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A Marked Success, and Thanks

The Fifth Annual Jewish Affairs Dinner on January 23 was an inspiring and exciting event, both for the speakers and honored guests, and for the more than 600 supporters and friends who turned out on a bitterly cold afternoon. That this was the first dinner without the presence of Hyman Lumer was observed with deep regret by all.

In every way, this dinner surpassed previous ones. The speakers (Herbert Aptheker, Charlene Mitchell, Jack Kling and Daniel Spector) and the singer and poets (Ruth Goldman, Antar Mberi and Esther Carroll) combined to produce a lively, interesting and entertaining program. As a demonstration of support for the policies of *Jewish Affairs*, this dinner was without precedent.

There are many to thank for making this possible.

All of our friends, overseas and across the country, who sent messages of solidarity, and the honored guests at the dinner, whose presence enhanced the event, showed that this magazine is in the mainstream of world and national public opinion.

But the dinner would not have taken place if not for the dozens of readers who sold tickets, organized tables, contributed money and ushered at the dinner. We are deeply indebted to Mollie Miller, whose expertise and patience are invaluable; and to Sherman, for the beautiful banners.

Most of all, we give profound thanks to Alex Kolkin, chairman of the Jewish Commission of the CPUSA. We are fortunate to have him among us. Time after time, he has been an example of strength, dedication and firm commitment to principle. ■

"Higher" Education and Fascism

The disclosure of a book that denies the extermination of six million Jews during World War II has caused an uproar in a town in Illinois. The book, *The Fabrication of a Hoax*, was written by Arthur R. Butz, associate professor of electrical engineering at Northwestern University in Evanston. News of the book's existence, made public by the student newspaper, brought an immediate outpouring of rage and condemnation by students and faculty. The university administration, however, chose to uphold Butz's "right to free speech," contenting itself with labelling the book "a contemptible insult."

We are reminded of the case of Vladimir Sokolov-Samarin, a tenured professor at Yale University until his resignation last fall, whose Nazi past evoked only embarrassment and the granting of an annual pension of \$20,000. Widespread anger was generated recently at Brooklyn College with the news that a professor was also a CIA agent. The administration's reaction: "We can't tell our faculty what they can or cannot do."

These are pieces of an emerging pattern, which is part of a broader picture of a rising danger of anti-Semitism and racism. This pattern conceals an

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To Our Readers:

Jewish Affairs—A New Look

With this issue, we are remodeling *Jewish Affairs* in a more popular, easier-to-read format. It is possible to do this because of your support and encouragement. Over the last few years, your criticisms and suggestions have helped make the magazine into an important voice for peace, equality and social progress.

In an effort to regularize our subscription list, and due to rising production costs, we are raising the single issue price to 50¢. The old subscription rate is now eliminated; in its place is a new rate of \$2.50 for one year (six issues). Those who have subs at the old rate will be carried until their subs expire. ■

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It is a great honor to be asked to serve as editor of *Jewish Affairs*; to have the opportunity to serve in any sector of the worldwide struggle against imperialism and for socialism is reason enough to live in the 20th century. The honor is the greater and the duty the more significant because I am following in the path blazed so courageously and effectively by our dear Comrade Hyman Lumer. Hy lived and died for the revolution; one is reminded of Victor Hugo's words: brothers and sisters, he wrote, he who dies here, in this struggle, dies in the radiance of the future and enters a grave illumined by the dawn. Our own Walt Whitman, having in mind the martyrs of revolutionary Europe in 1848-1849, declared:



Herbert Aptheker

*Not a grave of the murder'd for freedom, but
grows seed for freedom, in its turn to bear
seed,*

*Which the winds carry afar and re-snow,
and the rains and the snows nourish.*

All peoples have substantially similar histories; dates, names, places differ, but basic needs, aspirations, obstacles and struggles recur. For we are, indeed, "all of one blood," inhabitants of the same shrinking globe. Notions of the inferiority of women and the superiority of men, of the inferiority of this or that physically distinguishable people, the superiority of this or that "elected" or "chosen" people, the higher morality of this or that religious belief, and, above all, notions of the poor being poor because they are incapable and the rich being rich because they are capable—all such ideas are rationalizations for exploitation and oppression which have marked all previously existing social orders; such parasitic social orders bred and needed such lies.

The most profound of these lies is that of elitism, of seeing poverty as a natural or god-ordained

judgement, reflecting incapacity or immorality. This is the essential meaning of "blaming the victim," still the most widespread mode of justifying an atrocious status quo.

Remember Israel Zangwill's *Children of the Ghetto*, in which the orphan Esther believed with those about her, "that human beings were distinguished from animals in having to toil terribly for a meagre crust, but that their lot was lightened by the existence of a small and semidivine class called *Takeefim*, or rich people, who gave away what they didn't want."

There are no divine or semidivine people, although historically the rich have been more devilish than divine! Jefferson answered all this many years ago when, towards the end of his life, fully ripe not only with learning but with experience, he wrote of "the palpable truth, that the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few booted and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, by the grace of God!"

Equality and Freedom

One reads and hears everywhere today in the U.S. of the existence of an alleged conflict between equality and freedom—between that part of the world seeking equality and that part supposedly having and cherishing freedom. This is a fundamental ideological precept of the Rockefeller-funded Trilateral Commission. It was emphasized by Jimmy Carter during a nationally-televised interview the evening before the elections. It is a concept reiterated by Professor Bzerzinski and Professor Moynihan, both of whom have recently been promoted by their employers. It infuses the speeches of Barry Goldwater of Arizona, James O. Eastland of Mississippi and Nathan Glazer of Harvard. (In another era, for the same reasons, it was basic to the thinking of John C. Calhoun and Jefferson Davis.)

