mischief making and anti-imperialist defiance was a key part of the Zionists problem, Iraq had to be destroyed on any pretext going.

But the USA had to do it because of the uproot that a Zionist blitzkrieg would have caused.

In this perspective, what drove the imperialists to such desperate measures, ones that have now resulted, it is appearing, in no let-up whatever in the Zionists’ Palestinian difficulties, but now a totally alienated Iraq as well, whose growing anti-imperialist liberation resistance is only likely to feed into Palestinian resistance more strongly and genuinely than ever Saddam’s posturing mischief-making was achieving????

Allowing for the strangely twisted language of the bourgeois press which takes US imperialism’s “peace” push in the Middle East at face value, this capitalist media report hints at American state of ‘Israel’ at way. EPSR

THE chances of progress in the
Middle East are cast so easily in terms of personalities that it is easy to forget the overshadowing disaster of Israel’s economy - and the fact that this threat is now itself a force for peace.

The Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, said as much a fortnight ago, in remarks which caused a shock on several fronts. “I think the idea that it is possible to continue keeping 3.5 million Palestinians under occupation - yes, it is occupation, you might not like the word, but what is happening is occupation - is bad for Israel, and bad for the Palestinians, and bad for the Israeli economy.”

Inevitably, his choice of the word “occupation” dominates analysis of his comments. But the pointed, separate reference to the economy, from a man so identified with Israel’s security and politics, made waves. It has been in recession for nearly three straight years since the start of the Palestinian intifada, and its economic statistics are bleak on every front.

Since September 2000, according to government figures, its gross domestic product (GDP) has fallen by 3 per cent overall, and by 7 per cent year on year.

Much of the contraction has come in the private sector, the bursting of the dot com bubble has added to the nightmare for Israel’s large high technology firms. Tourism has collapsed, plunging by nearly two thirds in the first quarter of this year.

The closure of businesses has pushed the public sector up to about 55 per cent of GDP. Meanwhile, tax revenues are plummeting because of the recession.

The United States has been well aware, in these conditions, of the extra value of its economic help to Israel. In April, Congress gave an extra $1 billion grant for military assistance and $2 billion in loan guarantees, on top of the normal $2.7 billion in annual aid.

The US has made some of the guarantees, which Israel needs to repay government bonds and support the budget deficit, conditional on economic reform, according to reports. The US has indicated, too, that it would take a dim view of continued large subsidies to the West Bank settlements.

In doing so President Bush appears to have adopted similar tactics to his father, who attempted to use a freeze in loan guarantees to halt settlement activity.

The message about economic reform also appears to have got through; the strength of Mr Sharon’s position at home means that it may be able to play through unpopular changes. Last month the Finance Ministry, Binyamin Netanyahu, three months into his new job, proposed an emergency budget which amounted to a blunt acknowledgement of past mismanagement.

He aims to slash huge areas of government spending, particularly education and welfare - although not defence. He proposed wage cuts for those who remained in the public sector of 8 per cent.

Mr Netanyahu is scheduled to meet the main credit rating agencies in London and New York later this month to try to persuade them not to lower the rating on Israel’s economy.

It would be easy to overstake the role that the American economic lever has had in bringing about the shift in Mr Sharon’s position. It appears to have played a small part. More significant, however, seems to be the recognition by Mr Sharon, represented in his remarks a fortnight ago, as well as in Mr Netanyahu’s budget, that the conflict with the Palestinians could squander all the rewards of Israel’s economic success, and that preventing this is an urgent need in itself.

In a deepening crisis, routine warmongering repress to keep US imperialism in the saddle starts to become impossibly costly. At the 11th hour when all is nearly lost to uncontrollable economic crisis, launch a desperate, make-or-break, warmongering adventure to try to force everything back under control again.

The fear of collapse leads to the warmongering beginnings of World War III, which only then brings the brink of collapse even closer. Build Leninism. EPSR supporters.

NAZI viciousness and despair of the Western imperialist onslaught on the Middle East, – gunning down innocent bystanders without a care; brutal terror searches of any and every household at random; mass detentions without trial in concentration camps; all the daily reality of “life” in Palestine, Iraq, and Afghanistan, underlines the disaster for the global anti-imperialist struggle of fighting without a Marxist-Leninist perspective. But even now, diehard Stalinists, Trots, and other Revisionists, – concealing their opportunism – still won’t face up to reality (No 1195 29-07-03).

...There is an even bigger problem with Lalkar’s even longer reportage on the Zionist warmongering crisis. The silence from Lalkar on the EPSR’s questions over “no-defeat” demands or revolutionarity perspective to meet imperialist warmongering disaster in Iraq, – are loud enough.

The silence from Lalkar on Stalinism’s responsibility for the grossest imperialist warmongering degeneracy of all, – the genocidal Zionist armed colonisation of Palestine from 1947 onwards, and Lalkar’s covering-up of it, – is positively ear-splitting.

The article ends heroically: “The Zionist state is bound to end up as a by-word for beastliness and as a historical abortion.”

Too true, but what on Earth does Lalkar think it is playing at to still, nevertheless, recommend its “two state solution” – the very last word in Stalinist peaceful-coexistence class-collaborating barrenness which never could be, and never ought to be, either.

This is taking living in the last years of Stalin’s fantasy world, daft enough in itself, to even loonier extremes.

Zionism’s ever-worsening warmongering crisis is the living proof that the Stalinist daydream of permanent peaceful coexistence between an imperialist half-dominion of the world and a workers state half-dominion of the world, was a demented and tragic joke from the start, but here are the museum-Stalinist Revisionists, still peddling this damming nonsense right up to the last minute before the world’s revolutionary reality at last reasserts itself openly once again, and poses the question of whether imperialist tyranny is going to continue to rule the world, – in which case there will be no serious Palestinian “state” worth talking about, just a continuation of a slave-like captivity within Bantustan barbed-wire reservations (or even worse) under non-stop armed Zionist surveillance, exploitation, and endless harassment; or whether revolutionarity anti-imperialism is going to rule the world, in which case the monstrous attempted armed-colonisation of the land of Palestine for the genocide of its native nation, will be sent packing into the annals of history’s worse nightmares.

What genuine socialist understanding or belief does Lalkar have at all, to conjecture a world which the international working class would supposedly be content with where the Zionists exercise an unequalled hegemony – a by-word for beastliness and a historical abortion” (to put it mildly in Lalkar’s own words) – was still inflicting its NAZI terror on the Palestinian nation???

Moreover, why would any determined revolutionary socialist leadership for the world (Lalkarism, supposedly) be so weird as to offer to the Zionist NAZIS - “the Road Map as the last chance for a two state solution, the time for which is running out fast. If the Zionists are stupid enough to throw away this last chance, the Palestinians might be forced to re-evaluate the two-state solution”.

Could this bizarre proposal for this NAZI police-state colony to hurry up and save itself, be explained by Lalkar’s congenital incapacity to at last think seriously about Stalinist Revisionism’s monstrous, cowardly, treacherous immi cilin agreeing to Western imperialism’s plan for an armed Zionist
It is Marxist-Leninist science to analyse how it is the Zionist imperialists’ own arrogant ruling class despair (as their lucrative power-giving economic system plunges ever deeper into insoluble “overproduction” difficulties) – which will teach the international working class its revolutionary business, – exactly as the EPSR has consistently, for 24 years, explained was going to happen, making a revolutionary perspective for mankind the only philosophical sanity.

It is the only world we live in, – the world of ever-recurring imperialist crises, – that makes it also a world of revolutionary progress only, – as far as any real changes are concerned for the planet’s vast proletarian masses.

Hear these realities admitted to in capitalism’s own press admissions: A thousand Israeli soldiers grappled for hours with dedicated Jewish settlers for control of a barren, rocky hilltop in the heart of what may become a Palestinian state.

The Israeli prime minister told Mr Powell that he should be prepared to make “painful concessions” in pursuit of peace. Officials called it coincidence that troops were sent in as the secretary of state arrived to press the Israelis to honour commitments made to President Bush at last month’s summit in Aqaba, Jordan.

But nearly two months later the settlers are back and this time the army is protecting them - and Mr Sharon - from embarrassing questions.

“Everything at the moment is in a very delicate state,” said Michal Ben Avraham, one of the settlers who told the army to stop this reporter from entering Yitzhar. “At the moment, there is a complete Jewish presence. The army, as well as the settlers, are living in tents. Sometimes an officer comes up and says: ‘Take this tent away.’ We take it away and then put it up again.”

Before Mr Sharon’s meeting with Mr Bush at the White House Israel has claimed that it is fulfilling the promises made at Aqaba.

“Israel is continuing to dismantle unauthorised outposts according to a defence ministry plan,” the prime minister’s office said. But the pictures from the hilltops looks very different.

Dror Etkes, who monitors Jewish settlement activity for the Israeli campaign group Peace Now, says that new outposts have gone up as fast as the government has torn down existing ones.

“There’s no serious dismantling and the remaining outposts are becoming bigger and more established” he said. “The ones that have gone are minor, while quality construction continues. The settlers are more established than they were when Aqaba took place.”

The council of settler rabbis urged Jews not to resist the dismantling of the outposts but to build new ones. One particularly controversial settlement, Havat Gilad, was technically torn down, but the army permitted it to be rebuilt about 100 metres (330ft) away.

“The army was very interested in the outpost for the past two years. It set up listening devices to listen for the hostile [Palestinian] village below,” Mrs Ben-Avraham said.

“ Ariel Sharon - Mr Security, Mr War, Mr Strategy - knows better than us how important this post is. It’s very hard for us to believe he is playing with our future.”

One of Mr Sharon’s critics on the right, Benjamin Netanyahu, has tried to portray the removal of the settlers as a form of ethnic cleansing even though he approved the removal of an earlier outpost near Yitzhar when he was prime minister six years ago.

But critics of the settlements say that the government has been duplicitous by giving settler leaders a list of targeted outposts and inviting them to seek legal injunctions against dismantling them.

“The evacuation of outposts is nothing but a great fraud,” said Yossi Sarid, a parliamentarian and former leader of the left-wing Meretz party. “Sharon is interested in convincing President Bush that it is very hard for him to keep his commitment and uproot outposts.

“He no doubt also asks other leaders to oppose the evacuation on the ground so that the whole world would know how hard Sharon’s life is, what a great sacrifice the settlers have made.”

Mr Sarid accuses the Israeli army of siding with the settlers.

“In one place several outlaw settlers agreed to be evacuated on the condition that the road beneath would remain ‘sterile’. And the army, the settlers’ servant, agreed, of course. I heard the word ‘sterile’ and I got goose bumps. The meaning is a road for Arabs.”

And to this aggressive arrogance, covering up their despairing fears that the imperialist system’s economic crisis-collapse might lose them everything – all that the Lalkar Stalinist Revisionists can say to them (latest issue) is:

“it is time that Sharon, his party, and his government, were subjected by the leaders of public opinion in Europe and America to similar opprobrium, and in the same forthright and trenchant manner, to which Einstein and his fellow intellectuals subjected Begin back in December 1948.”

And it’ll do about as much good as that peaceful coexistence gibberish achieved then, inspired by Stalin’s global class collaboration delusions, – precisely nothing about the Deir Yassin massacre of a Palestinian village which it was “protesting” about, an exem-
plary slaughter which made the young Zionist terrorist thugs Menachem Begin’s name as he lorded this “triumph” to the world’s media and then went fundraising around New York, thus attracting Einstein’s predictably liberal-useless opprobrium.

But now as then, Stalinist opportunism cannot resist abandoning every scrap of revolutionary understanding in order to roll on its back when tickled by big-name agreement to peacefully coexist with “common enemies” of capitalism’s useless “progressive protest” lauded then; Scargill’s useless “progressive party” sucked-up to now.

Returning to the Leninist real world once again, one fascinating possibility looms ever larger, briefly discussed by the EPSR many times before, and one which helps the investigation and understanding of imperialist warmongering’s essential nature and origins in this process of speculating about it.

The international working-class in the West is still desperately politically ill-informed and unsuspecting about just how bad and how widespread this inter-imperialist war-mongering crisis is shaping to become.

The ultimate theoretical preparation has got to be that a World War III, as much worse again than WWII was worse than WWI, is on the cards, given the scale and extent of the economic devastation worldwide that is likely to be caused by one of the more commonly expected features of the coming crash, – namely a world currency collapse (i.e. a dollar collapse) which global capitalism has never truly experienced before.

And it is the ruthless, butcher everything and bully-everyone mentality of NAZI aggressiveness that the American Empire (the world’s mightiest ever) seems to be developing, which is constantly raising the question of “who’s next?”

And it is the essential inter-capitalist-economic-rivalry character of imperialist warmongering crisis (which has plunged the NATO colonial exploitative gangsters at each others throats over (strangely) the unilateral US determination to blitzkrieg a string of Third World “rogue states” whether the other imperialists agree to it or not), – which demonstrates the possibility in these topsy-turvy times that it is US imperialism itself which might end up in conflict with its own Zionist imperialist protégés at some point, giving the region an astonishing imperialist-war opportunity to turn the tables on its monopolist capital Western exploiters via revolution.

The older imperialist powers aren’t at war with each other again yet, but although it is still early days in the international economic collapse fall-out so far, nonetheless it is the potential war destruction harm to each other, from crisis-suppressing warmongering claims with armed support????

Palestine has been continuously as “Palestinian” in character as Palestine was before the 1948 Zionist invasion and occupation, for far longer than “England” has been definitively “English”.

There is one Palestine. Let the Zionist colonisers take their chances within a majority Arab state, – if that majority will tolerate them.

And the logic of all modern history, denouncing and attacking Western imperialism and all its works, dictates that this must be the inevitable final conclusion in Palestine.

Put all reformist Revisionist traitorous compromise and its wretched “two-state solution” into the dustbin of history where it belongs.

Cynical Guardian treatment of the Arafat assassination threat as a joke shows that even “liberal democracy” pretensions are giving themselves up as a fraud, including the infamous “two-state solution” nonsense (from the revisionists). (No1200 16-09-03)

In the long run, it is imperialist warmongering reaction which teaches the world its necessary revolutionary Marxist politics and Palestine is the classic current Middle East example of this process at work.

Zionist-NAZI terror just cannot refrain from non-stop brutal tyranny and deliberate personality-destroying humiliation, genocidally imposing torture on an entire nation.

The sick reformist Revisionist “two-state solution”, imposed by Stalinist cretinism to cover up the original monstrousness of Moscow’s agreement to armed Zionist colonisation of Palestine in the first place in 1947, – is steadily looking more and more like the cynical artificial idiocy that it is, – an arbitrary reformist daydream which, if implemented, would effectively cement the Zionist imperialist land-grab for all time, and compound the tyrannical genocide of the Palestinian nation itself.

Although still defending the compromiser Arafat himself from more and more Zionist humiliation, a growing sector of Palestinian opinion is turning against the treacherous nonsense of a “two state solution”.

There is one country of Palestine with one of the most ancient continuous cultures in the entire world, and from which a Jewish majority has been absent for nearly 2,000 years.

In the more recent shorter historical period than that, England has successively been majority Welsh, Saxon, Danish, and French in ownership, business, statecraft, language, and culture, including venerated books establishing various claimants’ “destiny” to rule in the land now known as England.

Can all their “return” to what has been “promised them by God” be expected any day; and will Stalinism and the totalitarian-colonialism-communist “anti-semitism” and the imperialist-colonialism-communist “two-state solution” into the dustbin of history where it belongs.

Even capitalist press reports have started weighing all this up, typically, of course, while still never letting grip of the basic rotten Western-Zionist imperialist infamy that armed Jewish colonisation has some “rights” in the Palestine nation’s homeland, – and angling much of the comment in the direction of some more circumspect Zionist urgings (against the most complete “grab-it-all” reactionaries) to settle for their exclusive statehood (on the best land and 78% of the territory - the nightmare “roadmap” plan) while they still can, or risk losing every colonial-imperialist privilege once again in the longer run due to eventually inescapable single-state resolution where the Arabs will soon
rapidly outnumber the Jews: Growing numbers of Palestinians and Israelis are realising that a point may have been reached where it is impossible for Israel to disengage from the West Bank and Gaza and leave room and resources for a viable Palestinian state.

Khatib believes the only way forward for Palestinians is to accept Israel's control and demand equal rights, an idea that is gaining momentum among Palestinians.

'When I used to analyse opinion polls, it was clear that support for the one state solution was a fast-growing trend although still a minority. Sooner or later things will need to move in that direction and the fault will lie with Israel's right-wing parties' he said.

In a document sent to the United States last year, the PLO warned: 'If the international community continues to remain unwilling to rejoin in Israeli state and the construction and expansion, irreversible facts on the ground and the de facto apartheid system such facts create will lead the Palestinians and policy-makers to re-evaluate the plausibility of a two-state solution.'

The road network which serves the Israeli West Bank settlements is intersecting the Palestinian network as are telecommunications, electricity and water. In many areas it is not clear where the West Bank begins arid Israel ends.

Israel's settler population would become so entrenched in the West Bank that according to Diana Buttu, a legal adviser to the PLO, the only direction for the Palestinians would be to call for a single state for both Arabs and Israelis. However such a state would lose its already slim Jewish majority within a few years because of the high birth rate among Israeli settlers and the low Jewish birth rate. Currently there are 5.1 million Jews and 4.93 million Arabs on the territories controlled by Israel. According to projections in 2020 there will be 6.69 million Jews and 8.49 million Arabs.

A former Prime Minister of Israel, Ehud Barak, who is preparing for a return to politics, emphasised the danger in an article last week in the Israeli daily, Yedioth Ahronoth. He wrote that Sharon's failure to act decisively in creating a Palestinian state would 'endanger the whole Zionist enterprise'. Furthermore he could already discern a Palestinian position coming to the fore which demands not 'two states for two peoples', but one state from west of the Jordan River.

'However (and so the Palestinians will demand) this should conform to the spirit of the twenty-first century, i.e. be democratic, secular, with "one citizen, one vote." This position is liable to gain support from large parts of the world, as long as no acceptable Israeli plan is on the table, Barak wrote.

And some of the wilier Zionist colonists like Barak are even trying some public moral-guilt cleansing in efforts to concede international "peace treaty" confirmation of the land-grab deal before it is too late.

It turns out that the 2,000-year struggle for Jewish survival comes down to a state of settlements, run by an amoral clique of corrupt lawbreakers who are deaf both to their citizens and to their enemies. A state lacking justice cannot survive. More and more Israelis are coming to understand this as they ask their children where they expect to live in 25 years. Children who are honest admit, to their parents' shock, that they do not know. The countdown to the end of Israeli society has begun. It is very comfortable to be a Zionist in West Bank settlements such as Beit El and Ofra. The biblical landscape is charming. You can gaze through the geraniums and bougainvilleas and not see the occupation.

Travelling on the fast highway that skirts barely a half-mile west of the Palestinian roadblocks, it's hard to comprehend the humiliating experience of the despised Arab who must creep for hours along the pocked, blocked roads assigned to him. One road for the occupier, one road for the occuped.

This cannot work. Even if the Arabs lower their heads and swallow their shame and anger for ever, it won't work. A structure built on human callousness will inevitably collapse in on itself.

No this moment wel Zionism's superstructure is already collapsing like a cheap Jerusalem wedding hall. Only madmen continue dancing on the top floor while the pillars below are collapsing.

We have grown accustomed to ignoring the suffering of the women at the roadblocks. No wonder we don't hear the cries of the abused woman living next door or the single mother struggling to support her children in dignity. We don't even bother to count the women murdered by their husbands.

Israel, having ceased to care about the children of the Palestinians, should not be surprised when they come washed in hatred and blow themselves up in the centres of Israeli escapism. They consign themselves to Allah in our places of recreation, because their own lives are tortured. They spill their own blood in our restaurants in order to ruin our appetites, because they have children and parents at home who are hungry and humiliated. We could kill a thousand ringleaders a day and nothing will be solved, because the leaders come from below - from the wells of hatred and anger, from the "infrastructures" of injustice and moral corruption.

Meanwhile, the Stalinist-Zionist Aaronovitch pens a cocky send-up of Jewish monopolist-financial influence in American capitalist-imperialist circles to "humorously" stem the growing global disgust at Zionism's F-16 slaughter programme against defenceless Palestinian assassination targets.

This Goebbelsian "journalism" needs inundating with non-stop atrocity stories of daily Palestinian humiliation and brutal suffering to see if the Guardian finds these "funny" as well. But all further progress on every anti-imperialist issue will remain bogged down for as long as the great historical question about the nature of workers states remains unresolved.

Aided by universal Stalinist stupidity and cowardice and by congenial Trotskyite petty-bourgeois anti-communism, the great key to all Marxist-Leninist science of history namely that all capitalism can be only the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and nothing else, even in the most "democratic" of parliamentary republics; and all effective replacement workers states, building a publicly-owned and planned socialist economy, can only be the dictatorship of the proletariat for as long as substantial surrounding imperialist power remains active in the world, remains under a cloud.

Until new globalised imperialism experiences and vastly clearer working-class consciousness disperses this cloud, the building of long-term effective anti-imperialist struggle will remain anchored in mud and confusion.

And it is the joke "communists" and " Marxists" who refuse to fight on these issues, all of them on the entire
fake ‘left’ with their wretched “condemnation” of modern “terrorist outrages” which Marx, Engels and Lenin would all have enthusiastically celebrated as humiliating blows to imperialist tyranny (while chiding the laggardly communist movement for failing to be ahead of these spontaneous responses so as to give a better alternative scientific revolutionary leadership to these anti-imperialist manifestations), – who are the worst obstacle to working-class understanding on these crucial historical questions.

Blowing up US backers of Zionist colonial tyranny is a real taste of WWII that capitalism’s crisis is plunging into. Zionism is the symbol of Western imperialist world domination. Potentially murderous splits in Washington reflect the world hatred for this collapsing global system and how Western internal conflict will help growing international revolt bring it down. Fake ‘left’ continues totally misleading the working class about where the real struggle for the planet’s socialist future is unfolding (No1205 21-10-03).

American deaths at the hands of Palestinian resistance merely moves imperialism’s warmongering on to a more realistic footing and will not harm the PLO’s just cause in the slightest.

