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Zionist Agents of the American Secret Service

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The monstrous crimes committed by a group of terrorists and saboteurs belonging to the medical profession, now disclosed by the Soviet security authorities, have stirred the anger and indignation of the Soviet people.

There was no limit to the foul villainy of these fiends who used the noble calling of physician as a screen and desecrated the sacred name of science. The preliminary investigation has established that this group of doctors-assassins had set themselves the purpose, by means of injurious treatment, to shorten the lives of active leading figures in the Soviet Union. Abusing their medical calling, the criminals deliberately made incorrect diagnoses and then wilfully killed their patients by prescribing injurious courses of "treatment."

In this way the vile assassins put to death A. A. Zhdanov and A. S. Shcherbakov, leading Soviet statesmen.

The criminals confessed that they took advantage of A. A. Zhdanov's illness to give a false diagnosis; concealing the fact that he was suffering from infarctus myocardi, they prescribed a course of treatment counter-indicated by this severe disease, and thereby caused his death. The preliminary investigation has also established that the criminals cut short the life of A. S. Shcherbakov by treating him incorrectly with powerful drugs and prescribing a fatal regimen which led to his untimely end.

These fiends in the guise of physicians pursued obviously subversive ends. They endeavored, firstly, to undermine the health of leading military men in order to weaken the defence of the Soviet Union. They tried to disable Marshals A. M. Vasilevsky, L. A. Gouberov and I. S. Konev, Army General S. M. Shtemenko, Admiral G. I. Levchenko and others.

The sabotage activities of this group of doctors-assassins were directed by the imperialist warmongers. The criminals had sold themselves to the American and British secret services and worked in their pay.

Most of the members of the villainous gang--Professors Vovsi, B. Kogan, Feldman, Grinstein, Ettinger and others--were connected with the "Joint," an international Jewish bourgeois-nationalist organization founded by the American secret service, supposedly for the assistance of Jews in other countries. In reality, this organization, under the

direction of the American secret service, conducts wide-scale espionage, terrorist and other subversive activities in a number of countries, including the Soviet Union. One of the arrested men, Vovsi, admitted during the interrogation, that he had received a directive from the "Joint" Zionist organization in the United States "to exterminate leading cadres of the U.S.S.R." Other members of the terrorist group (Vino-gradov, M. Kogan, Yegorov) proved to be British secret service agents of long standing.

The "Joint" (Joint Distribution Committee) was founded in the United States at the time of the first world war. Its announced purpose was to arrange for the rendering of assistance by American Jews to their co-religionists in foreign countries. But philanthropy was, and is, only a camouflage for the espionage and sabotage activities of this Zionist organization created by the American secret service.

After the second world war "Joint" developed strenuous activities along these lines in the People's Democracies. Its criminal actions in these countries are directed by its European Division, headed by American intelligence agent Schwartz. It was discovered, for instance, that Jewish bourgeois nationalists associated with "Joint" were engaging in espionage in the Hungarian People's Republic. In December 1949, I. Jakobson, director of the "Joint" organization in Hungary, was expelled from the country for spying and subversive activities.

In the Soviet Union, the activities of the "Joint" were proscribed. However, as is clear from the announcement of the arrest of the group of wreckers belonging to the medical profession, the agents of this espionage and sabotage organization continued to carry on its activities in deep secrecy, and carefully masked.

The nefarious crimes committed by the medical saboteurs on the orders of the Zionist espionage organization, "Joint," bring out very clearly the real nature of the "charity" and "aid" with which the American war-mongers cover up their villainous deeds. Press reports show that the progressive-minded public in all countries brand with shame the criminal actions of the Zionist hirelings of American imperialism.

At the same time, the public is asking what is Zionism and its organizations, and what role are they playing in the plans of the war-mongers?

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Zionism is a reactionary bourgeois-nationalist movement. It arose in Jewish bourgeois circles in Austria, Germany, Russia and other countries in the 1880's. In furtherance of the selfish interests of the Jewish big bourgeoisie, its chief aim was to divert the Jewish labouring masses from the class struggle, from participation in the revolutionary movement, and to concentrate their attention on emigration to Palestine. Lenin pointed out that "the idea of Jewish 'nationhood' is of a manifestly reactionary character, not only with its consistent exponents (the Zionists), but also with those who try to reconcile it with the ideas of Social-Democracy (the Bundists)."