There is no conflict between freedom and equality, if both are real; there is a deep conflict between them if both are defined in bourgeois terms. If equality is made to mean equality of opportunity, and if those who rule define and determine the existence of such opportunity, then "equality" is a snare and a delusion. A word and not a reality. If freedom is defined as an absence of restraint only, and if this absence of restraint is to apply only to those who are propertied, for only they are held worthy to be part of the government, then freedom means freedom to exploit, to invest safely, to enter into contracts: Freedom then

means freedom of the market, a free enterprise system. Freedom then means, in fact, capitalism. With such definitions, where there is real equality, there cannot be "freedom," and where this is real freedom, there will be an absence of inequality—certainly a relative absence.

From Truman to Carter, these have been the operative ideological foundations; from Acheson to Kissinger to Vance, these have been the guidelines for policy. And this is what is allegedly at stake in supporting the Israeli government in the Mideast.

Here we can more clearly understand why Mr. Jacques Torczyner, then president of the Zionist Organization of America, told his executive committee, meeting in New York City on November 8, 1969, "that the problems of Vietnam and the Middle East are connected" and that the Israeli leaders "hope that President Nixon, who has always understood the Communist menace in the world, will stand by his principles and policies".¹

Here we can more clearly understand why, when Nixon made his main policy speech a few days later and in effect explained why the Vietnam war was to continue and indeed to intensify, only the Prime Minister of Israel of all the heads of state of the world wired congratulations and said: "The President's speech contains much that encourages and strengthens freedom-loving small nations the world over, which are striving to maintain their independent existence looking to that great democracy, the United States of America. . . ."²

This analysis makes comprehensible the language in an editorial in the November 1976 *American Zionist* (page 6): "Without Israel, the U.S. would have precious little in the Middle East to depend on. Furthermore, should the U.S. ever consider it burdensome to support a genuine democracy?" It makes comprehensible the disgusting language in the same editorial, referring to the membership of the United Nations as "the inmates at the asylum along New York's East River." This reminds one for all the world of the manner in which Bourbons and chauvinist historians referred and still refer to the radical Reconstruction governments in the South after the Civil War, when the poor, Black and white, sought to create an advanced, egalitarian, democratic society.

Neither the United States nor its client state, Israel, is democratic in any meaningful sense of that word. Both are permeated with racism, both contain vast numbers of unemployed, both are dotted with

ghettoes and slums, both support South Africa, both arm such bastions of democracy as Paraguay and Honduras and Chile.

Democracy for Whom?

For democracy, consider the recent election in the U.S.: 25 percent of the electorate participated in primaries in which two men competed for the presidency. Staging such farces cost scores of millions of dollars. In the elections, half the electorate did not even participate, and most of the 50 percent that did vote, voted not for something but against something, not joyously and confidently, but fearfully and against this or that "lesser evil." Consider the barriers making political activity almost impossible; consider the ownership and nature of the mass media; consider the expenditure by the big-business parties of scores of millions of dollars.

Are not the words of Lenin apt?

In capitalist society . . . this democracy is always hemmed in by the narrow limits set by capitalist exploitation, and consequently always remains, in effect, a democracy for the minority, only for the propertied classes, only for the rich. . . . Owing to the conditions of capitalist exploitation [many among the workers] "cannot be bothered with politics."

We see, Lenin observed accurately, "restriction after restriction upon democracy." These restrictions, he continued,

seem slight especially in the eyes of one who has never known want himself and has never been in daily contact with the oppressed classes in their mass life (and nine out of ten, if not 99 out of 100, bourgeois publicists and politicians come under this category); but in their sum total these restrictions exclude and squeeze out the poor from politics, from active participation in democracy.³

When these restrictions are broken within nations, one has socialism—i.e., to the bourgeoisie, the destruction of civilization, or "totalitarianism," with its ideal of equality. When these restrictions are pierced among nations, with the demise of imperialism and the coming into self-determination of the vast majority of humanity, then one has "a lunatic asylum!"

One must not measure the wealth of a land by the presence of millionaires, but rather by the absence of poverty. One must measure equality not by pledges

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and words and promises, but by the absence of slums and ghettoes, of barrios and reservations; the test of equal opportunity is the existence of actual equality.

Hitler Cult Rising

Craig R. Whitney reported from West Berlin on January 19 of this year: "Nostalgia has been sweeping all West Germany in recent years . . . The nostalgic wave is partly fascination with German history, from the Huns to Hitler, and much sentimental reminiscence about the 'good old days.'"⁴ That is, of course, a selective nostalgia, a selective history. One could consider German history not only from the Huns to Hitler but from the Peasant Wars to Marx and to Thaelmann.

There is a kind of Hitler-cult in the United States, too. For months a best-seller has been John Toland's *Adolph Hitler*. After perusing its one thousand pages, an average reader would conclude that old Adolf was a somewhat cranky duffer, meaning well but suffering from unfortunate occasional excesses. Myths are made up in this massive concoction: for example, that Hitler had a Jewish grandfather; that among his closest associates were "ex-Communists." All lies, of course. More important, the reader would come to believe that "almost 90 percent of the German people freely voted their approval of Hitler" when, in fact, in the last free election—i.e., the last bourgeois-democratic election in Germany in March, 1933—56 percent of those who voted did not vote for Hitler. Moreover, nowhere in Toland's thousand pages has he room to tell the reader that over one million Germans were arrested by the Gestapo even before the beginning of World War II. Above all, in this best-seller one gets Hitler, distorted in person, but one never get Hitlerism—one never gets his movement, his Nazism, his "freedom" lavishly financed by eminent German, French, British and U.S. bankers and millionaires. One never comprehends his anti-Semitism as a cover for his anticommunism, and the latter as a cover for the war upon the USSR.