It is on the front line of Third World revolt that the West is going to lose its cynical conspiracy to maintain its grip on world exploitation via the cover of a ludicrous “war on terrorism”.

Where better for these blows against corporate monopoly tyranny to be seen escalating than in Palestine whose genocidal repression by Western finance capital and its Zionist agents is provoking universal outrage.

The entire nonsense about “terrorism being the enemy”, doomed anyway, is shown up best of all for its utterly empty and blind stupidity on the issue of Palestine where the Nazi holocaust tactics of the West and Zionism to ethnically cleanse a whole nation from West and Zionism to ethnically cleansing World could go into uproar. The most daunting thing about striking back “to avenge American deaths” is that such brutal imperialist crushing of resistance is already what has failed not just in Palestine but elsewhere round the Middle East as well (apart from notoriously causing catastrophic humiliation for US imperialism (in Vietnam and elsewhere) in earlier challenges to the West’s world domination).

The West’s Zionists have been non-stop “avenging” and “smiting back” for more than 50 years against any squeak of Arab resistance to this re-imposition of colonial tyranny, and doing it far more ruthless and effectively that the less motivated US Empire forces themselves could do.

But it still has not stopped the national liberation “terrorist” revolt gaining steadily and relentlessly in strength, capability, and achievement. And the Americans themselves have already run into brick walls of their own making in their own attempted colonial occupations “for nation-building purposes” in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Getting yet more bloody setbacks for the Americans in Palestine is likely to be the last straw for US public opinion toleration of this degenerate imperialist warmongering in the twilight of the historic epoch of Western imperialist world domination; – and international opinion will only grow increasingly incandescent against American arrogance and bullying.

But as in Iraq and Afghanistan, just walking away from this growing debacle is a disastrous-looking option as well. And either way, if this broadening of the Palestinian targeting continues, the whole “Middle-East-peace-process” cover for America’s blitzkrieg into the region of the world’s greatest oil reserves (and potentially greatest political revolutions), will be blown sky-high.

If Palestine now gets a direct US blitzing (as opposed to American repression via Zionist proxies), the entire Third World could go into uproar. If the Americans just pretend to ignore it, or walk away, or just let Zionist brutality “avenge” it, then the US’s “peace-process” involvement in the Middle East will show up blantly as merely a complete sham which cannot cope with any real engagement.

The open exposure of Washington’s “peace” fraud would be a devastating blow to all the rotten “Arab-nationalist” and Muslim regimes all round the Middle East which have hitherto sheltered from their own irate anti-Western public opinion, to some extent, on the basis of US promises for “comprehensive just peace settlements” for all, once “rogue-state terrorism” disruption “(i.e. Saddam Hussein, al-Qaeda, etc) had been dealt with”.

These regimes have used this ludicrous eyewash so they can continue to sit on their hands and do nothing about the monstrous humiliation for all Arab-nationalist and Muslim “pride” that the armed Zionist tyranny over Palestine (and other Near-East states, and beyond) has always represented. Mass discontent with the Western imperialist “New World Order” was already swelling anyway. A bloody end to the sham of US “neutrality” in Palestine, adding to American’s mounting discomfort and unpopularity over Iraq and Afghanistan, etc, would bring this anger closer to boiling point.

This Zionist colonial symbolism of Western imperialism’s “might is right” unfairness and incompetence and world domination is now receiving more and more open condemnation from the Third World, marking a new decisive stage in monopoly capitalist crisis. And international bourgeois press opinion has been predictably “alarmingly” restrained in its reaction against the “shock” of one particularly outspoken outburst:

ASIA’S longest-serving leader and scourge of the West, Mahathir Mohamad, used his final appearance on the international stage to deliver a typically acerbic speech yesterday warning his fellow Muslims that Islam had reached a low point while Jews ruled the world.

Addressing the opening session of the 57-nation Organisation of the Islamic Conference, the Malaysian Prime Minister said that Israel was “the enemy allied with most powerful nations”.

“The Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million. But today the Jews rule this world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them,” he said, “1.3 billion Muslims cannot be defeated by a few million Jews.”

It was timed to plan a counter-attack against the enemies of Islam who treat Muslims with “contempt and dishonesty” he said. “We cannot fight them through brawn alone, we must use our brains also.” Dr Mahathir said Muslims must learn from Jews and that the Jewish people had “survived 2,000 years of pogroms not by hitting back, but by thinking...”

[Jews] invented socialism, communism, human rights and democracy, so that persecuting them would appear to be wrong; so that they can enjoy equal rights with others. With these, they have gained control of the most powerful countries and they, this tiny community, have become a world power.

Nervous accusations of “anti-semitism” have cut no ice. Versions of “master race” or “chosen people” philosophy, such as shared by many religious derangements (Jews included), have been a non-stop feature of Western imperialism’s 500 years of world domination.
And the Jewish slant on this ruthless "New World order" imperialist mentality is inevitably influential in Western monopoly corporate policy-making and political circles today, especially in Washington, New York, and London, etc.

What else could possibly explain the sickening Western imperialist bias for the past 56 years condoning Zionist colonial brutality and tyranny, genocidally repressing the Palestinian nation??

It is a grotesque injustice and racial prejudice against the Arabs which is beginning to exasperate and alienate the whole planet and not just "anti-semites" and Muslims, etc.

It is a sinister conspiratorial imbalance which even respectable "liberal" circles, confused enough to be generally "in favour of Israel's right to exist" etc, are beginning to find intolerable and inexplicable.

Listen to the mother of a young British human rights activist who was butchered in cold blood by the Zionist colonists earlier this year:

Last Thursday, I delivered a letter to Mr Blair expressing my despair to the British government's lack of response to our call for a full investigation into the shooting of my son, Tom.

While working as a photojournalist, Tom was shot in the head by an Israeli commander in Rafah, Gaza. He had been walking down a calm civilian street where 20 children were playing when snipers began shooting at them. He was carrying the children to safety when he was shot, and was wearing a fluorescent human rights jacket. He posed no threat. His brain is severely damaged and he will not recover.

Following our traumatic seven-week stay in Israel as we watched our son on the verge of death, we submitted a report to Israel's judge advocate general through the British Foreign Office, and requested a fully transparent inquiry. We included 13 eyewitness statements and considerable photgraphic evidence of Tom just before and after he was shot.

It has now been six months since Tom was shot, and three-and-a-half months since his case was handed to the Israeli judge advocate general. As yet, we have heard nothing apart from a collection of unutterably bland excuses. "The complexity and subtleness of the examination process," we are told, "demand due consideration and considerable time" and "There was another suicide bombing and so he [the judge advocate general] has a lot to deal with."

We note the sense of urgency with which Britain condemned and apologised for the British police shooting on the morning Tom was shot. We note, too, the speed with which America dispatched FBI agents in response to the bombing a week ago which killed three US security personnel at the Erez checkpoint in the Gaza Strip. In Tom's case, as in Rachel Corrie's and others, there has been no urgency at all, and yet the need to ensure that evidence is carefully assessed and gathered is surely no less crucial.

Why should it be for grieving parents to have to arrange interviews with the 13 eyewitnesses to the shooting, or to gather photographic, ballistic, forensic and medical evidence?

The British government ought to have been proactive in collecting and protecting evidence. But while it dragged its feet, the Israeli army demolished the tower from which Tom was shot to move it a few metres down the border. This action alone will make it almost impossible to dispute the claim that the sniper who shot Tom had no clear line of vision. Six months on, eyewitnesses have dispersed, some have even found themselves inappropriately detained and then deported.

The tragedy that has befallen Tom and our family is a microcosm of the widescale terror felt by thousands of other families in the occupied territories.

I am in ineffable distress after the loss of a son. But I have a regular income, food, running water, electricity, an intact roof over my head, access to a hospital, the knowledge that gunfire is unlikely to endanger my other children on their journey to school and that my sleep is unlikely to be broken by gunfire or the sound of tanks. I have a decent life.

Last week the Israeli army's incursion into Rafah — the largest since the beginning of the intifada three years ago left 120 houses demolished, 1,500 civilians homeless, eight dead and 60 injured. Afterwards, I received an email from Anees, one of Tom's friends in the city, telling me that his house has been demolished. He and the other members of his extended family are among those left homeless and very afraid that the Israeli army may come back at any moment. It was this young man who, in a state of complete anguish, lined Tom from the ground after he was shot.

Why won't Tony Blair represent the interests of his citizens and put significant pressure on Ariel Sharon to conduct a full and transparent inquiry into Tom's death? Politic requests will not do. And why won't he challenge Mr Bush's support of Israel, a regime which is the world's largest human rights abuser? I have seen it for myself: the demolition of houses, the destruction of olive groves, the process of depriving people of the ability to earn a living, the closure of checkpoints, the destruction of water supplies and electricity, lethally enforced curfews, humiliation, terror.

In short, the dehumanisation of a people.

It should not be necessary to experience the terror of Palestinians in order to act. Britain finds it acceptable to indulge in a façade of warmongering opportunism to selfishly try to at least minimise the disastrous outcomes for "Jewish interests" if this genocidal tyranny goes on for much longer or goes much further.

A BRITISH academic has caused a furore in America by claiming that Israel is an anachronism that should be replaced by a secular binational state of Jews and Palestinians. Critics say that it is effectively a call for the destruction of Israel at a time of increasing anti-semitism.

Tony Judt, a former Oxford history don, writes in the current issue of The New York Review of Books, a scholarly journal, that if Israel keeps control of the occupied territories without resorting to unacceptable ethnic cleansing, its Jews will soon be outnumbered by disenfranchised Palestinians.

"It is time to think the unthinkables," he writes. "Unless something changes, Israel in half a decade will be neither Jewish nor democratic." Judt, a liberal Jew and former kibbutznik who previously supported the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel, now says that the Middle East peace process is "finished" and that the notion of a two-
tired of being attacked for Israel's behaviour. “I detect the scars of dinners and conferences. He does not wish to be held accountable for things he has not himself done. Judt is embarrased by Israel. And so Israel must be gone.”

This clearly unsympathetic and slightly muddled sounding capitalist press report has nervously refused to note the relentless Jewish-lobby assault on public comment channels in such situations, or the Zionist lobby grip on Bush government reactions.

More uselessly, it also fails to link these fears for Zionism's future with the colonial conquest nightmare created on the ground whereby the murderous effective elimination of Palestine has itself put in doubt the whole nasty rotten “partition” fraud where this human catastrophe started, currently contemptibly going under the name of the “two-state solution” (80% to Western armed-Zionist colonisation; 20% to the crushed and humiliated Palestinian nation) which, under continued Zionist military control, would mean a Palestinian “state” which was never anything more than a wretched concentration camp reservation, and permanent refugee status, effectively.

As the EPSR has long explained, there was never going to be any stopping of the imperialist-colonial domination logic, driving out completely all notion of “fair-play rights for Palestinians”, once the West had given the green light to an armed takeover by monopoly-capitalism’s Zionist lobby.

This belated whinge for a “two-state” halfway-house genocidal tyranny is possibly the most despicable place of all to adopt, built of 100% hypocrisy and putrid “reformist” delusions of eternal collaboration with the imperialist system, and only ever defending itself from criticism via inflammatory jeers of “anti-semitism”, the equivalent of throwing a lighted match into a petrol station, or shouting “fire, fire” for a joke inside a crowded theatre.

Despite doubts, history will learn to go forward again on a sounder socialist basis, however banal that is considered. And Jewishness will continue to put itself in the front line of anti-imperialist hatred because of the crucial role which its specific monopoly-capitalist influential freemasonry is playing within the broader conglomeration of American imperialist power-interests. And even if anti-US feelings stray into prejudice, their growth is worth having if it means more revolutionary resistance to American domination worldwide. “Anti-semitism” sneer working overtime to blunt anti-imperialist feelings (NO1207 04-11-03).

Meanwhile, back at the propaganda battle on the front line of the international class struggle currently being fought, the sneer of “anti-semitism” is working overtime to blunt exposure of the imperialist system's rottenness.

Capitalist press reaction is torn between fond pro-Hitler memories and an awareness that Zionist aggression is now a major imperialist ally and trump card for crucial Middle East smiting.

A European commission opinion poll that claims 60% of Europeans see Israel as the greatest threat to world peace has drawn outraged denunciations of anti-semitism. The poll surveyed 12,000 people in 15 EU countries who said Israel was a bigger threat to world peace than Iran, North Korea and the United States.

The public in the Netherlands, Austria and Luxembourg were the most fearful.

Israel’s diaspora affairs minister, the former Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky, said the poll was further evidence of why Europe is not to be trusted to play a role in the peace process.

“The fact that the majority of Europeans sees Israel as the main danger... is additional proof that behind the ‘political’ criticism of Israel stands pure anti-semitism. The EU, which shows sensitivity on human rights issues, would do well to stop the rampant brainwashing against and demonising of Israel before Europe deteriorates again to dark sections of its past.”

But a former head of Israel’s foreign ministry, Alon Liel, said Israelis would be wise to consider why Europeans might think that way. “Do they hate us or are they truly frightened? Our natural predilection is to pull out of the drawer our usual weapon of self-defence the weapon of anti-semitism — but this is probably the wrong place to do so.”

The Malaysian prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, is bowing out of office in his own inimitable style: railing against Jews. In his last full day of 22 years in power, Asia’s longest-serving elected leader said yesterday that the Jews deserved sympathy for their past suffering, but should “never think they are the chosen people”, because their struggle was about territory, not religion.

Jews had no right to seize Palestinian land just because they were forced to flee persecution in Europe, he said.

“They have taken land belonging to the Muslims. Suppose apart of Britain or apart of America was taken away and given to the Jews as Israel. Do you think the Americans are going to sit quietly and say ‘Welcome’ and all that? They won’t.”

The comments were the latest in a fortnight-long offensive which began at an Islamic leaders’ summit when Dr Mahathir, 77, said in a speech which also criticised Muslims that Jews “ruled the Muslim world by proxy” and got “others to fight and die for them”.

The remarks were praised by his audience but condemned around the world, and in Malaysia, where analysts said he should have differentiated between Jews and political Zionists.

But there is no difference. The infinitesimal number of Jews who don’t believe “Israel” (i.e.
colonially occupied Palestine) has a right to exist don’t come into it.

Jews are either shamefaced “liberals” who demand “peace” and offer a derisory “two-state sharing” to the conquered Arabs on just over 20% of their land of Palestine, or else they are rampant Zionist Nazis who want to blitzkrieg their way to total annexation of the land of the Palestinian nation, and genocidally cleanse the Arabs off the remaining 22% of their homeland which all Jews have supported as far as the first 78% of Palestine is concerned.

And the Jewishness has everything to do with this, and is inseparable from it. The Jews are not a race. They are a religious freemasonry.

And “secular” Jews may not believe in a deity but they are learned. And the Roma Gipsies in Europe got nothing either, even though they have endlessly suffered from imperialist cruelty, including the tyrannies of Hitler’s concentration camps. And the Basque nation has annexation of the Basque nation’s most lethally dangerous political system of imperialist rivalry.

Hitler condemned the “Jewish plague” of international finance capital in order to rescue the imperialist system from a revolution-ridden capitalist slump by artificially whipping up a new world war which the whole planet could enthusiastically take part in “with good conscience” after World War One had proved such a disaster for the very survival of the modern world-system of imperialist rivalry. Including this influential freemasonry’s role today within the broadest targeting of “anti-imperialist forces” by the most lethally dangerous tendencies, is essential for mobilising all possible anti-imperialist forces – (e.g. Arab Palestinian nationalism; pan-Arab nationalism; universal Muslim fundamentalism; growing Western awareness of Middle East injustice which is not scared off by sneers of “anti-semitism” from nam-
Blitzkriewing, creating more and more terrorists, remains the chosen US policy for world control in the face of the coming global capitalist economic collapse. Hence the planet is being pushed towards world revolution, despite the slowness of communist leadership to develop in place of blind, emotive, individual terrorism...“Anti-semitism” CIA tactic has to be faced up to (No1209 18-11-03).

That insane programme is what is now in total trouble. And it can be seen as unleashing a chaotic hiatus a thousand times worse than the ignominious failure of the German-Japanese “thousand year Reich” which resulted in bitter resistance and the spread of revolution from the (Soviet) world’s first workers’ state to half way round the world.

For one immediate question...
is going to be: What can the West's control-desperation do for an encore? — if the chaos in Washington really does decide to scuttle away from this particular "unmanageable mess" in favour of pretending that the next "rogue state" to get it will "really be made to suffer", etc., etc., etc. (just as the NAZI warmongering occupations used to warn when inflicting "collective punishments" for retaliation against any acts of resistance or defiance).

In Iraq and Afghanistan, the spirit of the Third World (the spirit of the age) is what is showing that it will not be bullied around by Western imperialism any longer. It is nothing whatever to do with any "special powers of resistance" or to any "special conditions" supposedly resident in Afghanistan and Iraq, but not existing elsewhere.

Elsewhere, surely it is clear now, any continuation of Western aggressive warmongering as a "crisis-solution" policy is going to get even more of a hostile reception than it has received so far in the Third World.

And indeed, the Palestinian experience is always the very best and most incontrovertible proof of this understanding, in that the Palestinians are now fighting Zionist military tyranny and occupation more successfully than ever before, in spite of having been daily butchered and brutalised for more than 55 years, and in spite of now all living behind barbed wire in what is virtually one giant concentration camp, with no rights whatever.

[...] TACKLING THE resurgent Taliban is a problem compounded by the ethnic complexities of Afghanistan. The Taliban are almost exclusively drawn from the country's majority Pashtun tribes, whose heartland is the south-east. Karzai, the President, is a Pashtun, but the government is dominated by Tajiks, a minority largely centred on Kabul and the northeast. The increasing alienation felt by Pashtuns makes them receptive to the Taliban's chauvinistic message. The Taliban are also able to draw on the general anger of many Muslims at the course of 'the war on terror'. The Taliban used to be wary of Osama bin Laden and his brand of hardline internationalised militancy. Their project was limited to Afghanistan and they bore no ill-feeling to America or the West. Now they see themselves as a key element in the supposed struggle by Muslims against an aggressive 'Zionist Crusader alliance.'

In Afghanistan the greatest mujahid [holy warrior] and all Muslims think he is their ideal," said Rauf, the Taliban official. 'All those fighting a jihad anywhere in the world against the cruel infidels are our brothers and allies.'

In Vietnam, the West's defeat was to the known communist 'enemy' which was already on the receiving end of the permanent Cold war embargo which was always going to last the lifetime of the Socialist Camp (or forever whichever came sooner), — a seriously "alternative world" which would either prevail or succumb to imperialist boom sabotage in time. So a great humiliation, but not necessarily world shattering, because the Socialist Camp was still being ruled by Revisionist "peaceful coexistence" stupidity in spite of general aid to the Vietnamese revolution, — and no new major revolutions necessarily had to follow on from Vietnam. None did. But can the imperialist warmongering setback in Iraq and Afghanistan end there????

Now it is imperialist economic crisis time, and a crisis without end unless war can once again come to the rescue of this sick periodically-destructive system of exploitation and domination. And so Washington has duly announced "war without end", effectively, — warning all that American domination will now control the planet henceforth. But it hasn't worked. There is even confirmation from the best possible hostile source of all, — namely the Zionist "chosen people" master-race of colonial brutalisation and smiting.

IN A damning critique of Ariel Sharon's Government, four of Israel's former security chiefs gave warning yesterday that the Jewish state would face "catastrophe". In a statement, to Yedioth Ahronoth, Israel's largest-circulation newspaper, the four retired Shin Bet directors, Avraham Shalom, Yaakov Peri, Carmi Gillon and Ami Ayalon, voiced particular concern about the humanitarian effects of imposing curfews and roadblocks in Palestinian towns.

Sharon's Shin Bet director from 1980 to 1986, said that if Israel insisted on holding on to the occupied West Bank and Gaza, in the process "debas[ing]" Palestinians held behind roadblocks and checkpoints, there could be no political progress.

"We must, once and for all, admit that there is another side, that it has feelings and that it is suffering, and that we are behaving disgracefully," he said. "Nobody can take this. We, too, would not take it if it were done to us."

The unprecedented broadside at Mr Sharon's hardline "security-first" policies included a warning by one former head of the Shin Bet security service that the cri dectomy could no longer "live by the sword". Others accused Mr Sharon's rightwing coalition of acting "contrary to the desire for peace" and using demands for an end to "terrorist" attacks as "an excuse for doing nothing".

“We are heading downhill towards near catastrophe. If nothing happens and we go on living by the sword, we will continue to wallow in the mud and destroy ourselves,” said Yaakov Peri, echoing the leaked concerns of Israel's Chief of Staff, Moshe Yaalon, that such measures fuelled Palestinian hatred.

The criticisms range from individual policies — building a barbed wire fence around the West Bank, threatening to expel Yassir Arafat and failing to support Mahmoud Abbas, the reformist Palestinian Prime Minister — to wider ethical issues.

Mr Ayalon, a former general who has co-authored an unofficial peace plan with Sari Nusseibeh, a Palestinian intellectual, said that the administration was "taking very sure and measured steps to a point where the state of Israel will not be a democracy or a home for the Jewish people".

He called for a unilateral withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, home to 1.1 million Palestinians and a few thousand Jewish settlers, saying that dismantling illegal settlements would encourage the Palestinian leadership to "come to the negotiating table".

Government officials were quick to counter the criticisms. Nissan Gissin, Mr Sharon's spokesman, conceded that the quartet were entitled to their views but said: "All these doomsday scenarios don't really contribute to finding a solution. These people have the right to debate but the full responsibility of how to protect the state of Israel lies on the shoulders of the elected, democratic Government."
However, Mr Gillon said that it was precisely the Government’s focus on security, that prolonged the violence.

“The political agenda has become solely a security agenda. It only deals with the question of how to prevent the next terror attack, not the question of how it is at all possible to pull ourselves out of the mess that we are in today.”

One Israeli intelligence analyst said: “It is meant as a huge red light to Sharon. They are saying that just fighting terror, without any political horizon, is not a solution.

“Because each of them has been ‘Mr Counter-Terrorism’ and has the knowledge and experience they are hoping what they are saying is much stronger than someone on the street saving it, or even an army general,” he added.