Originating at a time when the Jewish masses were the victims of anti-semitic persecution and repression, Zionism extended its influence to broad sections of the petty bourgeoisie--tradesmen, artisans, handicraftsmen--and to the backward elements of the Jewish proletariat.

Before the first world war some of the Zionist leaders openly oriented themselves on German imperialism and maintained contact with the government of Wilhelm II. The executive body of the Zionist movement, the Aktionskomitee, had its headquarters in Cologne, and later in Berlin.

When the war broke out, the Zionist leaders officially preached a policy of "neutrality." At the same time they did not discourage the Zionist organizations in the various countries from parading their "patriotism," inasmuch as the Jewish big bourgeoisie were making fortunes out of military contracts and profiteering.

The interests of the "united nation" were relegated to the background. In Poland, the Zionist and Bundist bourgeois-nationalist organizations collaborated with the German invader. The Russian Zionists proclaimed their loyalty to tsarism. The tactics of these "moneybag patriots" were sympathetically welcomed by the ruling circles of the belligerent countries.

However, the "international" character of the Zionist activities did not altogether suit the British imperialists. Anxious to seize Palestine in order to safeguard British interests in the Middle East, they decided to utilize the Zionist leaders for this purpose, luring them with the promise to establish a Jewish State in Palestine.

The Zionist leaders were quite willing to harness themselves to the chariot of British imperialism, the more so as they had become its hired agents even before the Balfour Declaration of 1917. Weizmann, prominent Zionist leader and head of the international Zionist organization, had been living in England since 1915 and, as a professor of chemistry, was doing military work for the British government. Another Zionist leader, Jabotinsky, organized Jewish legions which fought on the side of the Entente in the war.

Their common class interests made the Zionist chiefs and the British imperialists allies in their struggle against the labouring masses, and against the national-liberation movement in the Middle East. The imperialists encouraged the Zionists' colonialist aspirations in Palestine because they counted on using them to consolidate their own rule in that country.

At the San Remo Conference in 1920, Britain received a mandate for the administration of Palestine. This added greatly to the importance of its Zionist agents.

The British imperialists assisted the promotion of Zionism. In particular, they established close contact with the Zionist elements among the Russian whiteguard émigrés. All the Russian Zionist leaders who fled the country after the October Revolution--Ruthenberg (a personal friend and close collaborator of Kerensky), Neidich, Margolin, Jaffe, etc.--entered the service of the Foreign Office and the Intelligence Service.

In pursuance of Article 4 of the Palestine mandate, Britain set up the so-called Jewish Agency, whose functions were entrusted to the Zionist organization, headed by Weizmann. The supreme executive organ of international Zionism was thus vested with various functions, including police functions. Zionists were also appointed to posts in the British colonial administration.

The Zionists took advantage of this to launch a ruthless campaign for the extermination of the Arab population of Palestine. Zionist armed detachments evicted Arab peasants from their land and drove them into the desert. Arab workers were dismissed from the factories. By 1935, over one third of Palestine's most fertile land was in the hands of Zionist organizations and individual Jewish capitalists. The Zionists started a furious land speculation boom. For the exploitation of the territory they had seized, they founded two big colonial trusts--the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association.

Big Jewish capitalists, behind whom stood the British monopolies, acquired important concessions for the exploitation of minerals, the building of power stations, etc. Jewish Zionist capital became the major social buttress of British imperialism in Palestine.

The Zionist movement is a widely ramified organization extending to many countries.

The organization embraces numerous groups, religious and "cultural" associations and "philanthropic" societies operating in many different countries. Among their number are the United Jewish Appeal, an interna-

tional organization which collects funds for Israel from Jewish capitalists, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee ("Joint"), etc.

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For some considerable time the majority of the Zionist leaders acted as agents of British imperialism. Many of them, Abba Eban and Reuven Shiloah, for instance, worked in the pay of the Intelligence Service. Down to the end of the 'twenties London was the chief Zionist centre.

But there was a group of American Zionists, among them big Wall Street magnates, who did not find this situation to their interest. The American monopolies wanted to bring Zionism under their political control and turn it into their own agency, and they used as their chief instrument for this the influence and financial power of the big Jewish capitalists of the United States.