Once again now, in "democratic" West Germany, one has loyalty tests, anticommunist oaths, political firings aimed at the Left and rising anti-Semitism, complete with swastikas on buildings from Munich to Hamburg. In the U.S., the friends and supporters of Hitler and Hitlerism teach for 14 years at Yale, are a political boss in Paterson, New Jersey, a spiritual leader of the Romanian Orthodox Church in Michigan, in retirement in California (near another

California Jew-hating, lying, pro-facist pardoned criminal) or in retirement in Long Island. All of these gentlemen were mass murderers (including the pardoned one). They, and scores like them, were welcomed here and have lived their lives here because all of them contributed their nuggets to the CIA and the State Department—those instruments of democracy, according to the *American Zionist!*

No Swastikas in USSR

The swastikas are in Hamburg, not in Leipzig, in Los Angeles, not in Leningrad, in the Bronx, not in Budapest. But the *American Zionist* wants "freedom" in Leningrad and Warsaw and Budapest, in Moscow and Bucharest. In the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, 19 percent of all Russians are in the "scientific" and "specialist" category, and 66 percent of the Jews; in higher educational institutions in the USSR, 2.1 percent of the Russians are studying and 1.4 percent of the Ukrainians and 4.9 percent of the Jews. The absolute number of Jewish students in Soviet higher educational institutions stood at over 77,000 in 1960 and over 105,000 in 1970—the proportion had risen from 3.4 percent in 1960 to 4.9 percent in 1970. Of all the scores of nationalities in the Soviet Union, Jews, among the least numerous, were awarded by the government of the USSR 160,772 medals for bravery during the Great Patriotic War, the fourth highest total of any of the many peoples making up the USSR.

It is that land where ghettos and pogroms were once endemic and since the Bolshevik Revolution have not occurred and cannot occur ever again. It is that land without whose support there would not have been an Israel and without whose policies for the past twenty years Israel would long since have been wiped out. It is that land which, alone among the states of the earth, made extraordinary and successful efforts to save its Jewish population from the onslaught of Hitler. It is that land which saw over twenty million of its citizens, Jews and non-Jews, give their lives in the glorious struggle against Hitler—backed as he was then with the might of all Europe—and thus quite literally saved all humanity.

It is that land whose special role in defense of Jews and of all humanity in that great war brought from Albert Einstein words of warmest tribute, and the promise that Jews in particular would never forget what the Soviet Union had done for them and all peoples. It is that land which has supported every just struggle since World War II, which sustained the

peoples seeking freedom from Vietnam to Cuba to Angola. *That* is the land which is the enemy of freedom, the enemy of progress, the enemy in particular of Israel and of Jewish people!?

What a farce, what a scandal!

It is worse than a farce and a scandal; it is a failure. Such a line ties the leadership of significant Jewish organizations and organs and the leadership of the Israeli government to the foreign policy of Washington, a policy that has moved from disaster to catastrophe during the past 30 years.

Signs of Change

Signs of change are appearing within Israel due to burdensome economic conditions and the struggles against them, and in demands for change in Israel's foreign policy, which is a fundamental source of the internal crisis.

Early in 1975, Said Hammami, the London representative of the PLO, said: "It is a fact that there is an Israeli people with the right to self-determination just as we, the Palestinians, have the right to self-determination."⁵ At almost the same moment, the then newly established Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace announced this credo:

That this country is the homeland of two peoples—the Jewish and the Palestinian people. . . . That the only road to peace is through the coexistence of two sovereign states, each of which will be the national home of its people. . . . the State of Israel and the State of Palestine.

and that this will be the outcome

of negotiations between the government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization as the recognized national representative of the Palestinian people.⁶

Further developments along these encouraging lines were publicized by the Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace in a full-page advertisement in the *Jerusalem Post*, November 17, 1976.

The UN Security Council adopted a unanimous statement, joined by the U.S., on November 11, 1976 deploring the establishment of Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territories and holding "invalid" the absorption of eastern Jerusalem into Israel. Furthermore, the General Assembly of the UN, on December 9, 1976, voted 122 in favor and two opposed (the US and Israel) with eight abstentions in support of a resolution urging the reconvening of the Geneva Convention on March 1, 1977 and directing

the Secretary-General to undertake the implementation of this resolution, something now being done by Mr. Waldheim.

Resistance to Geneva and to the implementation of the resolutions of the UN—an end to occupation, the recognition of the security of all states in the Mideast, the fulfillment of the just aspirations of the Palestinian people, the return of territories occupied by force after the 1967 war—continues in Tel Aviv, and that means also in Washington.

But Foreign Minister Yigal Allon admits now that maintaining that “the main reason for the Middle East conflict is the Arab refusal to recognize and make peace with Israel, may become dangerous for us.” precisely because statements from Arab leaders, including the PLO, make adherence to such a line increasingly incredible.

Therefore, Allon continued:

We must emphasize our demand to have defensible borders as an indispensable part of peace. This should be done in contrast to the possible readiness of the PLO to recognize Israel, if Israel withdraws from all occupied territories and if a Palestinian state is founded.⁷

In plain words, emphasizing “defensible borders” means rejecting UN resolutions; in modern military terms, “defensible borders” makes no sense at all. What are “defensible borders” with modern weapons and modern means of delivering weapons? What are defensible borders in the face of the fact that on December 10, 1976, the first of the 25 F-15 jet fighter planes from the U.S. reached Israel. Each costs \$25,000,000, drops its bombs on 12 separate targets simultaneously and, above all, has an effective range of over 3,000 miles! Is this a weapon with which one defends borders?

Ominous indeed, and indicative of the thinking in some influential quarter, in the U.S., was the way in which C.L.Sulzberger chose to end one of his columns devoted to the Mideast:

It may be remembered that recently former Israeli General Yariv, once chief of intelligence, forecast another conflict in 1977 or 1978 because Arab states were making unacceptable demands; and Gen. Israel Tal said Israel would have to strike first to ensure victory in the next war.⁸

Weapons like the F-15, the policy responsible for the purchase of such weapons, and trial balloons, such as Sulzberger's column, portend at best a policy of continued occupation, expansion, and



Golda Meir and Richard Nixon: she congratulated him on the bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong.

subservience to Washington. That means continued insecurity, mounting national debts, inflation and rising taxes, and intensified economic crisis. It means also the continued use of Jewish young men in the role of occupiers of other peoples' lands; the use of Jewish young men to club women and torment political prisoners.