However, there is unlikely to persuade Avi Dichter, the present head of Shin Bet. Like Shaul Mofaz, the Defence Minister, he recently opposed removing check-points, fearing that it would ease the passage into Israel of suicide bombers.

Now, obviously, the last thing that is going to happen is that the US-Zionist warmongering axis is going to call a halt to its blitzkrieging tyrannies. As the EFSR has always argued, it is only imperialist rottenness and savagery which can educate the mass of the world population towards revolutionary consciousness. And it will inevitably carry on doing so under its most influential monopoly-capitalist ruling circles because imperialism consists of nothing but domination and exploitation, always more brutally than ever, at times of irresolvable global economic contradictions (see EFSR box p82).

What is the significance of this??? On one side, the irresistible force of desperate warmongering imperialism, in incurable economic crisis which is threatening to lose the system everything of its world control unless drastic pre-emptive measures of enforced global control are imposed.

But on the other side, the immovable object of a Third World of five thousand million people who are showing every sign of refusing to be militarily subjugated by Western invasion tyranny, and generally of no longer wanting to live under Western imperialist world economic and cultural leadership anyway.

Enough of the Third World had already had a fill of this warmongering destructive imperialism nowadays by 1947 to make the world’s first communist revolution and proletarian state.

Even more had had enough by 1945, after inter-imperialist World War II, to spread the communist revolution halfway round the planet.

Now the question is: Which part of the planet is not now ready to tell the dominating Western imperialist warmongers to go to hell with their rotten divisive destructive economic injustice and their grotesque exploitative domineering and murderous arrogance???

Of course there is no communist leadership now, and of course nothing worthwhile anti-imperialist can be completed until a new international revolutionary understanding is built.

Anti-semitism

[...]One subsidiary question (to the main world perspective problem) which has surged up again for instant re-examination is the “anti-semitism” issue.

It looks as if a key imperialist counter-revolutionary planning decision has been made by the CIA to use reluctance to face “race prejudice” smears as a major propaganda weapon for taking the pressure of popular hatred off of the vicious colonial warmongering tyranny inflicted by Zionist (“Israeli”) aggression against the whole of Arab and Muslim nationalism, and genocidally against the Palestinian people in particular.

The spokesman for Zionism in Britain, Rabbi Sachs, was given a ludicrously soft propaganda platform on Today to spin the false mirror-image of the original NAZI Big Lie when Hitler and Goebbels claimed that the Jewishness of international monopoly finance capital was responsible for all of its anti-human evilness and damaging to-humanity destructiveness.

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Since the armed Jewish colonisation of Palestine began, what further use is the old distinction between “Jew” and “Zionist” since the number of Jews who do not believe in their right to a homeland in “Israel” are no longer worth counting as a significant international or domestic factor in politics.

All that the vast majority of “anti-Zionist” Jews want to do is separate themselves from the vicious Nazi-aggression tactics of the non-stop warmongering which has created their “Israeli national home” from the very beginning.

But an utterly negligible number come out to agitate for an end to the foul nonsense of an “Israel” altogether.

In which case “Jew” and “Zionist” are now completely interchangeable.

Nevertheless, there is clearly still a “racist” element in the terrorist attacks on synagogues in Istanbul, for example, or on Jewish schools in France, or Jewish cemeteries anywhere.

But what can be done about that, and what deserves to be done about that, in the light of the conscious deliberate international NAZI-aggression role that has been played by the Jewish colony to constantly be the tail wagging the US imperialist dog towards ever-more-escalated warmongering tyranny against Arab and Muslim nationalism throughout the whole of the Middle East and beyond???

Are not these anti-Jewish terrorist “outrages” exactly like the “outrages” committed against American subjects abroad everywhere???

There is obviously not a scrap of humanity, justice, or justification on any “rational” basis, in any one of these acts of terrorist vengeance perpetrated against innocent individuals just because of their nationality or their religion.

But there never has been. There was no such rational “justification” for the Twin Towers attack on Sept 11, or for any of the IRA bombing casualties in many London and Ireland “atrocities” in the past.

Nor for any of the attacks on Red Cross or UN personnel going on in Iraq now, etc, etc, etc.
The Jewish homeland can butcher the Palestine nation all it wants in total Nazi blitzkrieg and concentration-camp style for 55 years and nothing has been done about it by anyone, Jews included, and by the imperialist press which supports “Israel”: The annual olive harvest in the occupied territories has once again been rocked by Jewish settlers and their now routine assaults on Palestinian pickers to plunder their crop. This year, the settlers have gone to new lengths which have brought unusual denunciations from the mainstream press, including Ariel Sharon, and even criticism from the settlers’ own leaders. Armed Israelis are systematically wrecking trees that have stood for hundreds of years and can hardly provide the only livelihood for Palestinian families. Rights groups estimate that more than 1,000 trees have been damaged or destroyed in recent weeks, some planted in the Roman era. Among the victims are Mr Yusuf and his neighbours in Sawiya village of Nablus. “We used to think they just wanted our olives, but it’s about land,” he said. “They want to expand their settlement; by cutting the trees, they can say the land is neglected and no one is taking care of it. And it’s their excuse for getting their hands on it.”

The assault on Mr Yusuf’s trees came from an outpost of the Jewish settlement of Eli. “It was the first day of picking and we worked for three or four hours,” said Mr Yusuf, the head of Sawiya’s council. “I myself had picked five sacks when two men came down the hill with knives and guns. They slashed open our sacks and emptied the olives on to the ground. Then they cut our heads and made us stand there while they did it.”

“The settlers have built a road near the bottom of the hill. They told us that we are not allowed to cross the road any more and that all the land the other side, all our olive trees up the hill, are now theirs.”

The people of Sawiya met that night. The village had already lost large chunks of land snatched to build the settlements, and people were reluctant to surrender more. But the settlers knew from bitter experience that, if there was violence, it would not matter who was responsible; it would be the Palestinians who would be punished with curfews or worse.

They sought protection in numbers, and returned next day with a larger group of pickers from surrounding villages. The settlers stayed away, but came down that night. Over two hillsides, they sawed and hacked trees, tearing off branches and slicing through trunks with power saws. Some larger branches were tossed to the ground still bristling with fruits. The higher the hill rose toward the settlement, the greater the destruction — mostly of the fertile branches which will take a decade to grow back and start producing again.

“Next morning we stopped an Israeli police patrol,” Mr Yusuf said. “The jeep went up to the settlement and told them not to do it again. Next night they were back, and the police didn’t do anything.” The people of Sawiya estimate that 250 trees, the livelihood for 10 extended families, were badly damaged or destroyed. But, as it was too dangerous to climb near the settlement, they cannot count precisely.

Settlers at Eli declined to be interviewed, but other Jewish councilors and the Yesha council qualified its criticism by saying that “any Palestinian with a rifle can think he is a soldier.”

The destruction of trees has drawn fire from Mr Sharon and the settlers’ council. But the Yeshiv council qualified its criticism by saying that “any Palestinian with a rifle can think he is a soldier.”

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It is one thing for the slimy Western media to suddenly present "revolution" as a wonderful thing to its gullible audiences in order to cover the CIA's back for imposing a blatantly "unconstitutional" coup, but millions more eyes around the world will be watching and noting the completely hollow and expendable fraud that "democracy" really represents for the West's "anti-totalitarian" (i.e. anti-communist) Goebbels machinery.

And imperialism's problems don't stop there. Its Zionist hitmen, who have genocidally stolen at gunpoint the homeland of the Palestinian nation in order to create the armed-fascist colony called "Israel", are now bleating louder than ever about how their post-1945 subterfuge of "needing a homeland for the persecuted Jews" is now being universally seen through as nothing but a land-grabbing imperialist colonisation racket to create permanent clenched-fist domination will now blitzkrieg the vast open spaces of the West, past and present) onto the whole planet into World War III.

But "Israel", and all its claims to "a right to state self-determination in Palestine", and all its acts of colonising "government" since the imperialist-dominated UN gave the armed occupation the go-ahead in 1947, are nothing but the sum total of every belief which has been the core of this particular self-serving religious freemasonry (among many throughout Western history) since it began.

At the heart of what has kept "Jewishness" self-protection and mutual assistance going for so many centuries, now uniting dozens of different nationalities and racial mixtures, is the comforting delusion about a special "God", a "chosen people", and a "promised land", or "next year in Jerusalem" as a popular prayer has had it for hundreds of years.

Now, it is precisely the Jewish religious freemasonry and its powerful influences inside the monopoly imperialist ruling circles of the USA (and elsewhere throughout the West, past and present) and nothing else which continues to foist "defence of Israel" (i.e. the armed genocidal colonisation and strike Arabs-&-Muslims-anywhere tyranny) onto "New World Order" policy as a sacrosanct principle.

Western imperialist world domination will now blitzkrieg any nation which tries to become a nuclear weapons power, especially around the Middle East, – except this "state" proclaimed by the Jewish colonists occupying Palestine right in the heart of the Middle East.

Crippling international sanctions or blitzkrieg destruction is now imposed on any state which can be accused of attempting any degree of "ethnic cleansing" against any minority, or of imposing any hint of racist discrimination or race privilege laws whatever (as Serbia was monstrously set-up for, e.g., and as Zimbabwe is on the way to being set-up for soon, – in both cases because of resistance to full freedom for the imperialist system's international property "laws"), – but the Jews' colony called "Israel", implanted at gunpoint on the homeland of the Palestinian nation in 1947, has been allowed to ethnically cleanse no less than the entire 7 million Arab population of Palestine out of their homeland since then, and into nothing but one giant semi-desert concentration camp on the West Bank and Gaza, or into permanent refugee-camp hovels outside of Palestine.

And uniquely on Earth, the Jews' state of "Israel" is alone officially permitted to make its few remaining Arabs blatantly second-class "citizens", – formally "by law" deprived of all kinds of "rights" which trampling armed colonialism reserves for the Jews, entirely because of their Jewishness, and for no other reason.

Let as many Jews as want to, proclaim their adherence to their religious freemasonry as loudly as they like, and also let as many of them as want to formally migrate to their "promised land", – provided a Palestinian state's inevitable Arab majority is prepared to invite them into this tiny overcrowded territory from the vast open spaces of the USA (which could swallow a thousand Palestines and still have room to spare, – and better soil) where most of these aggressive settlers came from.

But before any of that is tolerable or feasible, there first needs to be heard from the majority of Jews in the world a clear denunciation of what an unspeakable and intolerable fascist-tyranny is the armed colonial occupation of the land of the Palestinian nation, masquerading as the "legitimate state of Israel".

This genocidal colonisation is no such nonsense. It is nothing but a permanent explosive powder-keg, waiting to blast the whole planet into World War III.

And international opinion is slowly catching on. Here are more bourgeois press revelations (and from the most
liberally politically correct anti-"anti-semitism" wing of the capitalist media too) of what an unspeakable fascist tyranny this "hallowed state of Israel" really amounts to:

“Our main conclusion is that it exists to make torture possible — a particular kind of confidence that creates progressive states of dread, dependency, debility,” says Manal Hazzan, a human rights lawyer who helped expose the prison’s existence. “The law gives the army enough authority already to hide prisoners, so why do they need a secret facility?”

Unlike any other Israeli prison, the International Red Cross, lawyers and members of the Israeli parliament have been refused access. One leftwing MP, Zahava Gal-On, 49, says: “One of the signs of totalitarian regimes and of the third world”. The Israeli government declines to discuss the secret prison other than to issue a standard response: “Facility 1931 is situated on a secret military base. The base is used by the security services for various classified activities and thus its location is sensitive.”

But it is not just human rights lawyers and leftwing MPs who have a problem. Ami Ayalon is a former head of Israel’s intelligence service, the Shin Bet. He happened to be about 1391 but says he refused to have anything to do with it. “I knew there was a facility not under the responsibility of the Shin Bet, but under that of the military. I didn’t think then, and I don’t think today; that such an institution should exist in a democracy,” he says.

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prisoners were routinely stripped naked for interrogation. However, the state attorney’s office later went further and said that “within the framework of a military police investigation the suspicion arose that an interrogator who questioned the complainant threatened to perform a sexual act on the complainant.”

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The court was persuaded that the confession was not reliable, and released Banjek.

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and the brainwashing attempt, even, by any power to catch up with America’s arsenal, makes Germany’s 1930’s efforts look ridiculously tame by comparison. And the USA’s thug-like promise to pre-emptively destroy the world’s stockpiling of them, makes Germany’s 1930’s efforts look ridiculous. And now that this unrestrained blitzkrieging has at last got into its stride, the totally devastating “shock and awe” murderous annihilation has been on a cruel and indiscriminate scale as to make the Hitlerite bombings look like rank amateurishness. Tens of thousands of totally innocent and uninvolved Afghani and Iraqi women and children have been massacred, – and are still being massacred daily, – by this fascist aggressive monstrousness. And all for what??? In the disgusting pretence, only, of “dealing with terrorism”, a propaganda stunt which might even have made Goebbels blush, and a blatant idiocy when the whole world can see that this terrorist resentment arises from Third World poverty and injustice which are growing fast, as will terrorism.

Iraq war US Nazi onslaught under the insane excuse of a “war on terror”
Bizarrely, it is the Zionist-colonists themselves, - now so exposed themselves and obviously identifying themselves with the USA's reborn Nazi aggressiveness and warmongering propaganda in a desperate panic for any protective covering or like-minded lair that they can find, - who could most decidedly ridicule this Goebbelsian “Big Lie” that total war ‘shock & awe’ is the only way to “counter terrorism”. The Jews' blitzkrieging state-terror is designed for another purpose entirely, to help Western imperialism win World War Three, - starting with the crushing and intimidating of all state-organised resistance to Zionist aggression.

The Jewish religious freemasonry has its own particular propaganda routines with which to milk support from the post-1945 brainwashed Western populace, in step with the “good allies” imperialism feigning astonishment that the current “peacekeeping” and “justice-seeking” and “democracy-installing” and “terrorism-routing” blitzkrieging should remotely be compared to another fascist like round of WWIII warmongering aggression. “Making the desert bloom”; “righting the eternal injustice to the Jewish people”; “fulfilling God’s commands”; “collaborating to bring closure to Europe’s difficult, painful, and shameful WWII tragedy”; “cooperating with the introduction of UN ‘international law’”; “becoming a potential huge economic locomotive for the whole Middle East”; etc, etc, etc, - all are part of the postwar Jewish myth.

Equally well-drilled are various degrees of Jewish “disowning” of the more blatant passages of state-terror tyranny by “Israeli” gun colonisation. “How could you accuse us, the victims of the Holocaust and of endless Arab terrorism, of being anything but the innocent victims of this savage hostility by this hopelessly barbaric Palestinian Islamic extremism”, etc, etc.

“Anyone unmoved by any of this has surely got to have an ingrained anti-Semitic agenda, just as has always persecuted the Jews throughout history”, it goes on. This basic crude jingoistic shallowness then gets refined increasingly, all the way to the top of “liberal” Jewishness, where nothing so crude as defending “Israel” tyranny is even attempted, but where any threat of too effective anti-Zionism is nevertheless cleverly knifed with the smear of “anti-semitism”, as in this letter to the Guardian by an otherwise accomplished and progressive author: Anti-Israel equals/does not equal anti-Semitism: there is something a little Alice-in-Wonderland happening to this debate. John le Carré on Radio 4 last Monday said it was obscene that he can’t be critical of “Israel” without being called “anti-Semitism” (The Guardian profile, December 3). This, in turn, means we can’t suggest someone is being anti-Semitic in the manner and tone with which they are being anti-Israeli, though we know in our bones that is the case.

Le Carré and Brian Klug (No, anti-Zionism is not anti-Semitism, December 3) are applying reason to the irrational. There are many Jews, like myself, who are critical of aspects of Israeli policy; we also know there is, there most definitely, identifiably is, a molten flow of anti-semitism burning the air of reason and screened unreachably behind smoky anti-Zionism, complaining comfortably that to say otherwise is obscene.

Jews in all walks of life, university, the arts, bookselling – have stories of encounters where the questions posed and the criticisms levelled are couched in tightly lipped, hostile tones and phraseology that have nothing to do with the substance of purported concern. Anti-Semitism, like stupidity, is here to stay in the bloodstream of humankind; and like stupidity will assume many guises. In the good old days, anti-semitism used to be prefaced with a slap on the back and “some of my best friends are Jews”. Let’s bring that one back. Arnold Wesker

It is Wesker’s suspicions that require the explanation. The entire media debate is bending over backwards, as Le Carré did, to deliberately avoid the really challenging question: Why should “Israel” exist at all? – and to stress how pro-Jewish is the normal sympathy of the West.

But still the religious freemasonry is not satisfied; and the potentially devastat- ing charge of “anti-semitism” is still outrageously and irresponsibly levelled, – and for the obvious reason that there is no justification for “Israel”, let alone for its state-terror criminal colonising, – nor can there be any justification, by Jewishness or by anything else.

And the test is not simply that if Wesker had any good arguments justifying “Israel” he would use them rather than resort to the filthy character assassination smear of “anti-semitism”.

The test is that until a sizeable volume of Jewish opinion publicly starts campaigning against the existence of “Israel” (which in factual political terms is nothing but anachronistic armed Western-imperialist colonisation directed at the very heart of the Arab Middle East) as the only possible way forward from the WWII warmongering crisis which dented US imperialist circles are now threatening the planet with, – then it will remain inescapable that in the late 20th century, the Jewish religious freemasonry ended its long self-protection history by becoming just a stooge for renewed Western imperialist blitzkrieging as a “solution” to insoluble-economic crisis.

Inevitably in these circumstances, anti-semitism will spread like wildfire too, virtually indistinguishable from anti-Zionism.

But there does still remain a vast difference. Let a single state of Palestine become one country again, letting every Palestinian return to their old property, wherever possible.

Then let every Jew in this probable Arab majority state stay on as a fully participating citizen if invited, and make as much of the desert bloom as is legal, and be as religiously at home in “God’s promised land” as any “chosen people” could wish to feel.

And as some smarter “Israelis” are already arguing (from a purely defensive point of view), if this colonising settlement land-grabbing genocide goes on for much longer, it will be impossible to physically separate the Jewish and Palestinian existences anyway, sooner or later.

So why not make a virtue of this and declare one state for all right now, whereby the Jews would at least massively benefit for generations to come from the huge skills, networking, organisational, political, and financial advantages they have already, – much of which would be a tad unfair for the Palestinians, but only a comparative disadvantage, easily digested in the face of the huge transformation in Palestinian lives that the establishment of a single state of Palestine, with returned lands and citizenship for all ousted inhabitants (since 1948, and even decades earlier under British imperialist tyranny) plus all their offspring, would achieve.

But nothing like this is going to happen, of course.

As can be seen from Wesker’s sad contribution, the Jewish religious freemasonry has the imperialist-era conquest-chaunivism in its nostrils; and just like any imperialist-nationalism mentality (the USA’s for example, which has been the mainstay in every way of “Israeli” jingoism), this empire-building can only now tyrannically drive on until defeated.

And the best “liberal-Israeli” defensive position is worse than useless too, – granting the Palestinians a Mickey-Mouse joke “state” on a semi-desert pocket-handkerchief-sized quilt of reservations on just 20% of Palestine, all dominated by “Israel’s” guns and road blocks, etc.

This would not reduce the apartheid tyranny of the occupied Palestinian concentration camp, but only make it more humiliating and intolerable than ever.

Imperialist warmongering madness is taking the world to a completely different solution to its problems, the international socialist revolution for
mankind’s civilisation’s only possible survival. All “Israel” apostolists of any description, however mealy-mouthed, are only offering a “victorious” World War III “solution” as a way out of the planet’s insoluble monopoly imposed economic and political contradictions.

To various levels of doubt that the incomparably wealthy and mighty US imperialist “new world order” might not yet find or impose some half-tolerable “solution” or other to the world war’s staggering crisis, let the capitalist press itself admit how morally, politically, and economically bankrupt the whole “free world” racket has really become.

Israeli advisers are helping train US special forces in aggressive counter-insurgency operations in Iraq. US special forces teams of assassination squads against guerrilla leaders, US intelligence and military sources said yesterday. The American military (us) has sent urban warfare specialists to Fort Bragg in North Carolina, the home of US special forces, and according to two sources, Israeli military “consultants” have also visited Iraq.

US forces in Iraq’s Sunni triangle have already begun to use tactics that echo Israeli operations in the occupied territories, off-centres of resistance with razor wire and razing buildings from where attacks have been launched against US troops.

But the secret war in Iraq is about to get much tougher, in the hope of suppressing the Brahmatised insurgency ahead of next November’s presidential elections. US special forces teams are already behind the lines inside Syria attempting to kill foreign jihadists before they cross the border, and a group of right-wingers on the “neutralisation” of guerrilla leaders is being set up, according to sources familiar with the operations.

This is basically an assassination programme. That is what is being conceptualised here. This is a hunter killer team,” said a former senior US intelligence official, who added that he feared the new tactics would inflame a volatile situation in the Middle East.

“It is bonkers, insane… we’re already being compared to Sharon in the Arab world, and we’ve just come out of the bucket bringing in the Israelis and setting up assassination teams! Nothing like the horrors of WWII imperialist military aggression??? The pro-imperialist rags themselves own up differently.

[There follows a detailed account of Guantánamo and Kandahar US prison camps’ torture and uncontrolled brutality in the original EPSR - ed]

But merely “first time aggres-
sive-leadership awkward-
ness by a country more used to
helping the whole world than
harming it” ?????

Since 1945, US imperialism has slaughtered up to 20 mil-
lion in an unparalleled reign of
in the Middle East.

tion in the counter-revolution-
tory terror:

[ List of some of 400 incidents
of threats, invasion, coups,
stooge establishments, blackades,
bombings, misfilling, and all-out wars-ed.]

But surely, it is argued, “this was always a start towards making a better world, how-
ever wrong-headed; and now that rivalving Soviet influence is no longer a complicating
factor, surely the USA will get
most things right in future???”