Wall Street undoubtedly had a hand in the decision of the international Zionist congress in Zurich in July 1929 to enlist the participation of American capitalists in the Jewish Agency.

Thus began the process of drawing Zionism into the orbit of American influence. Nathan Straus, the New York millionaire, contributed such large sums to the Zionists that one of the Zionist colonies in Palestine was named "Nathania" after him. Big contributions to Jewish religious organizations were made by John D. Rockefeller Jr. A group of American capitalists formed the Palestine Economic Corporation which concentrated in its hands American investments in Palestine industry and commerce. An active sponsor of the corporation was the New York banking house of Lehman. One of its partners was Harold Szold, whose brother, Robert Szold, was the head of the American Zionist organization. Benjamin Cohen, State Department adviser, became director of the Palestine Economic Corporation.

The struggle within the Zionist organization between the British and American factions continued after the second world war, but the key positions began to pass into the hands of the Zionist hirelings of the dollar. The leading figures in the Israeli government--Ben-Gurion, Sharett, Shiloah (organizer of the Israeli intelligence service) and other Zionist leaders--carry out the instructions of the State Department. Their close political ties with the American imperialists find expression in the support they render Washington's aggressive policy in the international arena. Present-day Zionism has been placed in the service of American aggression and of imperialist preparation for the launching of another world war. Zionist propaganda serves the same purpose. In particular the Zionist organizations are breeding grounds of corrupting cosmopolitan ideas, which are easily reconciled and go hand in hand with bourgeois nationalism.

The Zionists render unflinching assistance by their actions to the American imperialist warmongers. This explains Zionism's anti-Soviet orientation. The Zionist leaders are malignantly hostile to the Soviet Union and the camp of peace and democracy generally. Eban, the Israeli representative in the United Nations, helps the Anglo-American bloc to defeat Soviet proposals aimed at promoting international peace and security. The Zionist leaders, who govern the state of Israel, conduct a campaign of slander against the Soviet Union and its policy of promoting peace and friendship among nations.

In supporting the American imperialists' policy of launching another world war aimed at establishing U.S. world supremacy, the Zionists are in fact supporting everything that goes with it, in particular, the revival of nazism and the implantation of bloodthirsty fascist regimes imbued with the spirit of race hatred, including anti-semitism. By supporting this policy and assisting its implementation, the Zionists expose themselves as enemies not only of peace and democracy, but also of the labouring sections of the Jewish people.

The Zionist leaders, having sold themselves to American imperialism, have placed their organizations and associations at the disposal of the American secret service. This was clearly brought out at the recent trial of Slansky and his gang of conspirators in Prague. Ornstein, Zionist and American spy, stated at the trial that in 1947 Truman, Acheson and Morgenthau (then Secretary of the Treasury) had a secret conference with the Zionist leaders Ben-Gurion and Sharett in Washington, where the so-called "Morgenthau-Acheson plan" was adopted, defining the conditions on which the United States would render support and assistance to Israel. A sequel to this plan was the wide-scale utilization of the Zionist organizations by the American secret service. All these "cultural," "philanthropic" and other societies have been turned into centres of espionage and sabotage activities against the countries of the democratic camp, and of the supply of agents for this purpose. For this criminal work, too, the Zionists have placed at the disposal of the American secret service the members of their organization working in the diplomatic service. It was revealed at the trial of the Slansky gang, for instance, that Avriel (Überall) and Kubovy, former Israeli Ministers in Prague, worked in close contact with the spies and saboteurs, gave them instructions, protected them from discovery, etc.

The sordid and nefarious activities of the Zionist espionage and sabotage organizations have now been brought into still greater prominence with the uncovering by the Soviet security authorities of the terrorist group of physicians connected with the "Joint," whose purpose was to annihilate active leading figures in the Soviet Union.

The exposure of this gang of doctors-assassins is a blow at the Zionist chiefs and their masters, the American warmongers. These Zionist agents have been caught and will be crushed. The instigators of these murderers will not escape retribution either.

The peoples who are fighting for peace expose and put a stop to the activities of all and sundry hirelings of aggressive American imperialism, including the activities in the countries of the democratic camp of its "Fifth Column," of which the Jewish bourgeois nationalists are a component part.