***Gibborim* Condemned**

Israel had such men in the past, in the dim past of the might of Solomon's empire. They were the hired mercenaries who garrisoned strongholds and “civilized” peasants and suppressed uprisings. It is these who were the special targets of condemnation by our Prophets. Warned Hosea to rulers turned into tyrants: “Thou didst trust . . . in the multitude of thy *gibborim*; therefore shall a tumult arise against thee and all thy fortresses shall be destroyed”; Amos warned that “the *gibborim* shall flee away naked on the day” of uprising and of justice.

The days and the nights of the *gibborim* have been long and fearsome, but they are ending. In his “Cry of the People,” an American poet, John G. Neihardt, who is less well known than he should be, wrote that they, the masses, the despised, the oppressed, had

*The world's heart-beat for a drum,
Snapping the chains of ages
Out of the night they come!
The night is gone and the sword is drawn
And the scabbard is thrown away!*

The future lies not with the exploiters, but with the exploited, not with the racists, but with the egalitarians, not with the imperialists, but with the exploited, not with the racists, but with the fighters for national liberation. Israel's future will be secure not in alliance with imperialism against the Arab masses, but in alliance with the Arab masses against imperialism.

There is a new world in birth; that is the nature of the history of the 20th century. We are in the Age of Revolution *par excellence*, the Age of Socialist Revolution. Our own late Yiddish poet, Joseph Bovshover, has explained this in four lines:

*I come because tyrants have put up thrones in
place of the nations;
I come because rulers are foddering peace with
their war preparations;
I come because ties that bound people together
are disconnected;
I come because fools think that progress will stay
in the bounds they erected.* ■

Notes

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Black-White Unity

by Charlene Mitchell

Today, I have a dual pleasure and distinct honor: not only do I join all of you in greeting and welcoming Dr. Herbert Aptheker, but I also have the distinct honor of representing the Political Bureau of the Communist Party in this beautiful gathering to express our warmest comradely cheers at the fact that Comrade Herbert is the editor of a very important Communist publication—*Jewish Affairs*.

Today, while we honor our new editor of *Jewish Affairs*, we also look soberly at the fact that we have a new administration in Washington, an administration that backed down on its promises before it even entered the White House. But as Jim Steele [National Chairman of the Young Workers Liberation League] says, "Don't blame me, I voted Hall and Tyner."

And in a most important arena, our new President has given us frightening warning signals. In his selection of Griffin Bell as Attorney General, President Carter has said loudly and clearly that as far as he is concerned, the battle for civil and human

for Human Rights



Charlene Mitchell

rights is a thing of the past. Never has it been more important to understand and to clarify for masses the imperative need to fight against racism.

In this respect the struggle for unity of Black and white is ever more important. President Carter would have us believe that that fight has been won. But it is not difficult to see that while there is an emergence of apparent unity of Black and white among the bourgeoisie and their representatives, they seek to disrupt such unity among the working class and oppressed. There are new dangers and increasing attempts to becloud the real issues facing our people.

No Change in Policy

Can we believe that there is any serious approach toward a change in our country's policies toward Africa and the Middle East with the appointment of Andrew Young to the United Nations post? I think not. The appointment is to lull the struggle to remove South Africa from the United Nations.

We have heard Ambassador-designate Young express his intentions to divide the socialist camp and to isolate the Soviet Union. But few forget the courageous role of the Soviet Union on the side of the oppressed and exploited the world over. It is the Soviet Union that consistently leads the struggle for peace.

And as Mr. Young seeks to carry out the policies of neocolonialism with a new look, our newly-elected Senator Moynihan continues with the old look, as shown already by his recommended appointments of federal prosecutors.

In the meantime, with a reactionary Supreme Court giving aid and comfort to racism, the antibusing forces are waging war to turn back the clock. If these racist, reactionary forces are not defeated, we will be set back tremendously in the fight for quality education for all our children. The setbacks are not only in education; the fight for decent housing and for labor rights are also suffering major attacks.

Is it human rights to deny J.P. Stevens workers in North Carolina the right to collective bargaining? In a state where less than seven percent of production workers are organized into unions, the weekly income is more than \$57 below the national average.

Reinstitution of the death penalty is the final, irreversible act of repression. We have become witnesses to a drive to transform the grand jury system into a latter-day House Un-American

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Rev. Ben Chavis
McCain Prison
North Carolina

on behalf of the more than 600 people at the Fifth Annual Jewish Affairs Dinner on January 23, 1977, we send you best wishes on your 29th birthday and pledge our full efforts to win your freedom and the freedom of the other members of the Wilmington, North Carolina Ten.

Herbert Aptheker, Editor
Daniel Spector, Assistant Editor
Alex Kolkin, Chairman, Jewish Commission,
CPUSA

Activities Committee. Reverend Ben Chavis of the Wilmington, North Carolina Ten is forced to spend his 29th birthday in a jail in that state, because he fought for human rights.

Misters Young, Bell and Moynihan may have strengthened their unity, but such unity is aimed at quelling the fightback against the monopolies. Now is the time to increase the fightback, which is impossible without real unity of all progressive forces, and in the first place Black, Puerto Rican, Chicano, Asian, Indian and white workers.

In this struggle, the importance of building the circulation of *Jewish Affairs* must be underlined. Masses of Jewish people can and must be won to see their interest in this fight. It is not coincidental that as racism rises, so does anti-Semitism, and as the fight against racism is dulled, so is the fight against anti-Semitism.

Long History of Struggle

In the summer of 1965, after the Watts upsurge,

Comrade Aptheker spoke in Los Angeles and the question he asked is valid now: Are the interests of Jewish workers the same as the exploiter, or are their interests more in tune with Black workers who are struggling to throw off their oppression. Indeed, my admiration and respect for Herbert has grown through the years. His life has been devoted to our class and our people. In many ways, though in different times, our work has been similar.

Herbert has been active in the struggle against racism in the North and South since 1936. He did educational work with the Food and Tobacco Workers Union in Virginia and North Carolina and was secretary of the Committee to Abolish Peonage of the International Labor Defense. He was a founding member of the National Negro Congress. I

am proud to walk in the paths of such outstanding defenders of democracy as Herbert Aptheker and William L. Patterson.

