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**KIROVOGRAD JEWS SERVE U. S., ZIONISTS**

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**(Anonymous correspondence: "Swindlers Under the Mast of God's Servants")**

**(Text) There are unusual goings on at No. 56 Kirov Street in Kirovograd, where the synagogue of the Jewish community is located, and where the Orthodox Jews are drugged with moonshine (sivukha) and the Jewish religion. Of course, in our Soviet country a great majority of citizens of Jewish nationality broke with religion a long time ago. But an inconsiderable portion have not yet freed themselves from its shackles.**

**A small part of the Jewish population belongs to Kirovograd's Jewish community. These are mostly elderly people who are still under the harmful influence of Judaic preachers. And so, on a Saturday or some Jewish feast day here, the believers go to the synagogue. On such days preachers make special efforts to implant in the believers the idea that real happiness for man is not on this earth but in another world beyond the grave. On the feast of Paskha, ("Ravens"?), they preach that this is the day of uniting the Orthodox Jews with God Yahve, and that this God will lead the Jews into the land of Israel, which today is a tool in the hands of the American and Anglo-French imperialists.**

**Sermons and prayers proclaim the uniqueness of the Jewish people, who are said to be chosen by God to rule the entire world. Here are, for instance, the words of the Tora--the bible or prayerbook--read by Rabbi Azyk Spektor from the pulpit of Kirovograd synagogue: "Know ye that the Lord God goeth in front of you like a consuming fire. He will destroy other peoples in front of you, and he**

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will destroy them soon." And here is the prayer "Ayle Noleshe Blakh" with which every service in the synagogue ends: "We must glorify the Lord of the universe and laud the Creator of the universe for He created us in the likeness of earth peoples. He did not put us on the level of tribes, did not give us their fate."

Such a reactionary sermon shows that the Jewish faith has been strongly intermixed with the Jewish bourgeois nationalism and Zionism, already possessing a strong reactionary essence. This also shows that such sermons by Rabbi Azyk Pektor hardly differ from the woeful theory of the uniqueness of the Aryan race and its destiny to rule over the peoples of the entire world. In his address to the Kirovograd Jewish community, on the (Raen?), (Ben Aviv Yakhly Iser Iuda) Unkerman, one of the Zionist leaders, significantly promised: "The message of liberation will soon come to you."

And, reading this address, and also stuffing themselves with matsoth and (estryky?)--special fruit--received from Israel, the preachers of Judaism--Spektor, Kotiyarevskiy, (Ipiyevskiy?), Shukhat, and Monastyrskiy--begin to pray only to the Golden Calf: How to collect more money from believers for their own needs and to pray for the militant spirit of the Israeli militarists. Thus praying, they call for the killing of all those who deny the Pentateuch--the Jewish prayerbook. As we know, during the Soviet rule many of the rabbis, ministers of the Jewish faith, had an inimical attitude toward the socialist system and opposed the interests of the Soviet people for the benefit of internal counter-revolutions and international imperialism.

But let us return to No. 56 Kirov Street in Kirovograd and take a look at those who lead the Jewish community and preach God's word. The leaders of the community--Shukhat, Kotiyarevskiy, (Tityuevskiy?), Freyter, and Monastyrskiy--hiding under the cloak of believers busy themselves with swindles; they appropriate the money given by believers for the needs of the synagogue.

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And when this is not enough, they go to the people to collect donations, which then go into the bottomless pockets of the aktiv, "the twenties" (dvadtsyatky).

Among the numerous Jewish feasts, a special place belongs to Saturday, which should be inspiringly observed by every Orthodox Jew, for according to the teaching of the Talmud this is the day of absolute inactivity (nerobstva). And so, on a Saturday, when the divine service ends the faithful disperse, there remain in the synagogue "God's servants"--preachers and leaders of "the twenties." Then the table is laid, vodka, wine, and snacks appear, and toasts to the health of "God's servants" are raised. The drinking feast is led by the rabbi's wife, Roza Spektor.

Such a treat is very expensive for the believers; it is from their contributions that the leaders of the Kirovograd Jewish community organize their drinking bouts. And after drunkenness come quarrels about who is to snatch the largest sum, the greatest reward. At times, the leaders even come to blows, claiming their right to larger portions of the income with clenched fists. Rude words and rowdiness can even be heard by passers-by in the street: Neyman cries: "You are bandits, and hooligans. You have robbed our cashbox." It is impossible to count all such scandals which occur in the synagogue.

The leadership of the city's Jewish community--Kotlyarevakiy, (Tityuyevskiy?), Freyter, Shukhat, and others--spare no effort to enlist more believers and collect the most money for the synagogue. But if those who frequent the synagogue, and those who do not frequent it but occasionally pay some contribution, knew what goes on behind its doors, how well the traders in religion live on their account, it would indeed give them all some food for thought.

The city synagogue has become a shelter for all sorts of hobos (brodyah)--preachers, "prophets", (two words indistinct) who come here from Odessa, Siberia, Nikolayev, Orenburg, and other

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places. They beg money from the till of the Jewish community, spread various (superstitions?), and carry out the rites of circumcision. The belief in the uniqueness of the Jewish people radically contradicts the ideology of friendship and equality of all peoples of our country, united by fraternal friendship. It harms the education of working people in a spirit of unity and solidarity, in a spirit of the proletarian internationalism.

Jewish ministers and circumcisers execute the rite of circumcision, which has a strikingly nationalistic character. Its specific significance lies in the fact that it gives proof of belonging to the "chosen" people--the Jews. At the same time it imbues Jews with repugnance and hatred of those who do not possess this special sign. Besides the rite of circumcision is a cruel rite and not always harmless, because it is carried out in a crude manner by circumcisers and (mullahs?), people who have no inkling of medicine.

Judaic sermons are sermons of bourgeois Zionists. Such sermons are tools of the nationalistic, Israeli, cosmopolitan, American bourgeoisie. With their tentacles, the Jewish bourgeois nationalists, with the help of Judaism, try to reach into our Soviet garden. But they will never succeed. At present the working people of Jewish nationality, together with all peoples of the Soviet motherland, are actively building the communist society. They can truly be proud of the fact that there is a portion of their report in the grandiose successes of the Soviet people in developing our economy, science, and culture, including the creation of our own Soviet sputniks.