But frantic bourgeois voices
report that the exact opposite is happening, and in fact getting worse, to the whole
world’s enormous damage:

In early November 2001, as the war in Afghanistan was getting un-
der way, the United Nations held
a press conference in Islamabad
to announce the latest scores in the
drug eradication effort. Those
terrorists who bothered to attend
were surprised to learn that the
previous year the Taliban had all but eradicated the opium poppy field and did it completely. The story made little impact. Even if it was true — as it undoubtedly
was — there was a feeling that the
Taliban did not really mean it: they probably had their fingers crossed. Praise was politically impossible.

Besides, if the story had been
given more play it might have been
noticed that in those parts of Afghanistan conqueror or conqueror: Northern Alliance — who had suc-
cessfully auditioned for the
parts of noble heroes in the melodrama of the war against evil — opium production had risen sharply. Had too much attention been paid to that, it might have raised the ques-
tion of what would happen if our
new friends, the warlords, had the
way in by in which to plant
their favourite crop.

We know the answer to that
now. After the fall of the Taliban, Afghanistan swiftly regained its
position as producer of two-thirds of the world’s heroin and main
supplier to Europe, including the UK.

Hamid Karzai, the president
of Afghanistan, has banned it of
course, but the gesture is futile. If the latest UN estimates are correct, opium grows in twice as much as Afghanistan as foreign aid does. (That’s after the country became a priority case for assistance — or rather for promises of assistance.)

Opium revenues are equivalent to half of the country’s economy. Agriculture, roads, communications and irrigation systems are in such bad shape that many farmers see little alternative to the poppy. And when US-Hamid Karzai that the warlords are hardly going to sup-
press a crop that offers them such quantities of easy money.

The trouble is, what are they
doing with the money?

They are doing what warlords do: consolidating their power, buy-
ning arms, making sure that the central government doesn’t get
above itself.

Belatedly, though, the US seems to be worried that the wrong people
might be getting hold of the rev-
ues. The US Drug Enforcement
Administration has launched an
urgent initiative — Operation
Containment — which is supposed to get the traffic under control.

If the US will not stop drugs, however, the US will have
to confront some of its major al-
lies in the war against terror, and
that is unlikely to happen. It com-
plies perfectly with a narrative of
evil for one thing. As the admin-
istration well knows, the words
war and drugs are closely related, but not always in the way we like
to think of them: The pompous
“war on drugs” — a meaningless
umbrella term that covers a variety of policies — has been a resound-
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the close associa-
tion between drugs and war is as strong as ever.

The drug business can be both
profitable and reassuring. It means a means of sustaining it. A cur-
sory glance at the history of Afghanistan — and of conflicts else-
where reveals it is not just the
guys in the black hats who have
found it useful. Afghanistan’s drug
trade took off in the 1980s, when
the CIA was sponsoring the mo-
jahedin war against the uss.

The ploy of the CIA -funded auf -jahedin war against the
USSR was — there was a feeling that the
administration was backing the Contras to fight the Sandinistas in Nicaragua.
Clandestine flights that took arms to the CIA in Central America returned by other illegal cargos: It helped the wheels of the war go round.

Wheels of the war go round
in Colombia also. The writer and
Kirk estimates that the New
York street price of a kilogram of
cocaine pays the wages of 250 Colombian fighters for a month, or buys 180
AR rifles, or 1200 AK rifles, or 240
phones. And given that some 6
million Americans spend at least
$4bn on cocaine and heroin a year
most of it from Colombia there’s
wondering: why? Why, when
peace was so close, did Israel con-
tinue to poke these concrete
fingers in the Palestinians’ eyes? Yossi Beilin, the former Israeli minister who was instrumental in the Oslo nego-
tiations, says settlement ex-
pansion was a price Labour felt it
was worth paying for the support of its right-wing coalition partners.
Now he’s not so sure: “We believed
peace was so close that talking about settlements that were not going
to be there seemed irrelevant . .

What happened was that we didn’t have peace but we do have settle-
ments.”

Poorer and more concentrated, Gaza is far more instantly shock-
ing than the West Bank. The stench
hits you first — the area’s only sew-
age plant has long been out of com-
mission. Then the claustrophobia.
With more than a million people packed into an area roughly the

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The settlements are “in your face” seizures of the best land and water resources, with armed enclosures.

One day in Gaza, we meet a man whose home has just been bulldozed by the Israeli army, visit a part of the Khan Yunis camp where 32 homes were flattened by the Israelis a few weeks earlier, and witness a rocket attack on a Palestinian Authority building in Gaza. But somehow these are less shocking than the everyday degradations and indignities of life under closure. We have seen the bulldozings and the rocket attacks on TV, the sheer brutality of closure only emerges from the steady stream of stories you hear as you travel through Gaza and the West Bank.

Stories such as the one told to me by a Palestinian woman, call her Sarah, I met over dinner in east Jerusalem. Since the intifada, her mother, who lived in Ramallah, had been unable to travel to east Jerusalem to see her or her children, so Sarah and her husband had moved to Ramallah to keep the family together. There was just one problem: since Sarah and her husband were technically Israeli Arabs, they were not supposed to be in Ramallah. Any time they travelled into Jerusalem, they risked being turned back when they tried to go home.

As someone who grew up under apartheid, I have always resisted the glib comparison with South Africa. But hearing stories like this, it’s hard to avoid the parallel. “It’s worse than apartheid, actually,” one Palestinian said when the analogy inevitably came up. “Right now it’s apartheid without the pass system.”

Travelling through Gaza, hearing stories like Sarah’s, seeing the settlements, you can’t help asking the same question: how can Jews behave like this? How can a people that has for so long been oppressed allow itself to become an oppressor? It’s a naive response, of course; at the core of Israel’s identity has always been the idea of the muscular New Jew, determined never to allow a repetition of the catastrophes that befell European Jewry, even if it meant treading on others to make sure.

Talk to any Israeli about why Israel behaves the way it does, why it is a nation that feels it is fighting for its very existence despite its overwhelming military and economic superiority over its neighbours, and pretty soon you come back to the Holocaust. Over dinner, an Israeli novelist described how the Shoah defined every aspect of Israeli life: “We survived to live and now we live to survive. We cannot escape it and it’s very destructive.”

If the Holocaust is one overwhelming influence on the Israeli psyche, the other is the deeply held suspicion that the Arab world will not be satisfied until it has pushed the Jewish interlopers into the sea. It’s a view that frequently slides close to paranoia, as when one Israeli sympathiser pointed down from a hilltop vantage point at east Jerusalem and told me: “It’s not the Palestinians we’re worried about, but how would you feel if there were Israeli troops down there?” But it’s not entirely paranoid. When I pressed Hassan Khader, a senior Fatah figure in Nablus, on whether Palestinians would ever be completely happy with the return of only the West Bank and Gaza, his reply would not have reassured Israelis: “Sooner or later the Palestinian people will liberate their homeland. Now Israel is supported by the United States and Europe, but that will not continue for ever and sooner or later there will be a big battle between the Palestinians and Arabs and Israel.”

“It will be two or three years, at least,” said Nimrod Novik, a former aide to Shimon Peres. “Both sides need to shed more blood.”

A Palestinian academic, arguing that the Palestinians should pursue a policy of attrition rather than negotiation, thought it would take much longer. “We can stand this for a long time. The Israelis are used to the European life and they will not want to live like this. The only question is who will break first, and we are already broken. We have been broken for 50 years.”

And this is exactly what will happen. This “Israel” historical abortion is doomed. And it is far closer to “anti-semitism” in practice to deny it, than to admit it. Build Leninism. EPSR supporters.

Internet reaction against the EPSR exposure of contemporary Jewishness as inseparable from its Zionist-imperialist misdeeds in the Middle East (see previous four issues, e.g.) predictably won’t comment on the genocidal fascist tyranny wiping out the Palestinian homeland, or on the biggest brainwashing fraud of the modern era by which the vicious warmongering repression inflicted by the ‘Axis’ imperialist powers in WWII is presented as “different” from what US imperialism has brutally imposed in more than 400 wars and counter-revolutions since 1945, and its ‘allies’ (Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, etc, etc) have humiliated humanity with for more than 400 years.

There is no difference (see EPSR 1212 – p58), and ignorance of this reality undermines every single argument raised against the EPSR.

Take, for instance, the internecine war that marked him could not read beyond the description (EPSR 1209 p52) of the BBC as a “Nazi-CIA propaganda orifice”. The relentless massacre of Afghan village children, by the dozen, by F16 bomb-ings because of “reports” of a “terrorist suspect” in a village building “somewhere” can be examined, for example.

This cynical state-terrorism is exactly the sort of thing German, Japanese, and Italian air-raids were accused of in WWII.

It is all copied from the civilian terror air blitzkrieg pioneered by British imperialism, first in the War of Intervention against the Bolshevik Revolution after 1917, and then against rebellion in Iraq in 1921-22 when Churchill & Co wanted to deliberately terror-ise Iraqi villagers from joining the anti-imperialist revolt.

It is also, of course, how the
monopoly capitalist Jewish freemasonry’s genocidal colonisation campaign to wipe out, then steal, the Palestinian homeland tries to terrorise-murder all resistance into silent obedience. Concentration camp torture was different.

Read the lengthy capitalist press admissions (EPSR 1212) about US imperialism’s Guantánamo torture camp. Mass genocide was different?!

So what about the 4 million butchered in Indochina???? But ‘Axis’ methods were surely nastier?

So what is preferable about Agent Orange mass poisoning?

Who is being “eccentric” by arguing that deaths by disease or napalm are somehow “less terrible” than deaths by cyanide?!

Or less “fascist”?

Or less “Nazi”?

So what then is the objection to likening US imperialist’s secret-police counter-revolutionary crimes to those of the Gestapo, since their record of international murderous villainy is about 100 times as long as the Nazis achieved in 12 short years of their power compared to the hundred years and more which have taken American world-colonial domineering to the position of sole superpower????

And since the BBC is forever the trusted voice of Western imperialist interests in general, and has willingly and knowingly kept such international lies going – that the fictional “Gulf of Tonkin incident” justified the USA’s launch of the Vietnam War; that the fictional “Recak massacre” in Kosovo justified the NATO blitzkrieg on Serbia; that Pinochet’s overthrow of Allende was not a CIA coup; and that US imperialist power has invade Grenada because of totally fictional danger to some American medical students on the island; etc; etc; etc; etc; etc; etc; etc; etc; etc; etc; etc;” – then how is it that at the crucial immediate moment of any international crisis, when the BBC always automatically puts forward complete CIA propaganda nonsense with a totally straight face, only daring to risk a little bit of exposé about 20 years later on average, it becomes “eccentric” or “unreadable” and anti-imperialists everywhere that this BBC is a total stogee of Western imperialist interests at key moments of history????????????

But the really “hair-raising” stuff for the idiotic faint-hearts results from the post-1945 total Western brainwashing which pretends that the “free world” leadership only ever had good intentions for mankind.

To doubt these good intentions is worse than cursing God in church; and pride of place among these good intentions was, naturally enough, the founding of a homeland for Jews in “Israel” (i.e. Palestine).

To doubt the goodness of this intention is far, far worse than blasphemy.

It is simply never the done thing to doubt the right of “Israel” to exist, or to doubt the benign purposes of Western imperialism in stitching up this armed colonial land-grab through the comatose United Nations stooge-shop and past the eyes of the brain-dead Stalinist Revisionists, paralysed by delusions of eternal “peaceful coexistence”.

99% of the internet squawking is arising purely from the EPSR not accepting the fundamental premise that everyone else has been working around, – namely that “obviously, Israel is here to stay”.

The one certainty, however, is the exact opposite, of course.

This “Israel” is nothing but a current colonial land-theft in a new post-1945 era when precisely, these physical colonial empires owned by Western monopoly-capitalist and state empires “guaranteed” the “Jewish nation” to do a great deal about it.

This “Israel” implantation must be in the running to be the most outrageous and ludicrous and doomed provocation ever attempted in the whole of world history.

It is only the innate mildness and servitude of the Muslim religion, and the cold-blooded-by-Western-imperialism past 600 years deaths for the Arabs, which have kept the heroic Palestinian fightback against colonial genocide with the limits that it has so far been contained.

But the direction which this epic epoch-making struggle must take next is glaringly obvious.

Having fought overwhelming Zionist military superiority almost to a standstill in a steady escalation over the 55 years of the colonisation’s existence, (having started effectively squashed completely flat, and hampered behind barbed wire and non-stop Zionist armed-harassment and economic-starvation ever since), the Palestinian Intifada is now poised to wage a damaging guerrilla war against Western imperialism that could be the start of a world history turning-point leading to the end of 800 years of European capitalist supremacy.

It is in reaction to this stark projected reality that the emotionalism of the Jewish freemasonry starts hysterical-to-scream “Anti-semitism”, but only by hurling every scrap of subjective reason out of the window.

It starts from a groundless abstract assumption that “naturally, the Jews have a right to a homeland just like every other nation”, etc, – which is endlessly confused with such conviction that all analysis of this decidedly “unnatural” proposition simply ceases, and anyone having the “bad taste” or “ignorance” to dispute it, automatically qualifies as “eccentric”, “racist”, and “anti-Semitic” at the very least.

Closer examination, however, reveals grotesque and dangerous flaws in this completely abstract “self-determination” supposition.

What “nation”??? Adherents to the Jewish freemasonry are from scores of different national and racial backgrounds.

Their native languages are English, French, Italian, Dutch, Arabic, Persian, Polish, Hungarian, etc, etc, and the one “national language” which was claimed, Yiddish, is basically German.

Having been inserted by Western imperialist armed might into the heart of the Arab Middle East, this bogus “nation” then invented a new language, Modern Hebrew, based on a regional tongue in ancient times which had been overtaken, replaced and made like Latin by the liturgy of Judaism.

Racially, the “Jewish nation” runs from black Ethiopians to the fairest of fair Scandinavians. There are no distinct racial characteristics whatsoever to mark out the “Jewish nation” compared to others.

As a justifiably very famous religious freemasonry, one of the most talented in history, the changing role, meaning, and significance of “Jewishness” is as endlessly complex as that of any other self-identifying and self-defending group, such as the Catholics, for example, and other famous Christian sects, – all variously persecuting or, mostly, persecuted all through history for a variety of local/political/dynastic/economic reasons etc.

All other religious freemasonries reveal the same fendishly complex sectarian patterns of ups and mostly
downs.

But it is precisely this ludicrously "religious" issue which "inspires" the most outrageous idiocies of all in the whole 'Jewish question'.

It is insane enough to start an armed colonial war on Arab soil by armed and financed Western imperialist fanatics at all in the latter half of the 20th century.

But to try to get away with doing so on the basis of an ob-scure backward tribal voodoo from 1,000 years ago which prayed to a God who gave a "promised land" to his "chosen people" is gobsmacking stupidity which has 1% at most of "self-determination" abstract rigmarole in it, but 99% of taking the piss.

(It is in fact a useful incidental pointer to a constant flaw in much of the "self-determination-rights" abstract absolutism which the moralising fake 'left' love to embroil themselves in, to the exclusion of all practical political, eco-nomic, and class war considera-tions within particular historical perspectives.

There is invariably some notional "self-determination-right" to be found somewhere or other inside every complex historical conflict.

But the Marxist-Leninist view was always that such "rights" might well need to give way to other perfectly workable solutions for the greater good of many other problems, in many cases.)

It might be reasonable to ask any state formed by the Palest-inian Arab nation, the major-

ity in the Holy Land for the last 1,500 years, if they would allow Jewish religious fanatics to satisfy their emotional and cultural longings and delu-sions by settling permanently in the territory.

To that extent, the fanciful abstract notion of a Jewish "self-determination right" might have some vague meaning.

But in practice, after 1948, the only possible reality about the arrival of a million Jews into Palestine was that they would inevitably become the most hated permanent warmongering provocation in the whole history of Western imperialist tyranny.

In which case every abstract scrap of "self-determination-rights" diversion is nothing but a despicable fascist propaganda joke on the Arab nation and on the whole world.

The Jews who are riled by the EPSR won't deal with any of these questions but pour out their abuse about "anti-semitism" on the basis of yet another rigmarole of com-pletely abstract moralising nonsense.

What these self-righteous Jewish sneers about "racism" are in fact defending so indignantly is the idea of being Jewish.

Many of them of course make a point of not defending the Zionist tyranny practice of effectively putting the Palestin-ian nation into a fascist-military concentration camp.

But this is all a ludicrous fraud and philosophical-logical nonsense.

Of course it is possible for all Jews to get on their high horse and convincingly shout "anti-semitism" when it is the idea itself of what it is to be Jewish (prayers and dreams of a Jewish homeland Utopia one day).

But just let them or anyone else try to conjure up in practice any alternative way in which the "promised-land" ideal might be realised (other than the path which the one real "Israel" has had to follow in order to survive at all), and they will find it impossible.

The mere idea of the "promised land" can never be any-thing else other than a totally unrealisable fantasy.

The practice of a real "Israel" can never be anything other than the brutal fascist tyranny, genocidally expelling the Palestinian nation, that all rational minds recognise and despise.

And the halfway house "nicer" colonising plan to stick 7 million humiliated and per-manently cowed and terrorised Palestini-ans into reservations on a semi-desert 20% of their original homeland, is possibly even more odious than the full settler plan to grab the lot, because it is so knowingly and blatanty hypocritical.

This crap infamous "two-state solution" is precisely the duplicitous get-out for these mouthy self-righteous defend-ers of just the idea of the "promised land", – all so self-consciously quickly posturing their "we-don’t-defend-every-thing-the-Israeli-government-does" self-deception.

This "conscience" is a stink-ing philosophical fraud.

There is only one real "Is-rael".

It is a terrorising consciously-fascist tyranny and could never be anything else.

Either the return of every-thing to all of the Palestini-ans, all of them coming back to reclaim their homeland, – which would obviously mean an overwhelmingly majority Arab state, with just a tiny mi-nority of religious fanatic Jews living on as best they could.

Or the effective eviction of the entire Palestinian nation only two-thirds accomplished so far.

The "two-state" fraud is just a sanitised version of total cleansing, – a permanent police-state tyranny over a few surrounded and isolated Pal-estinian reservations, just as the original North American inhabitants ended up.

As the EPSR has explained, the only "Jewish" view worth giving serious respect for henceforth, – (in the light of the actual fascist-warmongering tyranny that "Israel" could only turn out to be, given the historical circumstances of being an implanted armed Western colonisation in the era of anti-colonialism, and in the light of how US impe-rialism’s wider international warmongering agenda is now using the emotive fraud of "defend Israel" as a useful stunt to justify ever-increasing repression of Arab and Muslim nationalism of every kind), – is the Jew who campaigns for the destruc-tion of the state of "Israel" as soon as possible for the sake of humanity.

From admittedly limited practical observation, there do not appear to be any ordinary Jewish adherents anywhere who are openly calling for the wiping out of this catastrophic historical abortion called "Israel".

Given the history and character of this particular...
religious freemasonry (not much different from most others, in fact), this absence of any really serious "anti-Israel" Jewish movement is hardly surprising.

In which case come EPSR observations that the old distinction between "Jew" and "Zionist" has no further use, and is just a deliberately confusing deceit, henceforth.

And where does the "racism" come into all this????

It is brought in by the Jews themselves, as explained.

First they cry "racist", purely on the basis of uncomfortably hating how their defence of maintaining just the abstract idea of some "promised land" sometime, somewhere, has been exposed as just a piece of posturing self-righteous philosophical conceit.

Secondly, in practice behind this moralising about "defending the abstract self-determination right for a Jewish homeland, while not defending everything 'Israel' does in reality", lies an actual justification of this one and only real "Israel" ....which just happens to be an openly racist state and a colonial tyranny, – one of the nastiest in all imperialist history.

The state’s racist essence, is in fact now quite uniquely horrific and disgusting by any standards in all modern history.

So who are the "racists"?????

And the invitation for the colonising members of the multinational international Jewish freemasonry to go back to their own nations in America, Britain, Poland, and Russia, etc, is nothing more than the simple logic of what is actually going to happen sooner or later.

These settlers are Americans, etc.

They might be learning Hebrew, but everything about them is totally American.

They are in the Middle East, colonising Palestine at the point of a gun, because of a deluded twisted mixture of Western imperialist warmongering fascist bullying plus the particular slant that their Jewish religious freemasonry adherence gives to things.

When their demented armed-colonising racket gets defeated, they will crawl back to America.

The humane civilised thing to do is invite them to go back home to America now, before their deluded imperialist nastiness brings even more trouble and grief to themselves and the world.

Either way, and whatever happens, anti-"Israeli" terrorism is bound to grow.

However regrettable some might think it, a Marxist historical view can only be that this spontaneous terrorist fightback has to happen first before a more organised revolutionary political movement is likely to get going towards building a positive revolutionary Palestine to put a certain end finally, once and for all, to this Zionist-imperialist nonsense.

In which case, the only progresive historical comment it is possible to make about something that is going to happen anyway, in the direction of even better future developments, is "let it happen".

The Marxist programme for a communist revolution would rarely be wishing to encourage the development of spontaneous terrorist anarchy; but it would never condemn it either, even though it might often have cause to regret its consequences, along with other "innocents".

But fighting capitalist society’s battles for it, against a mess of its own making, would be a ridiculously self-defeating thing for any serious anti-imperialists to do.

If nothing can stop a wave of spontaneous terrorist hatred from being brought about by the injustice, brutality, and degeneracy of the capitalist system, prior to the class war crisis becoming irreconcilably deep and matured enough to lead on to the development of a real revolutionary answer to collapsing bourgeois-system decadence; then the sooner this terrorist spasm is got through, then the more rapidly that the really serious revolutionary progress to put an end to the whole capitalist ruling-class system (and not just an end to individual capitalist state officials or random bourgeois electors) can get under way.

The silly exhibitionist Burchill has seized this opportunity to strike yet another "controversially dynamic" pose, railing against "anti-Semites who deny the Jewish people the fundamental right to a homeland of their own, and conceal their race hatred as 'anti-Zionism'".

As an abstract idea, a homeland for the Jews is not a problem, if empty territory can be found somewhere, and that is what this religious freemasonry really wants.

The problems begin over whether or not it is decided to put this homeland.