In addition to the weighty task of editing the correspondence and works of Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, Herbert has given us major contributions to the struggle with his *Documentary History of The Negro People in the United States, American Negro Slave Revolts, To Be Free*, and much more, not to mention the numerous articles for *Political Affairs* and other publications.

We are indeed proud that Herbert is editor of *Jewish Affairs*. Dear Comrade Aptheker, on behalf of Comrades Winston, Hall and the entire Political Bureau, we wish you and the journal a long future and all the best. ■

*"Not with imperialism against the Arabs,
but with the Arabs against imperialism!"*

The Communist Party of Israel Convenes

by Jack Kling

I join with you in paying tribute to Dr. Herbert Aptheker, the new editor of *Jewish Affairs*. I know that Comrade Aptheker will carry on the great traditions of our beloved comrade, Human Lumer, the founding editor of *Jewish Affairs*. I might also add that while attending the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of Israel, the comrades there asked me to convey their sympathy to *Jewish Affairs* and to Lumer's beloved wife Dorothy and the children, and to say that they consider Lumer's death a great loss, not only for the U.S., but for the international movement as well.

My attendance at the 18th party Congress was my first visit to Israel. In the few minutes that I have, I would like to present, in capsule form, some impressions I came away with.

The Congress opened on Wednesday evening, December 15, and continued through Saturday. After the Congress, our hosts organized sightseeing tours for all of the fraternal foreign delegates and visitors,

to many parts of Israel. In addition, receptions and meetings were organized in many parts of the country and were addressed by Israeli Party leaders as well as many of the foreign guests. Such meetings were organized in Tel Aviv where, with more than 600 Jewish people in attendance, the main speaker was General Secretary of the CPI, Meir Vilner, who is also a member of the Knesset (Parliament). In Nazareth, after visiting a whole number of villages, with meetings and receptions at each, our visit culminated in a banquet attended by more than 1,000 people, overwhelmingly Arab, and chaired by the Communist Mayor of Nazareth, Tawfiq Zayyad, who is also a member of the Knesset.

opposite: poster of the Jewish-Arab Committee to Mark the Memory of the Victims of Kfar Kassem. It says: "1956—Kfar Kassem—1976. To Remember And Not To Forget—that the massacre not happen again; for a future of peace and fraternity; for equal rights!"

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וכי לא נשכחו



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מנ אצל مستقبل שלום ואחוה
יקויים שווין זכויות!
ליתחם המסוה פני החוק!

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סלקו ידיכם מהלחם!

מצרכים חיוניים התייקרו ב־20 אחוזים -

העובדים השכירים. המשפחות מרובות ילדים.
הקשישים. תושבי שכונות העוני

מי ייפגעו?

תפעל ההסתדרות מיד - יתאחדו העובדים.
עקרות הבית וארגוני הנשים -

אל נשתוק!

למחאה נגד צמצום הסובסידיות

ותבע מהממשלה:

לנשים קץ ליוקר המשתולל!

תנועת נשים דמוקרטיות בישראל

תלמידי. ת"ד 29501

נובמבר 1976

above: leaflet of the Democratic Women's Movement of Israel, which reads: "Hands Off Our Bread! Essential provisions have gone up by 20 percent. Who will be affected? The wage workers, the families with many children, the elderly, whoever lives in poor quarters. We will not be silent! Demand immediate Histadrut action. Unite the workers, housewives and women's organizations—to protest the reduction of subsidies. We demand from the government: Stop The Mad Price Increases!"

I would like to tell you a little bit about the Congress. Originally it was scheduled to take place in Tel Aviv, but because of pressure from reactionary forces, the Party was unable to get a hall. Therefore, the site of the Congress was shifted to a theater in the beautiful city of Haifa.

In attendance were 480 delegates and more than 500 invited guests. Fraternal delegates came from 18 countries: the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party, the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party, the Polish Unity Workers Party, the Romanian Communist Party, the Chilean Communist Party, the Progressive Party of Working People of Cyprus, the Communist Parties of Greece, Great Britain, Italy, the U.S.A., France, West Germany and Portugal. There was also a fraternal delegate from the *World Marxist Review*.

Messages were received from Communists and Communist Parties in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Algeria, Morocco and the occupied territories of Israel. Greetings were also received from many other Communist Parties which were unable to send representatives.

The Congress was opened by Tawfiq Toubi, a national leader of the Israeli party and one of the four Communists in the Knesset. The main report was presented by its General Secretary Meir Vilner, followed by a wide representative discussion.

Peace Program

Although the Congress concerned itself with all of the problems facing the Israeli people, Arab and Jew, especially the working class, the central theme was the struggle for the achievement of a just peace in the Middle East. What were some of the questions raised in this connection?



L to r: Emile Habibi, editor of *Al-Ittihad*; Sue Kling; Meir Vilner, General Secretary, CPI; Jack Kling; Mrs. Vilner; three Soviet delegates.

*The Israeli government must be compelled to adopt a policy for total withdrawal of its forces to the 1967 borders.

*Tel Aviv must recognize the right of the Palestinian Arab people to self-determination, including the establishment of their own independent state.

*The Congress greeted and endorsed the initiative of the Soviet Union in calling for the reconvening of the Geneva Conference, which shall include, in addition to the Arab states, the U.S., the Soviet Union and the PLO. The CPI made it clear that while they have some differences with some aspects of the PLO's policies, the PLO does represent the Arab people in the occupied territories, and has the support of the Arab people in the Arab countries. The CPI also recognizes that changes are taking place within the PLO and its leadership, and by having the PLO participate in the Geneva Conference, the changes in a healthy direction will be further facilitated.

*Recognition of the sovereignty and security of all nations in the Middle East, including Israel.

*The Israeli government must also grant full equality—economic, social and political—to the Arab people living within Israel.

This was the heart of the policy projected at the Congress as it relates to the struggle for peace.

The Party projected the need for the establishment of a wide National Peace Front, a front which will include various political tendencies. It also recognized that although the struggle must be continuously waged against the ideology and philosophy of Zionism, which fosters nationalism, chauvinism, aggression and expansionism, there are

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also differences among Zionists on what should be done. Therefore, it also envisions that this peace front must include people who are moving in a healthy direction, but who still may be under the influence of Zionism.