The Palestinian nation has been in Palestine for 1,500 years.

Hence the name.

Why must they be genocidally cleansed from their homeland???

The usual biblical bollocks answer would produce such worldwide chaos if every single "national/racial" identity on Earth resolved in the late 20th century to re-colonise the land they allegedly possessed 2,000 to 3,000 years earlier, that no sane person would ever put this nonsense forth as a serious argument.

Every country on Earth would have to be handed over to someone else.

The Jews of the world have had many ideas or offers for a homeland put to them throughout their history as a particular religious freemasonry, – a common historical phenomenon with many human communities who have regarded themselves as "special" in some way; but the Jews have mostly turned them down, preferring to remain Frenchmen, or Scandinavians, or Americans, or Italians, or Scots, or English, or Dutch, etc, etc, etc.

Going back to Palestine started to get the nod due to specifically Western imperialist causes.

In the climactic era of European imperialist land-grabbing, in the approaches to the great World War I inter-imperialist conflict for a land-grabbing sort-out, the Austro-Hungarian empire produced Herzl, and the Russian empire produced Weizmann, who between them invented Zionism whereby Jewish worthies within imperial Europe could justify an empire of their own, obviously most easily now in the Middle East where the major imperialist powers were doing their most frenzied warmongering, backstabbing, and stooge "nation building", inventing "new" countries left, right, and centre against the weak Arabs in this oil-rich region with which to further all their rival dreams of monopo-ly-capitalist triumph.

It was the priceless contri-
As Blair plays race card over EU and asylum benefits abuse, Western imperialism’s blind eye to Zionism’s colonial-apartheid wall, completing the genocidal imprisonment-to-death of the Palestinian nation, marks the serious fascist frontline aggressiveness of the monopoly capitalist system in crisis. Sowing more race-division in Britain echoes the monstrous “freeworld” propaganda which presents blitzkrieg tyranny over Third World weakness as “justified” (No1221 22-02-04).

Far worse than the problem of lumpen anti-Semitism from small racist parties is the scandal of the international Zionist lobby trying to brainwash the world into preventing the origins of the Palestine catastrophe from ever being discussed.

The supposedly “very intelligent” moral-maze queen Melanie Phillips, star of radio and television and the daily and Sunday papers, is a prize example of this very twisted propaganda blitzkrieg.

The aim is simple: Be as critical, controversial, or challenging as anyone could wish about any past or present deeds in the Arab–Jew conflict; but never allow the 1947 implantation of the so-called state of “Israel” onto the land of the Palestinian nation ever to be re-examined or even discussed.

This powerful and hugely well-connected Zionist lobby within the ranks of Western monopoly capitalist ruling circles has even managed to con the duffer archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster into declaring that it is “prohibited anti-Semitism and immoral” to even start talking about how “Israel” got there in the first place in a post-1945 act of deliberate Western colonial tyranny to genocidally implant the country of the Palestinian people to make a “homeland for the Jews”.

The sickest and most destructive trick of all by the Zionist lobby is to keep on disingenuously asking: “Well, should not the Jews have their own country?” – knowingly falsely implying that this is what the argument over the origins of “Israel” is all about, plus the further conversation-stopping sneering implication that it could only be anti-Semitism to doubt that the answer must be “yes”.

But that is not the question, – as the entire Zionist lobby is well aware. The real question is about why especially how did this armed colonial seizure take place post-1945 of the land of Palestine by Jews of the Western imperialist countries????

The totally abstract question of “Should the Jews not have a homeland at all?” is a consciously cynical total diversion, – provocatively thrown in purely in order to excite “anti-Semitism” hysteria.

Of course they should; but then so should the Basques, and the Kurds, and the Irish, and the Kashmis, and the Chechens, and the Australian Aborigines, and the North American Indians, etc., etc., etc., many of them more ancient, or more numerous, or with as rich a historical legacy, or with an even more precise or more just claim to a particular territory than the Jews have to Palestine, not least of all the Palestinians of course.

Many have literature or culture far more notable than the Bible for their claim, but the Bible and its tackled-on Christian mythology was the religion adopted by Western feudalism, capitalism, and then imperialism in its long march to provoke an “anti-Semitism” eyebrow raising, but thereby also manages to actually avoid any evaluation of which of the very many peoples on Earth, who are denied a state, really are the most deserving of nationhood, – bearing in mind all of the colossal upheaval, conflict, and
war mongering any such re-running of history to achieve a more "just" outcome inevitably always entails.

Leaving aside that massive minefield of whether for example the Vikings, Celts, or AngloSaxons deserve England back (all losing their homeland to war or upheaval more recently than the Jews lost their place among all the Semitic tribes around Palestine); or whether the Iroquois and Sioux nations should get North America back, or the Aborigines Australia, etc, etc, etc; or whether even more ancient claims than the one the Jews promote, such as the Basque or Cyprus questions, should be the issues demanding world sympathy more, – there is even then little but obnoxious special pleading and rotten string-pulling behind the Zionist neo-colonial propaganda.

Even the Biblical history claim amounts at best to just a tiny part of Palestine compared to the Philistines (Palestinians) who were there first until overrun by the Israelites and many other Semitic tribes. And unlike the Jews who were subsequently scattered, absorbed, and lost their language (Hebrew) like most of these ancient Semitic nations, – the modern Palestinians have been in Palestine for the last 3,500 years, and speaking Arabic, the dominant Semitic language.

Palestine has overwhelmingly been the country of the Arabic-speaking Palestinian nation for twice as long as England has been the country of the English-speaking nation, finally established only 700 years ago.

Hebrews stopped using Hebrew (which effectively died as a language), and they became by-and-by Spanish Jews, Greek Jews, Italian Jews, French Jews, German Jews, English Jews, etc, etc, all mostly growing up speaking the local language as their first native language.

Hebrew has now been only artificially revived again as a deliberate political act to try to lend some legitimacy to this post-1945 colonial conquest by these Western imperialist Jews.

But despite all this, the Jewish colonisers (especially the American ones, the largest and most aggressive contingent of the landgrabbing "settlers"), relentlessly pound out "their God-given right to all this land", etc, etc, – bristling murdorously with a N A Z I "master-race" fanaticism.

It is all a complete joke and a complete con.

Even more obnoxious special pleading hype is then added in on account of the Holocaust.

The Holocaust, all round, was the "achievement" of Western imperialist "democracy", both in the elected Hitler government which introduced it, and in the rest of the monopoly capitalist West which deliberately encouraged the rebuilding of German militarism under the National Socialist party as a bulwark against the Soviet workers state, and which took its time in Second World War counter offensives in order to let the USSR be destroyed as much as possible first, through fighting 90% of Germany's mighty forces on its own virtually, for most of the war.

The Holocaust had nothing whatever to do with Palestine or the Palestinian people who live there.

But it is the Palestinian people who now have to bear the brunt of this hate-filled vengeance which self-righteously spews out of the most aggressive Zionist colonisers and Nazi-style assassination deathsquads Jews support. And they are subsidised to the hilt to do this by the selfsame Western imperialist "world order" racket which financed Hitler Germany's re-militarisation to start with. Phillips concentrates on more subtle word games than these cruder diversions and red herrings about "the promised land" and the Holocaust, etc.

She specialises in knocking down obscure Aunt Sally's in order to bedazzle with words, often very critical of Sharon and "the extremists", so that the main aim is achieved: Appear to discuss everything, but in fact make sure that the post-1945 implantation of "Israel" and the "reasons" for it is never in fact discussed at all. Typical is this week's latest Sunday Observer.

With a bold breath of fresh air, she starts by appearing to warn Jews that the more that they moan about "anti-Semitism", the more anti-Semitism they are likely to promote.

But she is not really telling them to shut up, of course, (and why should they if it really is anti-Semitism which is now "the problem" for world society).

The entire Phillips piece is itself one long tirade against "anti-Semitism" as really "the reason" why so many intelligent people in the West are failing to understand and support the cause of "Israel" in the way Phillips thinks is logical, moral, and justified.

This is just the start of a clever weave using a chorus of ironic self-deprecation of Jews as the 'New McCarthyites' for their supposed sanctimoniousness (not accepted by Phillips, of course) in over zealously hurling the "anti-Semitism" stigma around.

By this stunt, Phillips slyly gets through an entire list of current participants in the Palestine polemics, cynically effectively labelling them as "anti-Semites" as a means of disposing of their arguments.

Thus advice at a London Economist debate for Jews not to overplay the "anti-Semitism" insult card is juxtaposed to a stranger's shocking "I hate Jews" outburst to effectively brand all (who think that the "anti-Semitism" propaganda blitz by Zionism might be self-defeating) as "anti-Semites" themselves.

This then gets repeated in a subtle variant by the Zionist Phillips laying on the self-pitying irony in declaring: "I should have said I brought this on myself by writing anything at all!" as an "answer" to some public perception that the sizeable international media power of Jewish monopoly imperialist finance capital might deserve querying as a "sinister" control over public debate about Zionism's genocidal colonisation of the land of the Palestinian people.

Instantly, this perfectly proper question about who owns the media, and therefore who controls much of the debate about world affairs, is then juxtaposed to some presumed anti-Jewish "big lie" about some Egyptian water wells, poisoned in 1947, an obvious "stock libel repetition from medieval Jew hatred" in Phillips' eyes but which she really ought not to dare to point out for fear of being labelled a "Holocaust shroud waver".

This self put-down sarcasm goes seething on to tar Tory MPs with the same "anti-Semitism" brush, and give a withering glance towards the entire European Commission for "this week only finally admit-
ting there was a problem with rising Jew hatred”, kicking Prodi for acknowledging “some prejudice” when a blitz of synagogue and cemetery desecration is the real new horror story, according to Phillips. Finally, she gets to the point, masterfully laid into by Phillips at last agreeing that indeed, “Some Jews grossly overreact to perceived anti-Semitic bias”.

Having lulled the senses with this phony self-criticism, then the master-stroke:Appear to acknowledge everything bad about “Israel”, Zionism, and the Jews that anyone could wish to hear frankly and fearlessly discussed, – but in reality ensure a glossing over completely of any questioning of how and why this “Israel” was militarily implanted in the way that it was onto the Palestinian people’s homeland after 1945. Thus:

Nevertheless, as Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks told the EU conference, an unholy alliance between the Left, the far Right and the Islamic street means millions are being told that alone among nations, Israel has no right to exist and that all the troubles of the world are the work of the Jews.

At the heart of this bitter disagreement is the conflation of the issue of Israel with the issue of Jew hatred. The latter claim maddens me, as I have been accused of anti-Semitic prejudice. The two, they say, are not connected. In theory, that’s true. In practice, one issue often morphs into the other, both implicitly in the way Israel is described and explicitly in overt Jew-hatred.

CRITICISM OF Israel is certainly legitimate, as is criticism of any country. I am myself critical of its policies. But a line has been crossed into something else, the demonisation and dehumanisation of Israel based on systematic lies, libels and distortions. As a result a lot of decent people have been unwittingly caught up in a narrative of hatred.

Then, having got away with this monster sleight-of-hand, Phillips turns the real venom in reality on every type of criticism of the Jewish free-masonry, of Zionism, and of the “Israeli” colonial/military dictatorship tyranny that has ever been uttered, and proceeds to pour the vilest “anti-Semitism” false accusations of abuse on it that she can muster.

British academics get it; Jenny Tonge gets it; the “European left” gets it; all anti-Blairism gets it; Tam Dalyell gets it; the British aristocracy gets it; Islam gets it; Hamas gets it; Karl Marx gets it; Archbishop Tutu gets it; — wall to wall “anti-Semitism” in all directions. But why and how and in particular with what envisaged consequences was the decision made to forcibly impose “Israel” on the homeland of the Palestinian nation post-1945 (and more and more brutally strengthened ever since, despite the ever-increasing warmongering catastrophe that inevitably this has all unleashed)?

That really big issue, the only objective approach to this human tragedy worth making, that question Phillips constructs her whole propaganda to make sure never gets asked. An entire, worldwide, powerful Zionist brainwashing campaign is being conducted to achieve exactly the same censorship suppression, – a truly outrageous achievement by the cleverest international religious freemasonry that has ever existed.

But it will fail, of course. When working in the same direction as the flow of historical class and national forces, propaganda can be all-powerful. But when the historical tide has turned, then all of the brainwashing propaganda smartness in the world, allied to no matter how many powerful freemasonry connections here, there, and everywhere, – cannot halt the rot.

The backstabbing selfish greed of the Western imperialist system’s “overproduction” credit-creation dollar-pollution binge since 1945 to defeat the appeal of communist revolution by spreading world trade and dollar aid largesse everywhere, – is relentlessingly sinking ever-deeper into insoluble economic crisis every day.

The entire Third World is heading towards revolt against this tyrannical Western monopoly domination which ceaselessly creates an ever widening gap between the richest and the poorest on Earth, but which in unresolvable crisis times actually increases mass impoverishment not only relatively but absolutely as well. The poorest billions of the world actually get poorer.

No wonder Western domination is facing ever escalating “terrorism” revolt problems in all directions.

Of course the West is mounting a massive warmongering counter-attack on Third World revolt, – called the “war on terrorism”. And the propaganda brainwashing to convince the world of the “justice” and the “inevitable deserved triumph” of this blitzkrieg onslaught against “rogue states” and all “evil axis” influences everywhere, has become an abolutely unprecedented phenomenon of history.

The world is closer to 1984 Newspeak dictating that black is white than it has ever been before.

But despite the frightening shock to intelligence and to “human rights” delusions that Hutton, and Blairism, and Guantánamo, and Bushism, etc, have produced, – the game is still up.

History has moved on and the Third World can no longer be knocked around as of old. In fact, it cannot be knocked into any sort of shape at all to suit the West’s unceasing domination interests.

In fact, the West looks more and more like it is losing this “war on terrorism”.

In Iraq and Afghanistan, the first two “rogue state” targets for forcible “democratic reconstruction” to suit Western needs, doubts proliferate that US imperialism will end up with any sort of usable stooge regime satellite country at all. The warmongering brutalisation may only eventually lead to new anti-imperialist regimes which become far more effective obstacles to Western military and economic domination of the Middle East region, and of the Third World interests in general, than ever the eccentric, cruel and degenerate regime of Saddam Hussein was.

And far from cowing the Third World in general by this deliberate “shock and awe” example setting by Western military terror, the political farce of failing to win any popular support subsequently in Iraq or Afghanistan has only resulted in a massive increase in “terrorism” resistance to imperialist domination.

Having just heard from even Westernised Afghani women that life is actually worse there
now than under the Taliban, now the voice of Iraqi women is being raised in the Western capitalist press admitting that things are not even any better in Iraq, in spite of all the massive Western publicity about the "democratic transformation" that was "going to take place there", and despite the fact that the barbaric Saddam regime could hardly have set lower standards for the life of women or anyone else: [...] But most graphically of all, the massive significance of this Third World revolt shines brightest of all in colonised Palestine itself where the depths of humiliated and beaten degradation can be accurately plotted on a time-scale of relentlessly rising revolt.

In 1948’s catastrophe of the "legal proclamation" by Western imperialist world rule of the state of "Israel", effective Palestinian resistance was very small and weak. Jordan’s imperialist stooges and other corrupt Arab nationalist regimes did all the talking, such as there was any, on behalf of Palestinian interests. Zionist imperialist’s 1967 annexation of the West Bank and Gaza as well, thus effectively swallowing up the whole of Palestine and completing the genocidal liquidation of an entire nationhood, saw not much more effective resistance. The tide started to turn following the further unresisted humiliation of the Palestinians in Beirut and in their refugee camps in Lebanon in the early 1980s. Some Lebanese and PLO units started guerrilla war fightbacks against this new Zionist imperial landgrab, and so successful and competent did Hizbollah and other groups eventually become that Jewish colonisation retreated from its occupation of Lebanon, the Zionists first retreat ever. Since then, history has increasingly put the writing on the wall for the whole project of continued everlasting Western imperialist domination of the Middle East by one means or another.

The Saudi feudal monarchy, perpetually Washington’s most reliable stooge regime in the area but also the biggest and the most controlling paymaster of most “anti-imperialist” nationalism too, including Arafat’s PLO, has long been facing terminal decline and overthrow, desperately striving more and more anti-Western poses lately in a bid to survive the irresistibly growing anti-imperialist wrath of Third World revolt.

The al-Qaeda part of the anti-imperialist struggle is largely Saudi grown. Washington’s other chief stooge regime for augmenting local regime tyranny in the area when needed, Saddam Hussein, went so far off the pro-imperialist rails that the West had to destroy his Iraqi dynasty.

And the loss of the Shah in huge Iran has still never been replaced to suit Western stooge interests, and the Islamic Revolution there, albeit reactionary itself, is still showing signs of as much anti-Western awkwardness as ever.

But most dramatically of all, the Palestinian resistance itself, and inside Zionist-colonised Palestine itself, has gone from strength to strength relentlessly since the early 1980s.

Now the unthinkable might even be close, the overthrow of Arafat compromise nationalism itself, to be replaced by much more militant anti-imperialist fundamentalism which in spite of its Islamic delusions, is far closer to the spirit of worldwide anti-imperialist revolt than the old ‘non-aligned’, Stalinist-corrupted, Arafatism could ever possibly have aspired. From here, full-scale communist revolution will be easier, not more difficult.

And feeding Zionism’s “anti-Semitism” insult-dealing frenzy, this steady change in the balance of international class and national forces has even reached the consciousness of a cross-party Parliamentary forum, as capitalism itself reports:

This was by a Commons select committee which conducted a six-month inquiry last year, blames Israel’s incursions, curfews, checkpoints and other restrictions in including its security wall along the West Bank, for choking the Palestinian economy.

The MPs say that what “makes the poverty so unpalatable is the level of deprivation vis à vis Israel and the awareness that it is not the result of natural calamity but of deliberate actions on the part of the government of Israel”.

Criticising Israeli restrictions that disrupt movement within the West Bank and Gaza, the MPs say: “It is hard to avoid the conclusion that there is a deliberate Israeli strategy of putting the lives of ordinary Palestinians under stress as part of a strategy of bringing the population to heel.”

The committee, which is made up of Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat MPs, says it is unfair for Israel to benefit from a trade agreement with the EU while Palestinians, who are also a part of the agreement, are prevented by the Israeli restrictions from doing so.

“We therefore urge the UK government to propose to the EU council of trade ministers that Israel’s preferential terms of trade with the EU be suspended until it lifts the movement restrictions which it has placed on Palestinian trade,” the MPs say.

Although the Belgian government threatened trade action against Israel two years ago, it is unlikely that either the British government or the EU will endorse the recommendation, both preferring to engage Israel in dialogue rather than economic pressure.

Publication of such a critical report is unhelpful to Israel at a time when it is on the defensive diplomatically, including a hearing at the International Court in the Hague later this month over its security wall.

Tony Baldry, Conservative chairman of the committee, said: “Key measures, such as the construction of a security barrier higher than the Berlin Wall, may bring the mirage of immediate security to Israelis, but the level of despair felt by ordinary Palestinians at being denied an ordinary life can only increase the supply of suicide bombers.”

In the report, the MPs say that while there is no starvation or absolute poverty in the Palestinian areas, there has been a serious decline in living standards that has translated into malnutrition on the West Bank and Gaza as bad as in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Palestinian economy and education system have suffered a sharp deterioration as a result of the closure of its borders by the Israeli military and restriction on movement within its borders.

“The management of checkpoints is all too often handled by young, inexperienced IDF [Israeli Defence Force] conscripts who may lack the training and experience to deal with large numbers of people passing through on their way to work or to study,” the MPs say.

They criticise the extent to which Israel has control over Palestinian вод prohibitions, describing the “wilful destruction” of water infrastructure by the 10% and settlers as “simply unacceptable”.

The EU would suffer financially from a suspension of its trade agreement with Israel. Between 2000 and 2002, the EU exported €42bn (£30.1bn) to Israel, while Israel exported €28bn the other way.

It is already obvious how the Phillips’ “anti-Semitism” witchhunting technique is going to have its work cut out to stem this rapidly turning tide.

Phillips’ tricks, such as accusing LibDem MP Jenny Tonge of “incitement to mass murder” for saying she could understand how Palestinian suicide bombers felt after a lifetime of imprisonment, humiliation, and brutalisation, are obviously on desperate last legs when even British Parliamentarians can report that more suicide bombers is the only possible answer to the vicious collective penning-in of the entire Palestinian people on their enclaves and refugee camp reservations behind one giant prison wall to end all prison walls.

Meanwhile, Phillips’ great hopes in the Bush/Blair revival of Nazi-imperialist blitzkrieg tactics in support of “master-race” interests, grow gloomier by the day on both political and economic fronts.

Although the credit-based boom-creation strategy still stagers on not quite yet in total disarray, despite obviously being completely doomed in the long run, there is now no hiding the utter destabilisation menacing the whole world economy from the dollar’s unending pollution degradation.

The world is being conned. “The whole of history has been conned. The planet’s first truly global currency is an utter
Said should live now. He could have claimed abundant public space for brilliantly debunking the tidal wave of gobshite, from re-emerging glitterati, following the Zionist butchery in cold blood, with a rocket, of the effectively-custody-sheikh Yassin, spiritual inspiration of Hamas.

Clive James led the way with vast columns of cleverly-written and witty abuse of all sides which terminated with the supposed irresistible block-buster conclusion that, like it or not, Zionist “Israel” is now a fact of history and here to stay. But it is exactly that statement which is precisely the thing which is at issue, and is precisely the wrong conclusion.

This genocidal landgrab, rendering the entire 8-million nation of Palestine homeless, is not “legitimate” (the United Nations is just a stooge of Western imperialism; gets everything wrong; and will soon be despised and discarded by history). And this murderous colonising ousted is not accepted by the better sentiments of the overwhelming majority of mankind, whenever the facts can be presented accurately.

Above all, this tyrannical imperialist seizure is not accepted by the Palestinian nation itself; and the ruthless slaughter of Yassin (and as many more leaders besides) will not stop the steadily growing revolt of the Palestinians which is today more lethal, better supported, and more successful than it has ever been, and rapidly growing clearer about what it must do to defeat Zionist imperialism, which is the most important factor of all.

“HAMAS is finished and cannot retaliate” crowed the Jewish Nazi tyranny after blowing-up the wheelchair-bound and unconcealed Yassin from a helicopter gunship (US-supplied).

Well, maybe. But to stop the revolt, these fascist colonists are going to have to kill all 8 million Palestinians, or most of them. The HAMAS sect as such is neither here nor there, as the more-perceptive imperialist press reports are themselves admiring. Far from giving in, Palestinian militancy is trying to oust the arch appeaser Arafat so as to regroup the revolt more successfully than ever:

HAMAS militants fought a gun battle with Yassin Arafat’s security forces in Gaza yesterday, in a sign of escalating tensions between Palestinian factions.

The disaffection has led to a blurring of the lines between Hamas, Fatah, Islamic Jihad and other armed groups, with shadowy hybrid factions growing between the cracks.

In the back room of a tiny sewing factory in Gaza City yesterday the leader of one such group — the Salahuddin Brigades — told The Times that although many of his followers still drew Palestinian Authority salaries, they disowned the leadership.

“We started as a group of Fatah fighting who, or being blamed for being the cause of all the violence blamed on Hamas gunmen and weapons. He said that the driver took umbrage, hurling: “Do you know who you are talking to?” before throwing a grenade and summoning reinforcements, who opened fire from all sides.

Other witnesses said that police were heavily-handled, beating the driver who retaliated by hurling the grenade. Many of the injured were members of security forces under the leadership of Mr Arafat’s cousin, Moussa Arafat.

The violence flared even as Israeli helicopter gunships launched missiles into the Gaza Strip, killing six people. Israel continues to hold Mr Arafat responsible for failing to crack down on Palestinian groups carrying out attacks on Israeli civilians, such as the double suicide bombing in Ashdod on Sunday in which ten Israelis were killed.

Police are investigating whether one of the bombers entered the port in a container where weapons, including five grenades, were yesterday found beneath a false bottom.

The security Cabinet of Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Prime Minister, gave the go-ahead this week for a “relentless” offensive in Gaza after the Ashdod attack, the first time that Palestinian suicide bombers have penetrated the fenced-in Gaza Strip.

In one airstrike yesterday a helicopter gunship killed two Palestinian men in Rafah. Palestinian witnesses said that a second missile later killed two boys, aged 12 and 14, in the same incident.

Two points emerge. Class consciousness, within the Palestinian national revolt, is getting ever-stronger and must inevitably one day result in an unbeatable communist revolution.

Secondly, the Zionists can never stop, and never will stop, the genocidal torture and humiliation of the Palestinian nation because of the utterly contradictory and unstable situation that the entire non-sense of “Israel” has been from the start and can never cease to be.

The 8 million Palestinians have only had Palestine to live in for the past 1,500 years.

The 4 million Zionist colonisers for the past 1,500 years (and longer) have been inhabitants, native speaking, of France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Russia, England, Poland, the USA, etc.

In the ferocious Armageddon turmoil to come after world imperialist economic collapse, — when no one can be certain about who will be fighting who, or being blamed for being the cause of all the Western imperialism’s coming DEFEAT (No1226 30-03-04).
trouble", etc., etc., etc., – which "immovable object" is likely to give way? – the 8 million Palestinians whose only homeland this is, – or the 4 million Zionist colonisers who all have far more reliable and longstanding homes and family connections in London, Warsaw, Kiev, Odessa, Paris, etc., than they do in occupied Palestine (i.e. "Israel")? Irresponsible establishment stooges like James can pretend all they like that Jews cannot be "majority Jewish" character since ago, but the post-1945 armed colonisation with millions of Jews coming in from Europe and America is what the world clearly knows and can never forget, – with this brutal takeover of the only essence of what is going on to this day, – as these latest imperialist-press observations clearly reflect:

The first Ruad Ajlouni knew that the Israelis were moving in as was he awoke in the early hours to find a group of armed men across standing over his sleeping children. The 30 or so Jewish activists had quietly clambered on to the terrace roof of the three-storey apartment block, some of them then drilled their way through the locks of the outside doors and surrounded the Ajlounis before they had a chance to stir.

"They said they had bought the flat and were moving in," said Mr Ajlouni. "At three o'clock in the morning, I said: 'Good for you. Show us the documents and I will help you move the furniture'." But there were no deeds, only weapons. Within a few minutes, the Ajlounis and their five children, the youngest just 18 months old, were now in the door. The furniture followed.

When the Israeli police finally ar-rived, after the Ajlounis had spent hours piquing and bribing each other, the said there was nothing they could do: it was a matter for the courts – and they nearly always back Jewish over Palestinian property claims.

"This area is a prime target area for the settlers because they claim this is King David's city. They want to evacuate as many Palestinians as possible and replace them with Jews so that they can say there are no Arabs in it," said Mr Ajlouni.

The Ajlounis' home is pinned be-tween the southern ramparts of the old City of David and the site of the biblical City of David. It was here, 3,000 years ago, that King David established the First Temple and Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the Jewish people. And it is here today that Jews are seeking to reclaim the ancient city as their own by repopulating the area known as "the Old City", and the City of David and Judaism's holiest site, the Wailing Wall.

Leading the charge is Elad, the City of David Foundation, which is excavating King David's palace and some of the homes of the thou-sands of Israelites once lived around it.

"The goal of our organisation is to increase the presence of Jews in our neighbourhood as much as possible," said Elad's director, Doron Spielman. "We've been dreaming of coming back to biblical Jerusalem for 3,000 years. This is the fulfillment of our dream. We cannot trust that this is an Arab neighbourhdd, Jews will be safe to walk around here."

The Palestinians say that Elad is responsible for ethnic cleansing by stealth through the seizure and occupation of property or duping the vulnerable into signing papers they do not understand.

Strategy

Israeli critics, such as the Jerusalem councillor Meir Margalit, of the leftwing Meretz party, say Elad's operation is one part of a wider government strategy to "Judaise" swathes of east Jerusalem by refusing permission to demolish Jewish homes and constructing the towering new "security" wall through the east of the city.

"All these features together paint a very dramatic picture where the Israeli government, together with the settlers, are part of a na-tional programme to make the life of the Palestinians so hard they will leave Jerusalem. It is that simple," said Mr Margalit.

"The country is full of places where Jewish history is found. For that matter, you can even find such places in Iraq. But this cannot be a reason to take houses of people who have lived there all their lives. This is not about buying houses. This is a war." Outside the seized apartment, one of the new occupants, a man who gave his name only as Udi, armed with a pistol and a knife, says they had not intended to ar-rive in the middle of the night.

"We actually planned to do it in the day. To come, to say hello, we're your new neighbours."

But the Jews are not so welcome that they do not feel the need to build sentry posts manned by armed men outside each home. They are funded by the govern-ment, a reflection of its support for the expansion of Jews in the Arab east of the city.

Among those who have moved into the area is a Jewish-American avionics engineer, Gary Speiser.

"My grandfather was born in the old city so we always had a connection," he says. "I don't consider myself a settler. I've heard friends and relatives call us 'the settlers', but to me it is not anti-Semitic. It is a very special feeling living here, really living part of history. It's also a very weird feeling in a good way, as if we're living in a dif-ferent world down here."

All Palestinians may stand for this humiliation some of the long-suffering citizens of some Palestinian town will stand for this humiliation all of the time; but all Palestin-ians will not stand for this humiliation all of the time, – yet "Israel" can never represent anything else in the eyes of all Palestinians, and all rational thinking people worldwide. It is their lunatic racist anti-Semitism which will finally de-stroy the Palestinians, James goes on, – inferring that this is a throwback to Nazi Germany, and a historical impossibility.

But anti-Semitism of that depraved German imperialist stupidity has got nothing whatever to do with it. There is a totally different situation in the world now, with a powerful Jewish lobby playing a huge and influential part in the worldwide "master-race" tyranny that America can only be contained by imposing on the world to make sure that the coming global economic crash is paid for by everyone else except the USA.

And the "chosen people" gibberish which has turned these 4 million Jewish colonisers into tyrannical homicidal fanatics plays a crucial part in this world warmongering gendarmerie role that American imperialism (more than 400 coups, invasions, wars, subver-sions, etc, inflicted since 1945) has come to impose all over the world, including "pre-emptive" blitzkriegs on "any" state, no matter which, – that "dares" to try to emulate the USA in its unchallengeable economic crash is paid for by everyone else except the USA. And the "chosen people" fanaticism which has turned these 4 million Jewish colonisers into tyrannical homicidal fanatics plays a crucial part in this world warmongering gendarmerie role that American imperialism (more than 400 coups, invasions, wars, subver-sions, etc, inflicted since 1945) has come to impose all over the world, including "pre-emptive" blitzkriegs on "any" state, no matter which, – that "dares" to try to emulate the USA in its unchallengeable economic crash is paid for by everyone else except the USA.

Within Western monopoly-imperialism overall, the Jewish lobby mafia now plays an undoubtedly powerful propa-ganda and financial role. It is not "anti-Semitism" to expose and denounce this. It is politically-correct anti-Semite to refuse to notice this and record it.

James, the Archbishops, and the Western imperialist media monopolies have created their own ideological game, with their own ludicrously biased rules, by deciding in advance that anti-Semitism is the armed-colonising right to-exist of "Israel" amounts to "anti-Semitism" with no further discussion allowed.

But what is the chief reposito-ry of racism in the world? It is the totally divisive and demonising anti-semitist coloniser-imperialist system, and the Jewish part in this reactionary tyranny is now very specific and, via "Israel", absolutely huge.

The incurably racist essence of the Jewish colonisation of Palestine is a permanent running sore for all world politics, – as even some imperialist press admissions reveal.

The armed Palestinian revolt is deemed "sub-human"; and the "transfer" genocidal elimination of the Palestinian nationality is the real Jew-ish dream, an exact replica of NAZI "master-race" ("chosen people") fanatical self-righteousness, and irredeemably malevolent: Israel's deputy defence minister, Ze'ev Boim, recently wondered whether this genocidal act that made Arabs terrorists. "What is it with Islam in general and the Palestinians in particular?" he asked on Israeli army radio. "Is it some sort of cultural deficiency? Is it a genetic defect?"

The dismay this arrous will be discounted by some of Israel's friends simply as evidence of the extreme nature of its present govern-ment, with its barrier wall and its "transfer" enthusiasts. But to believe this is to misunder-stand the monstrous genocidal ideology of the Jewish colonisation of Palestine. It is not he that is the problem, but the Zionism he espouses.

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expulsion, rape and massacre. The Jewish state could not have come into being without ethnic cleansing and, he asserts, more may be necessary in future to ensure its survival.

This bald assertion should shock no one, for it is entirely consistent with the basic Zionist proposition of an ethnically pure state. Palestine's indigenous-population was a clear impediment to this aim, which is why the concept of transfer was so central to Zionist thinking long before 1948 — advocated by Zionism's leaders and expressed through a series of specific expulsion plans from the mid-1930s onwards. These led inexorably to the 1948 Palestinian exodus and the refugee tragedy that persists today.

Between January and the end of May 1948, a mere two weeks into the war, a third of the Palestinian population (my own family included) had left, most of them expelled. The "war" itself was more of a civil conflict and could not alone have accounted for the mass exodus. The Arab armies were notoriously ill-equipped and poorly trained and no match for the superior Zionist forces. Though ultimately ineffective, they came to defend the helpless Palestinians and to prevent their territories from being totally overrun.

The truth is that the problem for Zionism was always how to keep Palestine without the Palestinians. And hence today's Israeli anxieties about the so-called Palestinian "demographic threat". As the intifada continues, despite draconian suppression, there is near panic over a "demographic spill-over" that might dilute Israel's "Jewish character".

One recent opinion poll shows that 57% of Israelis support transferring the Arabs, and government ministers such as Avigdor Lieberman advocate this idea quite openly.

It is against this background that the monstrous barrier wall in the West Bank can be understood. "The Palestinians will always pose a threat and they must therefore be controlled and caged in," Morris explains.

Hence, also, Ariel Sharon's offer last December of a "unilateral" withdrawal from 40% of the West Bank, and his hardline deputy Ehud Olmert's support for partition "because of demography".

But the problem also exists inside Israel, whose Arab population is 20%, and growing. It is estimated that by 2010 there will be an Arab majority in the whole of Israel-Palestine. How will the Zionists stem the tide and keep the state Jewish?

Zionism is to prevail, there are few choices. As Morris says, it can only be by superior force to overcome "the barbarians who want to take our lives". The Arabs have "no moral inhibitions", he claims, insisting that in Islam "human life doesn't have the same value as it does in the west".

Is this observation much different from Boin's Arab genetic defect? And can the rights of such inferior people equate to those of Jews? "The right of [Palestinian] refugees to return... seems natural and just," Morris says. "But this 'right of return' needs to be weighed against the right to life and well-being of the 5 million Jews who currently live in Israel!"

Apparently, Jewish self-determination is an imperative that supersedes the rights of the people at whose expense it was promulgated.

And in this he encapsulates the essence of Zionism. Though creating Israel entailed Palestinian suffering, Morris argues, it was for a noble aim. That is why Zionism is still a dangerous idea: at its root is a conviction of moral righteousness that justifies almost any act deemed necessary to preserve the Jewish state. If that means massive military — including nuclear — force, unsavoury alliances, theft of others' resources, aggression and occupation, the brutal crushing of all resistance — then so be it. No one should be under any illusion that Zionism is a spent force, regardless of current discourse about "post-Zionism". That a benign Zionism, sympathetic to Palestinians, also exists means little while these basic tenets remain.

We must thank Morris for disabusing us of such notions. But a project that is morally one-sided and can only survive through force and xenophobia has no longterm future. As he himself says: "Destruction could be the end of this process."

Most interestingly, this insoluble Western imperialist degeneracy and ideological corruption is beginning to alarm ever-widening sections of the middle classes, including journalists and politicians.

Here follow views from a Fleet Street features editor and a New Labour Cabinet member (ex), published by the imperialist press itself in the last week: The most dangerous delusion of our time must surely be the notion — trotted out by all manner of public figures, from George Bush to Clive James — that Islamist terror is motivated by hostility to freedom and the western way of life. As anyone who is familiar with the Arab and Muslim world, or even bothered to read successive statements by al-Qaida leaders, it is in fact overwhelmingly driven by hostility to foreign, and especially Western, domination and occupation of Arab and Muslim countries. Of course, there are other factors in play. But from the start of his campaign in the 1990s, Bin Laden's call to arms focused above all on US foreign policy in the Middle East: its troops in Saudi Arabia, backing for pro-western dictatorships like Egypt, sanctions against Iraq and support for Israel against the Palestinians — along with the subjection of Muslim populations in Kashmir and Chechnya. Since September 11 US interference in the region has gone much further, with the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. The result is an arc of foreign occupation across the Middle East, unmatched anywhere else in the world.

That has in turn spawned an arc of resistance, while anti-US feeling among Muslims has reached unprecedented levels, as demonstrated in this week's Pew opinion survey, Muslims now find
areas of the West Bank and confine, while effectively annexing other territories — it will always re-emerge, undoubtedly has in the occupied territories — it will always re-emerge, and never be any end to this Third World war of liberation until it successfully defeats Western imperialism.

Remarkable admissions by a Zionist writer in the Guardian provide the most surprising evidence of this perspective:

Every morning in Tel Aviv, I walked down the street, bought my copy of Ha'aretz. It was an excruciating experience. In story after story Israel emerged as a society in which every institution of the state was in a dire condition, at best incompetent, at worst corrupt, only a few tattered scraps left of the early high ideals of Zionism. Members of the Knesset, ministers, party leaders, prime ministers and generals were routinely exposed as liars and crooks; the army were lying, the police were lying, the government was lying.

Soldiers spoke to me of a “mental scratch” — a psychological scar as a result of serving in the army of occupation. A woman who did her army service during the first intifada told me how she was inducted with boys from high school, and saw them cross what Israelis call a “red line” — holding a gun to the head of a terrified child, humiliating a Palestinian teacher at a checkpoint, killing an unarmed civilian. “When they came home the red line started. They used to treat their girlfriends and wives that way, then their own children,” she said. “And these were people I thought I knew, people I’d grown up with.”

At the same time a tent city of homeless people, nicknamed Bread Square, appeared at the Kikar HaMedina, Tel Aviv’s most exclusive shopping street. This report published at the end of last year revealed that 20% of Israeli children are living below the poverty line. Army social workers are increasingly dealing with soldiers who have nowhere to go on weekend leave because their parents are homeless.

As I sat in the café reading, I wondered how the others there, drinking espresso and eating pastries, could bear to live with this terrifying collapse of the promise of Zionism. I was listening to their conversations. A few words would emerge and I turned to the back page of the paper to find out what they were talking about — about the Israel-Berko... Kevin Keegan...Manchester City...Pompeston.

At first I didn’t get it. How could people be so immune to the horror that was all around them? But it gradually sank in that what Hamas and Islamic Jihad have achieved with their bombs is a depoliticisation of Israeli society. I learned the four most important words in the Hebrew vocabulary: pigua (suicide bomb), haatzatoo (the “situation”), balgan (a big mess), and bu’ul (the bubble you live in to protect you from the random violence of the piguim).

Suicide bombings create small, self-enclosed worlds consisting of family, a few friends, and a tiny geography. You go to this supermarket which is not in a busy mall, this café which has an armed guard, drive your kids to school along this side road which isn’t a bus route — and to hell with anyone you don’t know or trust. This is your own personal bu’ah, your bubble, and no one who is not in it is above suspicion. What is happening in
Gaza or Nablus — the curfews, the checkpoints, the terrifying incursions of troops, the targeted assassinations, the collapse of the social infrastructure, the malnutrition, the cages in which Palestinians are fenced off like zoo animals — could be happening in Bosnia instead of a 25-minute drive away, because no one goes there except your son the soldier or your husband the reservist, and he doesn’t talk about what he’s seen because he can’t. He doesn’t have the emotional language to express it, who among us does? He comes home and gratefully re-enters his bu’ah. If I were an Israeli businessman, I’d invest in escapism, the bu’ah’s wall-paper, home décor, kitchen equipment, the National Geographic channel on TV for the rich; soap operas and Spanish “tel- enovelas” — for the poor.

It is as if the government is simply a caretaker, changing the light bulbs, vacuuming the floors. It no longer has any meaningful connection to the population. “How did you vote in the last election?” I asked. “I didn’t.” Or, “I voted last time but I won’t again. Who is there to vote for?”

Israel’s incursions built the fence. It exists as a metaphor in the minds of Israelis, a kind of prophylactic against the nrr of terrorism. Only a few political activists I met, and some soldiers, had even laid eyes on it. The fence that was built — seen, rightly, by the Palestinians as a de facto annexation of Palestinian land to create wretched reservations, above all Ariel Sharon’s, no water and no rights — is not the fence that Israelis know about. And even if they did, they no longer care what damage is inflicted on their enemy. The murder of Israeli civilians is not contextualised by them as resistance by the desperate against an occupying power, but a caretaker, changing the light bulbs, vacuuming the floors. It no longer has any meaningful connection to the population. The murder of Israeli civilians is not contextualised by them as resistance by the desperate against an occupying power, but as an occupational routine.

Grassroots protests, particularly among radical Palestinians opposed to the PA [Palestinian Authority] and anti-Zionist leftists, is said, “but there is absolutely no meaningful constituency in Israel that will respond to an international struggle for a single state.”

I also know what some Palestinian friends tell me, that the right of return is deeply embedded in the Palestinian soul and can never be given up, that no leader can sign an agreement on their behalf which would settle it with a cheque instead. What I know about Jewish Israelis, they say, is that they are children, I left Israel more profoundly troubled than when I arrived, for a thought had occurred to me which was unbearable: that at its heart, indeed because of what is in the hearts of its rulers, this conflict could be insoluble.

How it works, Rubinsteins told me, is that the Israeli right uses the Palestinian right-of-return as a bogeyman to frighten people into believing that there are no moderate Palestinians. In fact there are plenty who recognise that if there is to be an end to the occupation, it has to depend on the recognition by Palestine of Israel as Jewish state, he said. And this must mean that the right of return will be settled by financial compensation, not by the return of refugees, not a return to the actual homes in Jerusalem and Jaffa from which they were driven in 1948. What will happen if they re-enter the right of return? I asked. He shook his head. “Then it’s hopeless.”

But there exists in Israel a far left that agrees with those on the right that the centre left, people like Rubinstein, are indeed deluded, that they have failed to comprehend that the bedrock of the Palestinians’ claim — the one that is enshrined in international law and which no politician can sign away on their behalf — is the right of return not just to their houses but to their land their coun- try. Once Israelis accept it, then the two-state solution becomes an in- terim stage on the way to the true destiny of the two peoples: a sin- gle state solution, one person, one vote, an end to ethnic dominance. I put this to Hillel Schenker, co- managing editor of the Palestine- Israel Journal, the only publication jointly edited and run by both Palestinians and Israelis.

“These views resonate abroad, particularly among radical Palestinians opposed to the PA [Palestinian Authority] and anti-Zionist leftists,” he said, “but there is absolutely no meaningful constituency in Israel that will respond to an international struggle for a single state.”

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Superficially, this may still look like an impossibly tall order. But easily the hardest part, — 99% of the difficulty, — may already have been overcome, — the great historical shift of the Third World masses: finally evolving and maturing to a point where they can no longer live any more under the grotesque inequalities and arbitrary murderous military tyranny of Western imperialist domination (see EPSR Box p82).

And while it still remains to be seen if this is what is really happening in the Middle East, the other crucial half of the key to history which materialist philosophy puts forward, — namely, the inability of the world’s rulers to rule on any longer in the old way either, — also looks interestingly poised.

For as well as imperialism’s leadership looking shifty and lacking confidence, the so-called “opposition” voices in the West are sounding almost as confused, irresolute, and fearful as history.

This could be the classic indication of the whole bourgeois class feeling threatened by history.

Which would be right. If this wholesale economic-slamplump catastrophe worldwide turns out to be what the struggle for Marxist understanding may be pointing to as imminent, — then the entire basis for the bourgeoisie’s whole existence as a class (ruling the Earth for 700 years) would indeed be facing termination.