In Israel an Israeli Peace Council has emerged which includes some forces in the Labor Party and Mapam, as well as a Committee for an Israeli-Palestine Front, and a Committee for a Just Peace between Israel and the Arab States.

I would like also to relate that the Congress reflected many inspiring experiences, including the fact that despite all difficulties, the Communist Party of Israel has grown by 40 percent between the 17th and the 18th Congresses. The growing influence of the Party, especially among the Arab people, but among the Jewish people as well, and especially among younger people, was also reflected in the many greetings received by the Congress, in person and by message, from non-Party personalities. One of the



L to r: Tawfiq Zayyad, mayor of Nazareth and Communist member of Knesset; Sergio Vuskovic Rojo, mayor of Valparaiso, Chile, during Allende's Presidency; Jack Kling

leaders of the Black Panther Party, a group representing Oriental Jews, officially greeted the Congress. A number of mayors and city officials, especially from Arab communities, also presented greetings. Two of the representatives of the Independent Socialist grouping, who are members of the Knesset, also sent greetings.

On the whole, when we left Israel, we left with an exhilarating feeling of inspiration from the things we had seen and experienced, and a new and deep admiration for the heroism and the role of the Communist Party of Israel as a fighter for Jewish-Arab unity and for a just peace in the Middle East. ■

Greetings from the CPUSA to the 18th Congress, CPI

presented by Jack Kling, December 15, 1976

It is with great pleasure that we greet the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of Israel, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist party of the United States of America, its membership and many thousands of friends.

The struggle for peace in the Middle East—which includes the urgent need for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Arab territories occupied in the June, 1967 war; the recognition of the Palestine Arab people to self-determination, including the establishment of their independent sovereign state; the guaranteed independence and territorial integrity of all states in the region, including Israel—is a central question, not only for the people in the Middle East, but for all peace-loving people in the entire world.

We in the United States have a special responsibility in this struggle. It is our government, carrying through its imperialist policies, which has given active support to the aggressive, expansionist policies of the Israeli ruling circles and their government, and has at the same time supported the reactionary Arab leaders in this area.

Our Party opposes the Kissinger-Ford policy of shuttle diplomacy. Despite all demagoguery, it is aimed at maintaining the occupation, strives to create rifts within the anti-imperialist camp, tries to divide the Arab people, instigates internal strife and struggle, as in Lebanon, and encourages and supports Israeli aggressive policies.

We fully support the initiatives of the Soviet Union in demanding the reconvening of the Geneva Conference. Such a Conference would involve all forces in the region, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, as well as the United States and the Soviet Union, and could help bring about a just and peaceful solution in the Middle East.

With pride, we have watched the courageous work of the Israeli Communists. Despite the whipping up of national chauvinism and repressive measures especially directed against the Arab people, your Party, in an unforgettable way, upholds the principles of Marxism-Leninism. True to its internationalism, it has always fought for Arab-Jewish unity in the struggle for peace, against all forms of racism, and for greater economic security for the working class, which faces severe economic hardships.

With joy, we have watched your electoral victories, including the election of four Communists to the Knesset, and the election of Comrade Tawfiq Zayyad as mayor of Nazareth.

Our Party has just come through an election struggle. Despite harassments and difficulties, we collected 500,000 signatures on petitions, and were able to get on the ballot in 19 states and the District of Columbia. We issued over 6,000,000 pieces of literature, used all the media, and with this massive campaign, brought the crucial issues, and our Party before the American electorate in every state. Our Party more than doubled its vote of 1972, and is an active part of the growing movement of labor, Black and Spanish-speaking peoples, in struggle against the reactionary, imperialist policies of the American government.

We know that your Congress, its deliberations and conclusions, will help further to bring about the widest peace front. May you have many successes in the struggles you wage!

Long live the Communist Party of Israel!

Long live the fraternal relations between our two Parties!

Long live the international solidarity of the working class!

With warm fraternal greetings and a comradely embrace,

Henry Winston
National Chairman

Gus Hall
General Secretary

Central Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.

On Carter, Nazis and Anti-Semitism

by Daniel Spector

While listening to the inaugural address of Jimmy Carter, I was struck by the noble words of "freedom," "equality," and "personal liberty." I remember clearly Carter's pledge: "Our commitment to human rights must be absolute, our laws fair... and human dignity must be enhanced."

As he spoke these words with the same ease as his campaign promises, I thought of the several hundred Nazi war criminals from Long Island to Los Angeles, from Detroit to Dallas, snickering to themselves as they wallow in comfort, courtesy of the occupants of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. And I wonder whose rights Carter speaks of, and whose dignity he will enhance.

Carter says that he wants to be known as the president who helped to "[tear] down the barriers of race and religion." This phrase rings with hollow mockery while the mass murderers of millions of "non-Aryans" parade through our streets wrapped in the protective warmth of the Stars and Stripes.

The story of government complicity in preventing the deportation of these fascists is the story of a 30-year Watergate directed against the working people and our democratic institutions. But it is a story that must be told, because its implications are critical for our country in 1977 and beyond.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service claims that there are "only" about 80 suspected war criminals here, when in fact the number is several times that. But the numbers do not reflect the real impact of the situation. What are these Hitlerites doing? What places of employment would knowingly hire Nazis?

Of the top 125 scientists and technicians who developed the V-2 rocket for Nazi Germany (which caused untold death and destruction in London and Antwerp), 124 were brought to the U.S. by the Truman Administration at the end of the war. They were imported secretly, illegally, to forestall any backlash from the people of this country, who had committed themselves to the destruction of fascism.

What are these scientists of genocide doing today? General Walter Dornberger, who was in charge of the V-2 program, just retired as a vice-president of Bell Aircraft Corporation; Werner von Braun, the top scientist in the program, works for NASA. Arthur Rudolph, a senior V-2 engineer, was in charge of the Saturn V rocket program; von Braun's personal assistant is now a top official at Rockwell International, one of the biggest armaments manufacturers in the world.