No wonder Blair is so demodedly hammering away at his racist scare-stories about “Islamic extremism threatening all our lives” and other such insane inflammatory provocations.

Blair knows that such sick warmongering propaganda will ruin him politically if no mighty conflict takes place along these lines but the Western way of life is wrecked anyway. Yet he also knows that the “overproduction”-crisis economic realities, clearly condemning continued US-UK backing of the planet without successful war, will destroy the “British-way-of-life” anyway.

So the whole bourgeois game is in jeopardy, which is why the “opposition” parties in the joke “Parliament” basically support continued Western imperialist military tyranny all round the world, — jibbing for points-scoring reasons only at now this patronising domineering over the rest of the planet should take place, — not at the imperialist-system control itself.

And the same even applies to the supposed “alternative” to the mealy-mouthed formal “opposition” bourgeois parties, supplied by the petty-bourgeois fake-left.

Such monstrous frauds as the Sparts are still arguing for the Arab nationalists to be defeated in their resistance to the West’s Zionist-imperialist colonisation of Palestine in the post-1945 conspiracy (to make a “homeland” for Jewish monopoly finance capital in the Middle East, both to buy the Jews’ silence for the Holocaust treachery inflicted by the 1930s Western imperialist warmongering conspiracy, and to establish a permanent mailed-fist scourge of Arab nationalism throughout the Middle East by building up the Zionist colony as the fourth mightiest military power on Earth now).

Like all the fake-left stooges of Western imperialism, the Sparts use a stupid, superficial, fake-Marxist argument to justify their cowardly capitulation to Western nazi-blitzkrieg reality.

This declares that “the Hebrew nation, though not necessarily the Zionist state, clearly cannot be denied a right to exist” in the Middle East, but Arab nationalist extremist voices only talk about “eliminating” the Jewish presence from Palestine.

Hence the Sparts effectively throw their weight behind Western imperialism in backing the Zionist colonial genocide.

And sticking with imperialism, is, of course, their real position.

The “Hebrew nation” so-called only exists in Palestine because of the Zionist-imperialist colonial tyranny called “Israel” having been set up in the first place by the West’s monopoly-capitalist world domination post-1945.

If that imperialist premise is challenged consistenly, — as history is now doing, then this vicious genocidal Jewish colonisation clearly emerges as the total contradiction to the whole modern flow of history that it has in fact become, sticking in the throat of all human progress by being the last-ditch rallying point for American public opinion (and thus all international capitalist opinion) to continue backing the US imperialist warmongering holocaust on the whole middle East.

And the fake-left effortlessly expands this solidarity with Western imperialism by the branding of Arab and Muslim nationalist revolt as “terrorism” too, joining in the worldwide pro-American bourgeois claque which grovels to Washington’s diktat that “everyone must be either with us or against us in our condemnation of terrorism”.

As for the West’s insane “war on terrorism”, this ridiculous propaganda conspiracy (to portray the legitimacy of Third World anti-imperialists to struggle against Western tyranny (in any way they can or see fit) as some kind of “inhuman” monstrousness which the whole world “must condemn”, etc), — is rapidly falling apart.

This heroic anti-imperialist fight in Palestine, Iraq, and Afghanistan, frequently involving suicide bombings, hostage killing, and other acts of “inhuman extremism”, etc, is bound to spread worldwide eventually; and at some stage, billions of people will be proudly identifying with these pioneer struggles and declaring: “I am a terrorist too”.

Already, the scale of the revolt in all three against imperialist-colonisation has grown so big that sympathies are now shifting fast.

“Terrorist” or not, the Western monopoly bourgeois cold-blooded threat to “enforce order” no matter how widespread or popular the risings become, can only start to smack of one thing: “The more they revolt, the more of them we’re going to have to kill”; and already, such Nazi-terror identitification is being associated with American and Zionist ruthless tactics in all three wars. [...]Although a long way to go, imperialist defeat is in view.

Build Leninism. EPSR

Western monopoly capitalism’s brutal NAZI “shock & awe” tyranny swelling anti-imperialist resistance to revolutionary proportions. Deepening economic chaos will drive imperialism to its doom. Inevitable national liberation for the WHOLE of Palestine will play a key role. Zionist apologising for the West approaches insanity. Non-stop brutal massacre of Gaza prison-reservation for 1.2m ethnically cleansed Palestinians for daring to fight back for their stolen country only deepens imperialism’s grave. (No1233 18-05-04)

The US blitzkrieging is still a long way from serious defeat, the crucial turning point in history’s future, but neither is Western might effortlessly in charge of the world any longer. And as the EPSR will keep repeating, it is the incredible heroism of the Palestinians’ struggle against the genocidal
Construction of the huge wall that has split communities and families, and helped the Zionist steal yet more land and push the Palestinians into even further concentration camp conditions.
His latest degenerate imbecility is to weave a complex web of anti-Islamic sneers to try to do some "moral" point-scoring for the West to stem the avalanche of anti-torture and anti-prison-atrocity commentary which is dwarfing the imperialist warmongering in shame.

His sick line is that all over the Muslim world, countless women frequently get treated disgustingly.

Onto this insolent rigmarole, citing dozens of brutality cases, Aaronovitch alsoacks some hypocritical anti-Soviet muckraking (nauseating from an opportunist ex-student leader of the Stalinist CPGB) plus some cheap spinecurdling about the beheading of Nick Berg. This slimeball wordplay rests on the "morality" level of asking: "What would have been happening in Abu Ghraib and elsewhere had the invasion not taken place?"

This is the colonial tyranny mentality throughout the ages. "If we weren't here, they'd only be butchering each other as usual, etc..."

To which the only "democratic" answer is "Why not let them get on with it in that case, rather than cover the world with Western colonial empires to do the butchery for them?"

Which is precisely the only rational answer to these provocative questions about how some women sometimes get treated in some Islamic cultural circumstances.

Firstly, there are horribly backward cultural traditions in every society.

Secondly, what worthwhile route to progress is there other than stepping up world cultural interchange, experience, and information, and let the growing improved standards steadily permeate voluntarily thro'out the whole of international society???

To which we know the Zionist-US imperialist answer, of course— "No Bomb the bastards, and steal their country". Aaronovitch's final flourish is so monstrously biased and sickening that his "Observer" platform needs to start being decorated with swastikas.

In the crassest false comparison yet between what was done to Nick Berg in a Baghdad back alley by crazed and frustrated primitive resistance to US imperialism's bullying, domineering, and humiliating invasion and occupation... and the conscious, planned, systematic "shock and awe" devastation of Iraq by the most powerful and richest Empire that has ever ruled the Earth, – Aaronovitch degenerately inquires with false naïvety: "Do we really believe that it is the same thing accidentally to kill a civilian with a bomb as it is to cut off his head on camera???"

No, for any remotely sane and civilised mind, it is obviously Nazism of the most depraved and murderous cynicism to pretend that the "shock and awe" blitzkrieg paralysing Iraq and massacring 15,000 of its citizens at its first go, was "accidental".

To play Aaronovitch's silly word games and to help this disgusting freak out, let us assume for argument's sake that the savage beheading of a "civilian" had taken place first; and that the blitzkrieg massacre of 15,000 Iraqis had only occurred as "retaliation for this barbarism, to teach them civilised and democratic ways", etc, etc.

In which case why has the loathsome Saudi feudal dynasty not been blitzkrieged into paralysis, massacring 15,000 of its citizens, where ritual public beheadings by sword routinely take place,— frequently of totally innocent women victims of Islamic brutality which Aaronovitch pretends to care so much about??????

Because, like Aaronovitch, the Saudis have always supported the "right" of US imperialism to maintain its arbitrary world military tyranny. It suits their feudal despotism down to the holy Islamic ground.

His final justification for the brutalisation of Afghanistan and Iraq, by "shock and awe" massacres and devastation, touches on insanity.

This heavyweight apologist for the "white man's burden" school of "civilising" the natives (as "justification" for the non-stop terror inflicted by overwhelming US and Zionist superior force) demands to know "then what the hell is it all for?" to a challenge that different international cultures should stop blitzkrieging each other.

"Why tell the Mississippi folk how to treat their 'nigras'? Ain't that cultural? And wouldn't it have been less imperialistic of Robinson Crusoe to tell Man Friday that he ought to go back to the cannibals because, on the whole, it would be better for him to be eaten?"

In the insulting simplistic crudeness of these two "moral" examples for letting pro-imperialist Western creeps feel less uncomfortable about the lying mercenary barbarism of the recolonising onslaught on Iraq, (complete with torture and massacre atrocities, in the "good old imperialistic style" presumably, from Aaronovitch's point of view), – this currently large and unsavoury presence in the pro-imperialist media (TV, radio, and newspapers) moronically shoots down his own childish "moral examples" in the most breathtaking idiotic self-contradiction.

Proposition: The West colonised the entire planet in order to save the Third World from cannibalism (the Man Friday "example" of the West's role in history)????

So how come there were 'Nigras' on the Mississippi in the first place (to kick his other "Moral example" up the backside which is all it deserves)????

Even the cheap "point" Aaronovitch tries to make (that "of course all civilised outsiders would properly want to intervene in Mississippi folks' affairs to stop the vicious Redneck tyranny over the 'Nigras'") to "justify" this blitzkrieg on Iraq,— only emphasises the schoolboy silliness of Aaronovitch's "moralising" by ridiculously abstract "logic".

The main issue in the South was not 'nosey neighbour' interference but the huge White Nation, the most powerful and advanced civilisation in history and the de facto world leader, still allowing 300 years of slavery barbarism to rule on in Southern attitudes,— a phenomenon properly disgusting the whole civilised world. And it is that same White Nation (i.e. monopoly-imperialist interests of all colours and faiths, sheltering behind the Washington blitzkrieging juggernaut), barbarically kicking the people of Iraq, Afghanistan, and, by proxy, Palestine, around now, which is appalling all civilised people today.

Aaronovitch represents the most blatant crude Zionist self-justification of genocidal colonial barbarism, nothing more.

And Saddam/Stalin??? The truly civilised never supported either. It was only the nastiest opportunist cynicism, ignorance, and naiveté, such as now festers poisonous in the coalition of US brutal imperialism with British fake-'left' apologists, which could turn a blind eye when it suited these "moralisers" in the past, for their different reasons.

Real civilisation needs to get things right,— such as 99% of what the Soviet workers state brilliantly achieved in its 70 years of development.

It takes stupidity and viciousness of an extremely unpleasant kind to still insist that this monstrous catastrophic mess which Western imperialist recolonisation is making in Palestine, Afghanistan, and Iraq is "getting things right".

It is screaming out to the whole world that it is "wrong, wrong, wrong", — and it cannot succeed, or last much longer. Can the USA "pull out" from so deep in the mess now???, — as is being predicted???

Of course any specific imperialist power-juggling can always be realigned on country-by-country details.

But the American Empire giving up its blitzkrieging total domination of the world????

Think again. Complete defeat and humiliation for the Western imperialist system's 800-year world-rule main economic and political structures is the only possible way forward for civilisation. Build Leninism.
LETTERS: The homosexual disruption of a Palestinian political demo against Zionist tyranny in London last week demonstrates the EPSR's point that single-issue reformism (feminism, black nationalism, etc) will be the last refuge of anti-communism, and will provide history with the most reactionary last-ditch defenders of the monopoly-imperialist "free world" system in its final counter-revolutionary debacles.

When the "personal became the political", it was endless variants of extreme individualist philosophy which were being deliberately aggressively promoted.

Forget the pretence that society "hated" having to accommodate improved rights for women, ethnic minorities, homosexuals, etc, etc.

Just the opposite. Temporary conservative lifestyle discomforts apart, the culture shock was quickly adjusted to by Big Business, the media, and bourgeois politics, and quickly taken advantage of via "political correctness" bureaucracy, Blair's Babes, the Pink Pound, and a huge new pool of "entertainment" clichés for the soaps, game shows, etc. An extreme right-wing suspicion as far as these homosexuals are concerned who are only interested in their own message.

Such extreme anti-communist individualism could not care less that by underlining this key anti-imperialist struggle in the world, the rebirth of international socialist revolutionary perspectives is further delayed.

Some personal homosexual agendas believe that reformism has served their interests, and just want more reforms, not revolution.

Their counter-demonstration was 100% politically reactionary. And with their single-issue agitation driven 99% by powerful subjective motives, then in the coming world era of communist revolution, reactionariness is bound to be the perceived character of more and more of this "personal" politics.

In the Newsnight TV studio later, Tatchell, goaded by the BBC, kept up his "homophobia" provocations in all directions, particularly relishing, of course, dishing out anti-Zimbabwe abuse and more anti-Palestine abuse as being obviously the most offensively provocative, (being currently among the greatest world victims of imperialist tyranny and vilification).

The SWP's Lindsey German was totally cowed, terrified that she would get branded "homophobic" too, and so her vague attempt to admonish Tatchell for disruptive tactics on the "left" was swept aside, virtually incoherent.

A Marxist explanation of the need to isolate the main enemy and singlemindedly put off all other issues in order to concentrate on death or victory there would have been lost, of course, on both of these rival varieties of single-issue opportunist anti-communism, but at least the SWP occasionally shows enough sense to at least stick to one issue at a time (however pointlessly reformistically) such as "stop the war" or "overthrow Castro for building state capitalism", etc, etc, throughout a 60-year record of anti-Soviet counter-revolutionary harmlessness and treachery.

But German dare not tell Tatchell anything pejorative about a tendency towards extreme and unbalanced individualism. Nor dare she try to explain that the rejection decades ago in the West of the crude medieval traditions of persecuting homosexuals for public consumption (whatever went on in private within the ruling class) would never necessarily develop in all cultures into an acceptance of the homosexual condition as "normal". Plently in the West will still put up an argument, for example, against gay adoption; and many would argue for a crisper assessment of the sexual histories and orientations of candidates for work in the schools service, or in orphanages and children's homes, etc, etc.

Too many crimes have been committed in local government where suspects have been protected by a PC claque against "homophobia" for it ever to be possible for many people ever to agree automatically with the homosexual lobby's insistence that heterosexual and homosexual orientations must always be regarded as completely equal.

But whatever arguments might be relevant for Palestinian cultural improvement on such matters in ideal circumstances, to publicly upbraid Palestinian "homophobic" backwardness at this critical moment of history, - wrecking a London demonstration at a time when the Palestinian cause gets little enough good publicity or any fair hearing at all, - is not only unbalanced, it shows an unhinged readiness and capacity for criminal political treachery.

If it gave rise to a Palestine-wide outburst of homophobic abuse in Tatchell's direction, who could be surprised.

This homosexual exhibitionism contains an even nastier philosophical core of unique egocentric viciousness. What is claimed is the
"right" to agitate for a belief or a cause above all other considerations. This is not only destructive in practice, as shown, but sick mentally, as the solipsistic absolute inevitably taxing homosexual personalties moulded in time's extremely subjective torment and struggle, growing up in an invariably hostile and nasty heterosocial world.

This is true of all "human rights" extremists, and is close to the bedrock of all single-issue political fanaticism.

It was the real philosophical driving force of 99% of all the "left" criticism and "left" reformism in history which populated the West pretending to have a "positive" and "friendly" attitude towards the Soviet workers state.

It is what has automatically taken the "left" so far to the right today that on issues like Solidarnosc, Kosovo, 9/11, and Palestine, the "left" has provided imperialism with the "left" criticism and "left" reformism in history which populated the West pretending to have a "positive" and "friendly" attitude towards the Soviet workers state.

What was the "left" screaming hysterically about??? Its "absolute" hatred and fear, under petty-bourgeois conditioning, of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

In their real agendas, the "left" are of a mind with Tatchell today over Palestine, fearing the proletarian dictatorship movement so obviously in the making, and the NAZI-warmingour murderous butchery and tyranny which is all that the post-1945 Zionist invasion has meant in practice, or could ever mean this side of the world socialist revolution.

Many "lefts" like Scargill are so brain-dead from "principles" that they even denounce Palestinian suicide bombers, tragically seen by some Palestinians as their last despairing chance to strike a blow back for their people against an utter ruthlessness and overwhelming tyranny.

Parrelling Lindsey German's cowed ineffectiveness, few on the "left" will try or even want to tackle the homosexual disruption of the Palestinians' political struggle. All round, the fake "left" much prefers to support the totally abstract world of "absolute rights", as far away from the unavoidably brutal realities of the dictatorship of the proletariat as it is possible to get.

Tatchell's even weirder "left" posturing sticks to one issue too, of course, – the determination to force the whole world to say that it is "normal" when a person's psycho-sexual emotional development ends up in same-sex attraction.

The vastly talented and single-minded homosexual lobby has made itself the target of the EPSR's agitational analysis (when otherwise the issue could be left a matter of biological/social science and private human conduct, – once all the age-old barbaric victimisation of homosexuals has been outgrown) by its own obsessive-emotional need to hear society declare homosexuality "normal".

This manic pursuit is not merely inherently disruptive (wrecking pro-Palestinian demonstrations, for example) but can only ever guarantee a perpetual emotional self-torment for homosexuals.

A "left"-backed PC tyranny means that ludicrously mis-leading statistical claims get made about the real strength, significance, and frequency of "homosexual behaviour" throughout the natural species, but never get challenged. The revolution which the human society, potentially interesting inquiries like whether the incidence, prominence, combativeness, and attention-seeking of homosexuality accumulates during historical periods of increasing ruling-class-system decline and decline, reflecting the general loss of drive, confidence and purpose in the leadership of society, – are less likely to be made for fear of homophobic reaction.

The possibilities that decadent fashions and culture generated up-for homosexuality themes might spread more readily during such eras of the falling-apart of the major international ruling-class, – and the significance of this, cannot even be examined.

Political and professional homosexual freemasonries are now as prevalent as every other kind of jobs-for-the-boys mafias, but do not get reported-on or investigated nearly as frequently as alternative bent networks for fear of the homophobic outcry... For speaking out some time ago over the Mark Trotter case in Hackney where this homosexual borough official for children's homes spent 10 years sexually preying on orphans and homeless infants before dying of AIDS, protected through countless publicised doubts, half-hearted police crackdowns, and nascent intrusive inquiries about his suitability and trustworthiness for such a post, entirely by the "no homosexuality" hue-and-cry raised by the local Labour leadership "politically correct" worthies, – the EPSR has had a strange political club of pot-smokers, homosexuals, and Zionists called the CPGB on its case. Trotter even got himself promoted by sucking up smartly to the Labour Party politically.

Similar scandals went on until exposed in other London boroughs, but none of this has ever interested the propaganda subtleties of this peculiar sect's parroting, who are inspired to this animosity by the most virulent but best hidden anti-communism imaginable, but who choose to keep this 8-year-old record playing alleging homophobia.

They have just excelled themselves with two major anti-EPSR blasts in two issues on this same old theme, – so bizarrely that a correspondence has even now started up in the Weekly Worker, (see below) with an amused bystander wondering if this fanatical editorial obsession is entirely healthy. It is a losing game, more to the point.

Whoever these oddballs are, who emerged from the Stalinist brain-dead milieu of the old Communist Party as it was collapsing like a long total anti-revolutionary paralysis, – emerged oddly posturing as the greatest Leninist revolutionary theoreticians ever to have held a party card, – they will only oddball their way from political debacle to political debacle.

The anti-communist idiosyncrasies of these "revolutionary" frauds are what bystanders really want to check out on the EPSR's online archive (there in scores of examples about the CPGB and all the rest of the fake "left"), not the subsidi-ary questions of how they all capitulate to single-issue reformist bandwagonning.

But on this exaggeration of abstract "absolute rights" too, their anti-communist fanaticism will end in bitter confusion also, as this scandalous homosexual attack on the Palestinian cause in practice demonstrates.

And this CPGB is routinely in the wrong itself on all these issues, helping imperialist propaganda put the boot into Palestinian "terrorist methods", and actually insulting the Palestinians by refusing to reopen the whole ludicrous 1947 question as to why the United Nations allowed the imperialist racket in the first place of recolonising part of the Middle East with Western imperialist influences so as to keep the Arab world permanently divided and ruled; and still peddling the ridiculous tyranny of a "two-state solution" which

a) still means the Palestinian land has been colonised; and

b) is an impossibility anyway since Zionism would never relinquish its domineering position of overwhelming military superiority.

Naturally, the Weekly Worker has nothing to say against this outrageous nonsense, content to make it difficult for the Palestinians to protest at the ongoing genocidal butchery
since 1945 by millions of invading colonising Jews who have now ethnically cleansed 85% of the Arab people from what had been their homeland for 5,500 years, twice as long as England has been the home of the English. Where in 1945 there was only Palestine, now there is “Israel and the Occupied Territories”.

To the 15% still not yet usurped, now just a patchwork of refugee-camps, barbed-wire reservations, and hacked-up plots crisis-created by the strategic Zionist military highways, permanent watchtowers, or the gigantic imprisoning wall which turns what’s left of Palestine into just one giant dungeon, – the 8-million strong Palestinian nation now looks utterly pointless for a homeland.

Even if the Jewish monopolistic-imperialist system is finally forced by its American Empire guarantors to retreat a fraction to some earlier lines of conquest, still only 20% of their land is all that will be available for a Palestinian “state” making it doubly a joke since Zionist-imperialist military control will always maintain overall sovereignty.

And now the turmoil in Gaza against Arafatism looks like major revolutionary development towards proletarian-dictatorship politics, as the EPSR has always explained must happen.

The single-issue anti-communist extremist mentality of Tatchell and the CPGB will now find vastly more rough-and-ready edges on mass Palestinian culture to stage their provocative disruptions against; but real supporters of anti-imperialist revolution will eagerly be watching for Bolshevik tendencies developing out of this tumult, – proclaiming revolution, and denouncing all single-issue reformists everywhere for the essential class collaborative stogies of the Western “free world” status quo that they represent. Build Leninism. EPSR supporters.

Correspondence polemic with Weekly Worker following the above on Palestine and “gay rights”.

(No 1242 20-07-04)

Letter to the Weekly Worker readers (in case it doesn’t get printed there in full or at all, which is usually the case):–

Terry Starr of Bristol (Letters, July 15) is not quite right.

The EPSR is as hostile to the underlying politics of gay rights campaigning as it has always been to all single-issue reformist protests (feminism, black nationalism, environmentalism, anti-racism, etc.) believing this whole movement to be the last resting place of anti-communist philosophy which hates and fears dictatorships of the proletariat politics but is too cowardly to say so.

Dream on if you think that reforms have banished racism, or reduced violence, or made for happier families, or replaced drugs and booze for discontented youth, or taught society to really value all people equally, or stopped the misery of discriminated-against minorities of all kinds, or improved the environment, or stopped international imperialist tyranny.

The EPSR believes along with Marx and Lenin that this imperialist world is on a course of total cultural degeneration and breakdown due to the impossible and ever-increasing contradictions in the daily global reality of its grotesquely unequal class-dominated economic life.

Your silence on the homosexual disruption of a recent Palestinian protest in London shows you are as cowed by single-issue PC absolutism as Lindsey German was by Peter Tatchell, fearing a “homophobic” branding, in the Newsnight TV studio arguing about this monstrously reactionary provocation.

You share all single-issue reformers’ contempt for the revolutionary aspects of Palestinian “terrorism”. But the Gaza developments show that dictatorship-of-the-proletariat politics is the future, not your infamous “two-state solution” which the treacherous Arafat peddled out of the Revisionism he learned from CPSU and CPGB Stalinism which spawed you too.

You should explain to Terry Starr that you keep up this not-quite-accurate charge of homophobia because you have not a clue how to answer 25 years of polemics with which the EPSR has exposed your anti-communism.

(No 1247 09-09-04)*****

Gay plot

The Economic and Philosophic Science Review’s Royston Bull

is perfectly entitled to critique the manner of gay activist groups’ participation (not counter-demo) in May’s Palestinian Solidarity march (Letters, May 21). The PSC, Outrage and others passionately debated the issue in the Morning Star at the time. He’s also entitled to attack what he perceives as left “reformism” – radical currents, including Class War, Green Anarchist and the Spartacist League all make similar criticisms. He’s even entitled to praise the “brutal” nature of the forthcoming dictatorship of the proletariat (although few will share his admiration).

But Mr Bull cannot continue to use his newsletter to peddle his mangled 1940s pop-psychology view of homosexuals. In response to the Weekly Worker’s charge of homophobia, Bull dedicated nearly half of his July 20 issue to an unflattering portrayal of gay men (curiously lesbians and the transgendered appear not to figure in his equations). Credit where it’s due – Bull does allow that post-revolutionary sexual expression should be a matter of personal choice, but asserts overall that:

• homosexuals display “vicious” individualism;
• homosexuals have stifled open debate on the nature of their “condition”;
• homosexuals have exaggerated their historical and social presence;
• professional homosexuals are operating an “old boys club” in the corridors of power;
• homosexuality itself is a ruling class-degenerating state, linked to the decay of late capitalism.

These are serious allegations – indeed they amount to the presence of a homosexual conspiracy, which is more than either the National Front or the BNP claim. Curiously though, scant evidence is offered by Mr Bull to back up his claims. The tale of a paedophile allegedly protected by a council’s equality policy, and insinuations from Private Eye magazine and outlandish TV programme Bo Selecta do not a watertight argument make. Indeed they point to utter desperation.

The Weekly Worker (pot-smoking, homosexual Zionists, according to the EPSR, so heaven alone knows what he makes of the Alliance for Workers’ Liberty!) should invite Bull to present his evidence for this interpretation of human sexuality. He has the chance to persuade the rest of the left that we were wrong to move away from what a previous correspondent described as the “pseudo-Freudian” explanations of gays (Letters, July 14).

Or maybe it’s just that the EPSR is now supreme in its isolation, at war with every other current of left thought, and destined to languish in obscurity, screaming deranged abuse to a non-existent readership.

Sion Griffiths Aberystwyth

Sion Griffiths avoids the real challenge to the ‘personal’ politics of the fake-’left’ raised by the Economic and Philosophic Science Review (Letters, August 5).

This accuses single-issue reformism (feminism, black nationalism, gay rights, etc) in the very first paragraph of being “the last refuge of anti-communism, which will provide history with the most reactionary, last-ditch defenders of the monopoly-imperialist ‘free world’ system in its final counter-revolutionary débâcles. When the personal became the political, it was endless variants of extreme individualist philosophy which were being deliberately aggressively promoted...”

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‘human rights’ became more successful than ever as a battering ram for the western imperialist controllers’ non-stop worldwide propaganda priority to wipe out communism.”

The EPSR’s point was made in a letter to the Weekly Worker. “The evidence that reforms have banished racism, or reduced violence, or made for happier families, or replaced drugs and booze for discontented youth, or taught individualist nihilism, or replaced drugs and booze for discontented youth, or taught individualist nihilism, or reduced violence, or stopped inter-racial violence, or wiped out communism.”

It is typical of the subjective politics now dominant that Sion Griffiths ignores this crisis of the left in order to make a venomous personal attack because of only seeing some insult to homosexuality in the EPSR piece. But there is no insult; and the real phenomenon of homosexuality itself as such is not the issue. The cynical individualist nihilism of some gay politics (and many other single-issue philosophies) is the problem, typified by the sabotage of the Palestinian march to air the personal feelings of hurt homosexuals.

The EPSR responds to Mr Bull’s. “Mr Bull calls for ‘a total Palestinian victory over the whole post-1945 Jewish/imperialist colonisation attempt’ (Letters, September 2).”

As an anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist Jew, I have not been invited to take part. Perhaps Mr Bull can provide the address, so that I can claim my share of the benefits that I have gained from this conspiracy.

Roland Rance email

All Zionist?

Roland Rance in his witty note is presumably asking that the post-1945 ethnic cleansing of Palestine be termed “Zionist/imperialist colonisation” as opposed to “Jewish/imperialist” – telling us that he as a Jew has not benefited from this conspiracy yet (Letters, September 9): the implication is that the millions of Jews now occupying Palestine must obviously all be Zionists, and that no Jews in the rest of the world get any benefit or comfort at all from the building of the state of Israel into an enormous military power and the most dollar aided country on earth.

That anyone can have such naive delusions would be slightly more credible if Roland Rance could be heard denouncing the foundation of the state of Israel and all its works.

Royston Bull Manchester

Patronising Bull

Royston Bull offensively suggests that my “naive delusions would be slightly more credible” (if I) could be heard denouncing the foundation of the state of Israel and all its works” (Letters, September 16).

I don’t intend here to detail my 28 years of active campaigning against Zionism and for Palestinian rights. The fact that Mr Bull is unaware of this says more about his lack of involvement in this struggle than it does about me. This lack of involvement is reflected in the remainder of his ignorant comments about the Middle East, and about the presumed benefit to Jews of Zionist oppression.

Mr Bull’s letter appears beneath one from my friend Tony Greenstein, outlining the Zionist sympathies of the Alliance for Workers’ Liberty. Like Tony, I have been denounced by the AWL as an anti-semite; like him, I have been banned from campuses as a result of Zionist pressure, backed by the AWL, like him, I have been reviled by the Jewish Chronicle and other elements of the official leadership of the Jewish community in Britain. I do not need any patronising remarks from Jew-hating bigots about my naivety and lack of involvement.

My Respect branch has now submitted a policy motion opposing Zionism and supporting Palestinian return to the forthcoming Respect conference. Some Weekly Worker readers may disagree with the call for a unitary, secular and democratic Palestine; but, even if you oppose this clause, I hope that you will back the rest of the motion. In particular, the statement that “Respect opposes Zionism as a political movement whose aim is the dispossession of the Palestinian people. Respect denies the false equation of anti-Zionism with anti-semitism, and will oppose any attempt to ascribe collective responsibility to Jews for the crimes of the Israeli state and the Zionist movement.”

Roland Rance email

Murky waters

If the Weekly Worker’s dedication to ‘free expression’ must extend to the rantings of the deranged Royston Bull, he should not get away with slandering comrades, whether from naivety or ignorance.

Back in the days when Bull was relatively sane, we both worked on the daily News Line, published by Gerry Healy’s Workers Revolutionary Party. Then and after the WRP was keen on supporting the Palestinian cause (indeed, I was asked to join the paper because of my interest in the Middle East, and also wrote in the Labour Review on Zionism). But I do not recall Royston Bull taking any active part in such campaigning, then or later.

Perhaps this helps explain his assertion that criticism of his anti-Jewish remarks “would be slightly more credible if Roland Rance could be heard denouncing the foundation of the state of Israel and all its works.” I don’t always agree with Roland, but anyone involved in Palestinian solidarity and anti-Zionist work would know his record of active opposition to the Zionist state and “all its works”, both here and in Palestine. He should not have to lower himself to reply to the likes of Bull, who appears to have only discovered Palestine by way of his voyage into neo-Stalinism. It seems Royston Bull has not considered the part played by the late Joseph Stalin and his foreign minister Gromyko in supporting partition in Palestine and arming the Israeli state to drive out Palestinians. The Soviet Union itself had used ethnic-cleansing – for instance, the mass deportations of Chechens. Twenty million Soviet citizens perished in the war against fascism; but in Russia today, ravaged by ruthless capitalism, we have the obscenity of Stalin’s traitor carried along side Hitler’s by the brown-red alliance, and a former Ku Klux Klan leader welcomed by nationalists and so-called communists to proclaim war on “dark-skinned peoples” and “Zionists”. Maybe history is being rewritten.

Royston Bull’s reference to overturning the “post-1945 Jewish/imperialist settlement” suggests he has drifted into very murky waters.

Charlie Pottins email

Into the sea

In reply to Charlie Pottins and Roland Rance, the issue is about political understanding, not boasts about who does what or grotesque distortions about who did what (Letters, September 23).

Rollin Ally - Jews and others - claim to be “anti-Zionist” or even for a “unitary secular state covering the entire 1945 land of Palestine” without being at all prepared to denounce the “founding of a home for Jews in the Middle East” as one of the foulest acts of imperialist hypocrisy ever, and certainly as the most endlessly poisonous colonisation of all time.

Currently, that Western imperialist stunt to achieve a militarised toehold permanently in the Middle East which has used ethnic cleansing to grounds of colonialism, ethnic cleansing, etc is providing the American empire with just
the sort of perpetual provocation and unbearable armed back-up that it needs to keep its planned warmongering offensive in the region on the boil.

Without returning to these sick postwar decisions – about, such as is contained in the evil fraud called ‘the two-state solution’.

Utopian make-believe can pretend that one day the Jews will accept the dismantling of ‘Israel’ for Rance’s ‘unitary, democratic, and secular Palestine’ and happily budgy up, ‘supporting Palestinian return’ to their entire 1945 positions and post-colonial expectations; but the reality of the modern Zionist-imperialist juggernaut and its whole history proves this will never happen without war. But the prospect of endless Middle East warmongering is here already, relentlessly worsening, as the paranoia American empire seems to enjoy the world economic crisis deepens. In this uncontrollable-war perspective, the only serious anti-imperialist position is to be for the west’s defeat, including driving this rotten Zionist stink into the sea.

Legion abuse about “Jew-hating bigots” won’t alter this political understanding. Monstrous personal insults about “de-rated”, “brown-red murky waters”, “neo-Stalinism” and the like only betray ignorance of the weekly output for 25 years of the Economic and Philosophic Science Review, and the intertemporar immaturity of the slandering.

The actual history of Healy’s Workers Revolutionary Party tells a different story from Pottins’ wretched cover-up. Six years before its collapse in a rape, embezzlement and brutality scandal, Healy had to call a special, ‘timeless’ congress in 1979 to quell a long-standing revolt against the increasingly shallow and opportunist political degeneracy, linked to Healy’s personal corruption which was finally exposed in 1985 by his own complicit inner-party circles when the rottenness had self-destructed into bankruptcy.

Two Workers Press journalists were at the heart of that revolt, increasingly challenging Healy’s growing opportunism over the betrayal of the Portuguese revolution, backing Saddam Hussein; condoning the massacre of the Iraqi Communist Party; downplaying the ‘winter of discontent’; welcoming Khomeini’s stealing of the Iranian revolution; and so forth.

The 1979 special congress crushed the revolt and throughout it not one of the ‘heroes’ of the 1952 party-corruption showdown dared to utter a peep against Healy’s degeneracy, Banda included, all loyally barking that growing political backwardness to the end. And Pottins? Royston Bull Manchester (No 1569 09-11-04) Insane abuse.

The interesting thing about the continued ‘anti-semitic’ insane abuse is that it makes the political challenge undermining the fake-left so clear (Letters, October 28).

A world of six billion is in a historical systemic crisis such as a drying mode of production (via unresolvable accumulated internal contradictions - Karl Marx).

Leaving the world to be run by the greed of the capitalist monopolies can never stop resulting in periodic crises where trade-war destruction must rule, and to which the only antidote is Revolution and a strong workers state, --- as these essentials of Marxist-Leninist science explain. Only the crisis events of collapsing imperialist rule interpreted in this Marxist-Leninist light will educate a mass workers party of leadership to do the necessary tasks. The Revisionist retreat from the Soviet workers state because of crawling to shallow Western glitz and shame at their own past bureaucratic mistakes has only proved the soundness of Lenin’s State & Revolutions science about a very long period of proletarian dictatorship being the only way for the world to see-off monopoly imperialist warmongering, now back with a vengeance.

It is often said and written that the main point in Marx’s teachings is the class struggle; but this is not true. And from this untruth very often springs the opportunist distortion of Marxism, its falsification in such a way as to make it acceptable to the bourgeoisie. For the doctrine of the class struggle was created not by Marx, but by the bourgeoisie before Marx, and generally speaking it is acceptable to the bourgeoisie. Those who recognise only the class struggle are not yet Marxists; they may be found to be still within the boundaries of bourgeois thinking and bourgeois politics. To confine Marxism to the doctrine of the class struggle means curtailing Marxism, distorting it, reducing it to something which is acceptable to the bourgeoisie. Only he is a Marxist who extends the recognition of the class struggle to the recognition of the dictatorship of the proletariat. This is what constitutes the most profound difference between the Marxist and the ordinary petty (as well as big) bourgeoisie. This is the touchstone on which the real understanding and recognition of Marxism is to be tested. And it is not surprising that when the history of Europe brought the working class face to face with this question as a practical issue, not only all the opportunists and reformists, but all the “Kautskyites” (people who vacillate between reformism and Marxism) proved to be miserable philistines and petty-bourgeois democrats who repudiate the dictatorship of the proletariat.

For many a decade past, wrote Marx and Engels in the Communist Manifesto of 1848, the “history of industry and commerce is but the history of the revolt of modern productive forces against modern conditions of production, against the property relations that are the conditions for the existence of the bourgeoisie and of its rule. It is enough to mention the commercial crises that by their periodical return put the existence of the entire bourgeois society on trial, each time more threatening. In these crises a great part, not only of the existing products, but also of the previously created productive forces, are periodically destroyed. In these crises there breaks out an epidemic that, in all earlier epochs, would have seemed an absurdity - the epidemic of overproduction. Society suddenly finds itself put back into a state of momentary barbarism; it appears as if a famine, a universal war of devastation had cut off the supply of every means of subsistence; industry and commerce seem to be destroyed. And why? Because there is too much civilisation, too much means of subsistence, too much industry, too much commerce. The productive forces at the disposal of society no longer tend to further the development of the conditions of bourgeois property; on the contrary...they have become too powerful for these conditions, by which they are fettered, and so soon as they overcome these fetters, they bring disorder into the whole of bourgeois society, endanger the existence of bourgeois property. The conditions of bourgeois society are too narrow to comprise the wealth created by them.”

The conditions of bourgeois democracy very often compel us to take a stand on a multitude of small and petty reforms, but we must be able, or learn, to take such a position on these reforms. (in such a manner) that - to oversimplify the matter for the sake of clarity - five minutes of every half-hour speech are devoted to reforms and twenty-five minutes to the coming revolution. (Lenin Dec 1916: Principles involved in the war issue.)
Arafatism is dead. Much more Palestinian war-resistance now inevitable – Revolution-war-resistance (No1257 16-11-04).

Arafat, the “uncompromising” nationalist, who lifelong hoped for some sort of halfway compromise deal with the Western imperialist Zionist war would be the answer to this very specific postwar monopoly-imperialist Middle East colonisation conspiracy, always meant that the Palestinian people would never get even any “real” scraps of laughable “compromise-justice” along the humiliating and idiotic “two-state-solution” bourgeois-utopian daydream lines, to which the whole world’s fake-“left” has ludicrously continued to subscribe (from the United Nations to the Trotskyites and Stalinists, and anti-communist nationalist out of grotesque ideological-idealist ignorance and blindness, – the incurable tendency of spontaneous petty-bourgeois opportunist “thinking” worldwide.

Arafat’s huge compromising influence has been dying for years, in total confusion on all sides, – except for in the cynical Nazi minds of the long-term American Empire warmongering neo-cons and their utterly dedicated Jewish-Zionist co-conspirators, – who always knew that there would never be any kind of “justice” for Palestine, and who always knew that the Palestinian nation would have to be kept under repression-prison conditions endlessly, – (if not genocidally where killing them all would be the only “final solution”).

Only occasional clarity, among militant-combative groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad and other confused “Islamic revolutionary nationalists”, – has broken away in recent years from the compromising petty-bourgeois chaos to realise at last that Jewish NAZI-Zionism, backed by the American Empire, had always known, – and dementedly and gleefully willed, – that there could never be any justice, democracy, or independence for the Palestinian nation, ever in history, and that only conditions of permanent murderous imprisonment (and possibly genocidal too) could be imposed on the Palestinian people, – effectively wiping them out as a nation, just as the American Empire did to nearly 200 native American-Indian nations to create US imperialism in the first place (and other imperialisms did too, all round the world).

At enormous and heroic sacrifice, such “Islamic terrorist” influences have tried to bring the world to its senses and at last realise what imperialist NAZI-Zionist permanent warmongering tyranny had been imposed by the West on the Middle East (and hence onto the whole planet, – permanently).

And apart from the particularly sick, humiliating, ignorant treatment of Arafat personally that 90% of Jewish-Zionism has always relished (unopposed by the rest of the West), – there is now the huge joke “problem” that Marwan Barghouti, the only conceivable “compromise” follower of Arafatism as “acceptable” to enough Palestinians in order to dress up some rotten “final” capitulation sell-out of the Palestinian nation as a just settlement, – is on currently a term of five “life sentences” deep in a Zionist torture-dungeon somewhere. (And Abbas and Dahlan, the British Foreign Office favourite, were booted out of Ramallah last night as “American agents”).

So the whole degenerate imperialist neo-colonialist-tyranny issue will now merge back into the general international-imperialist warmongering neo-con American-Empire-crisis blitzkrieging for its likely ultimate resolution.

And as the EPSR’s grasp of Marxist-Leninist scientific history (the only science of history of civilisation) knows, the world remains on course for the greatest imperialist warmongering humiliation and defeat of all time, – worse than created the revolutionary crises of Franco-Prussia, World War I, and World War II, when the revolutionary proletariat actually effectively under-ran and brutality destroyed (in a very limited way) the system has not the firepower and nastiness to prevent World War I, but which, under Kautsky’s ridiculous light-minded influence, actually effectively undermined the level of stupidity which dismantled the physical European Empires in the first place (only to sink back, under neo-colonial exploitation tyranny due to Stalinist stupidity worldwide, and nationalist idiocy and corruption).

The whole world is now re-learning that the EPSR has always explained what one day must and will be re-learned by the whole planet, – that the only science of purposeful world development is Marxist-Leninist proletarian-dictatorship science (but it must be given time to overcome its rotten capitalist origins, and to learn from its continuing (for a while) weaknesses and mistakes).

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way for the world to now solve all its problems" – but hostility and resistance to this insanity only keeps spreading all round the Third World which is where the next great proletarian revolutionary breakthrough for civilisation will be stimulated...

...As should now be obvious, there is no "solution" to the political/economic crisis of the declining American Empire, from just arbitrarily massacring a few "rogue states" or replacing an existing "failed and out-of-control" stooge regime (Saddam for 35 years) with a more pliant (but just as potentially nasty and corrupt) better-trained CIA agent (Allawi).

The American Empire's problems lie in the strengths of rival imperialisms, and that is why this warmongering insanity now inflicted on the planet by dominant world imperialist Westernism, must end up in inter-imperialist WWIII.

Because as should be obvious, there is no "economic" solution to these impossible contradictions of the out-of-control monopoly-imperialist exploitation-bullying system just from forcing a few "disrespectful" or "uppity" so-called "rogue states" or "failed states", or a few small Middle East (or elsewhere) raw materials suppliers even more tightly under the American Empire's control as is happening now to Iraq and as is threatened to a number of the more "independent-minded" or outspokenly anti-imperialist states like Iran, Syria, North Korea, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Myanmar, Cuba, Venezuela, Haiti, etc., etc., etc., etc., – and has just been attempted via an openly criminal fascist-NAZI coup [on Equatorial Guinea - ed] by of all places, – the world’s "oldest and greatest democracy" – Blair-led Britain, (which never stops brainwashing the public about how Britain's "purpose in the world" is only to "ensure the rule of law everywhere", and to never dream of illegal or criminal underhand NAZI military action if it is not "solely for the purpose" of "restoring full democratic control of their lives to the local population")...

Now the lying scum Blair and Straw cannot even open their mouths about what warnings (obviously none at all) they gave to the legitimate (and coherent) government of Equatorial Guinea (oil rich) about the apparent Mann/du Toit/[Mark]Thatcher/Calil/Archer/Mandelson/etc conspiratorial plotting for degenerate, murderous fascist mercenaries to seize hold of Equatorial Guinea in a NAZI coup. (Some "democracy principles" to now be spreading militarily around the world! Worse than setting up this stinking stooge CIA stoolpigeon in Iraq!)

...And our great, brave "democratic" Opposition in Parliament could still only dare to ask Straw whether "local working British nationals had received any warning or protection from this potential NAZI bloodbath"!!!

Never mind the people of Equatorial Guinea!!

The imperialist world is rapidly degenerating into total farce!, – but a murderously dangerous would-be NAZI-militarist farce.

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