These unrehabilitated mass murderers no longer tinker with mere rockets. They are now playing with thermonuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic missiles. They are the kingpins of the U.S. armaments and military space industries.

And what of the Nazis who now work for such distinguished agencies of government as the CIA? Having gained experience in subversion, torture and anticommunist propaganda, the CIA pays them to make use of their talents in the U.S., in Chile, in Argentina, in Europe, as leaders of anticommunist emigre movements, as masters of torture and terrorism.

Part of Cold War

We begin to see that these killers are an integral part of the structure of the Cold War, and it becomes clear that the demand to rid our country of these sewer rats is intrinsically linked to the struggle to end the Cold War, to dismantle the institutions of "roll-back" and "containment," to reverse the policies of war and anti-Sovietism into those of detente and peaceful coexistence.

This requires alertness and forthrightness on our part, a fight to force the Carter Administration to live up to its proclaimed lofty goals of justice and progress. It requires passage of HR 412, introduced by Representative Elizabeth Holtzman of New York, which would bar entry to this country to war criminals, as one step in this fight.

But more than anything else, it requires an attack



Werner von Braun (above in hat) at the development site of the V-2 rocket in Nazi Germany and (right) in 1969 as director of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.



on the ideological foundations of fascism and reaction, i.e., racism, anti-Semitism and anticommunism. The struggle against imported fascism cannot be separated from the struggle against domestic manifestations of this evil. It should come as a surprise to no one that big business, and the government that serves it, protects Hitler's proteges with one hand while it nurtures Hitler's disciples with the other.

This is the meaning of granting government-subsidized second class mailing privileges to neofascist organizations like the National Socialist White People's Party in Virginia. For \$36 a month, Bell Telephone lets the United White People's Party in Ohio record an unlimited number of racist, anti-Semitic hate messages. The State Department allows the Nazi Party of New Jersey to travel to West Germany for the purpose of subversion, but refuses to allow Soviet trade unionists into this country to meet with their counterparts. This is the meaning behind the silent approval of the beatings, bombings and murders directed against the Black community by racist gangsters.

We need only take a look at Carter's cabinet to be convinced of the relationship of monopoly to reaction and fascism. Griffin Bell is living, breathing proof. But he is not alone. Several of the cabinet appointees, including Cyrus Vance and Bert Lance, and Carter himself, belonged to clubs that refuse membership to Blacks and Jews. They have resigned from these clubs, but only for the duration of their terms in public office. They have not repudiated the policies of

anti-Semitism and racism on which these clubs are based.

If we take a closer look at these gentlemen, we see that they are products of big business. Cyrus Vance, for instance, is a Rockefeller crony, a board member of both Chase Manhattan Bank and IBM.

When the highest executive officers of the government are pro-monopoly as well as anti-Semitic and racist, it can be said that an atmosphere of racism and anti-Semitism has been created. It is this atmosphere that nourishes the growth of fascism and reaction, that gives encouragement and boldness to racist terrorists in Boston, Detroit, Los Angeles, Louisville, New York and Chicago, that attracts and coddles war criminals.

Transition Teams

We have heard a lot about "transition teams" in the past few months, transition teams to effect an orderly transfer of power, from Republican to Democrat. But there is another, more ominous, more dangerous transition team. It is headed by the most reactionary, imperialist sections of monopoly capital. Its members include the several hundred Nazi war criminals and the dozens of neofascist, Right-wing and paramilitary organizations. It has allies in government, in the CIA, the FBI and the Pentagon. Its influence extends to many facets of society.

Every capitalist country has such a transition team, which the ruling class keeps in reserve. If political developments reach a point at which the ruling class

can no longer govern in the old way, this transition team is brought out in an attempt to institute fascist rule.

In West Germany today, warning signals are appearing. Accompanying the worst-ever unemployment is a growing fightback by the working people and the trade unions for jobs, peace and cuts in military spending. But we also read of jailed Nazi war criminals being released, of the growth and openness of neo-Nazi organizations, of witchhunts against Communists and progressives, and of smear campaigns against the German Democratic Republic. A microscopic examination is not needed to find

94TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 11300

A BILL

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exclude from admission into and to deport from the United States all aliens who persecuted others on the basis of religion, race, or national origin under the direction of the Nazi government of Germany.

By Ms. HOLTZMAN

DECEMBER 10, 1975

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

This bill was reintroduced into the present Congress under the title, "HR 412."

similar danger signals in our country.

It is this atmosphere of racism and anti-Semitism that gives strength to these developments. In order to destroy the transition teams and their constituent parts, we must eliminate the pillars on which they rise. The fight against racism and anti-Semitism, then, is the cornerstone of the fight for democracy, for peace, for social progress.

Outlaw Racism, Anti-Semitism

It is our belief that a necessary part of the fight against racism and anti-Semitism is a people's campaign to legislate against, to outlaw, racist and anti-Semitic acts. This was a programmatic point of the Communist Party's election campaign and remains so today. It must become a priority on the

agenda of every people's organization and movement.

And let us draw on the past for lessons for the present. In June 1946, for the first time in history, a bill was introduced into Congress "to suppress the evil of anti-Semitism and hatred of members of any race or religion because of race, creed or color." Although it was not directed against acts of anti-Semitism and racism, the bill provided penalties for propagandists of these evils. A year earlier, the Pittsburgh City Council passed an ordinance that outlawed anti-Semitic and racist propaganda. City Councils in Detroit, St. Louis, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Kansas City outlawed anonymous material of that kind. At the same time, The Fair Employment Practices Bill, the Anti-Poll Tax Bill and the Anti-Lynch Bill were introduced.

These legislative efforts were the product of mass struggles by all working people, and were based on the strength of these movements. One aspect that must be pointed out: never was the struggle against anti-Semitism separated from the struggle against racism. All legislation of this kind was directed

80TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2848

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 1947

A BILL

To suppress the evil of anti-Semitism and the hatred of members of any race because of race, creed, or color.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF POLICY

4 SECTION 1. (a) Congress hereby finds that anti-Semi-
5 tism and bigotry are potent weapons in the hands of the
6 enemies of this country and of its institutions, and that the
7 enemies of this country and of its institutions have been and
8 are using the United States mails and the channels of inter-
9 state and foreign commerce to spread the doctrines and
10 foster the feelings of anti-Semitism, religious, and racial

against all forms of discrimination. Black-Jewish unity was a vital component of struggle. So those who attempt to put obstacles in the path of that unity, those who seek to pit one against the other, are doing the dirty work of the enemy.

Some of these bills were passed and are still on the books today. The ordinance in Pittsburgh is still law. It is safe to assume that other cities still have similar laws on the books. The Chicago City Council recently passed such a resolution. These laws must become weapons in the hands of progressive forces in our country.

Of course, these laws do not go far enough, and each has weaknesses. But they can be the basis for introducing stronger legislation.

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attempt by government agencies of repression, the ultra-Right and fascist groups to infiltrate the educational system of this country. While university administrations (whose heads are very often corporate directors) support, or at least close their eyes, to this subversion, plans are being carried out to "kidnap" the young generation, to instill in them the basic "values" of racism, anti-Semitism and anticommunism.

The kid gloves treatment of five JDL thugs, accused of terrorist activities against Soviet property and personnel, can only reinforce this conclusion.

To Geneva for Peace

The recent United Nations General Assembly vote calling for resumption of the Geneva Conference on the Middle East provides the peace movement with a strong foundation for the coming period. The vote—122 in favor, two (the U.S. and Israel) opposed—showed clearly that the overwhelming majority of humanity recognizes Geneva as the only forum in which a just and lasting solution can be attained. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who must report to the General Assembly by March 1 on the progress in implementing this resolution, is now holding talks with heads of state in the Middle East.

That the PLO and the Palestinian Arab people were seen as a necessary and equal partner to the negotiations at Geneva by the UN gave the lie to those wishful thinkers and bourgeois ideologists who had

Such a legislative struggle must be based on mass struggle. But it is possible. Even more, it is necessary. To pass a national law outlawing racist and anti-Semitic acts would give strength to every struggle for peace and social progress. It would mean that Moynihan would not be a senator; he would be a prisoner. Attorney-General Griffin Bell would exchange places with Reverend Ben Chavis and the Wilmington, North Carolina Ten.

Jewish Affairs has from its birth been committed to this struggle. Today we reaffirm that commitment, and pledge our full efforts to the elimination of the cancers of racism and anti-Semitism from our land. ■

Although all were found guilty, the judge gave them the lightest sentences possible. This encouragement of domestic terrorism and reaction gives strength to those who aim to bring fascism to our country.

This collaboration of Nazis, U.S. fascists, and agencies like the CIA portends extreme danger for all working people. It is a collaboration which will fail only if there is a real popular, democratic coalition, labor-based and with Black-White unity. In view of the dangers inherent in the resurgence of racism and anti-Semitism, this unity becomes absolutely imperative. ■

proclaimed the death of the PLO in Lebanon. Once more, the right of the Palestinian Arab people to self-determination was upheld by that international body.

The U.S. and Israel stand more exposed than ever. The policies of annexation, aggression and expansion have been repudiated by world public opinion. These policies, the policies of imperialism, continue to block the road to real peace.

It is in the context of the struggle for peace that we view recent developments in Egypt. President Sadat's "open door" policy, which is in fact accommodation to U.S. multinational corporations, has led to a severe disruption of an already strained economy. Attempts to blame the outrage of the poor and working people

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It is now 27 years since Pop died of lung cancer, at Los Angeles General Hospital. In the course of those many years I've thought of him often, trying to prevent, to hold back, that inevitable, memory-fading process—a process that whittles away at all those finer, precise details, the clear-cut images, the three dimensional portraits of people and events buried in my memory bank.

As you must understand, hanging on to those precious details is most difficult—that highly perceptive and illuminating remark; the warm, fatherly smile or gesture; a humorous comment, accompanied by a familiar twinkle in the eye.

No, it is not an easy task during intervening years filled with world-shaking and world-changing events that dominate one's consciousness, events that determine the whole spectrum of personal and political struggles. But from time to time, I have found myself in situations that provoke a fresh rush of memories. The lines become sharper, the images clearer. One almost can recall the intonation of the voices as they once spoke.

Such was my experience on a recent night here in Los Angeles. Herbert Aptheker was on a four-day speaking tour in the area. On this particular evening, he was participating in a meeting of local Communists, exchanging opinions regarding the periodical *Jewish Affairs*, and other related questions. Some 50 or 60 individuals were present. Looking around the room, I recognized many retired garment workers, now in their seventies and early eighties. They had retired as wage earners, but certainly not from political struggle. Here were my father's peers, veterans of a long and noble history of struggle in the garment industry of New York City, militant members of the ILGWU. The lights flashed on. The memory projector began to shoot its images on my own private screen. I again remembered Pop.

Pop was a Cantor, a "Chazen." He conducted Rosh Hashanah and Yom January/February 1977

Memories of My Father

by Bob Klonsky

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

By William Gropper



William Gropper, well-known progressive Jewish artist, died January 6 at the age of 79. This drawing is reprinted from *Jewish Life*, May 1947.

Kippur services at various synagogues each year and officiated at wedding ceremonies. (Some of my early Young Communist League comrades were "married" by Pop.)

But that was just a part of Pop. He was also a garment worker—a machine operator and union member for practically his entire life here in the U.S., since his arrival from the "old country." Bending over that damned sewing machine for decades contributed in no small way to his early death.

The War in Spain

But the warmest memories of Pop go back to the period of the war in Spain. I am returning home after my service with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. My ship is docked in New York harbor and I am walking down the gangplank. There on the dock is my Pop, my sister and my brother Mac (to this day a working cutter in the L.A. garment industry).

Bouquets of flowers; warm, emotion-filled hugs and kisses. "You did well, Robbie. Welcome home." We drove home from Manhattan's waterfront to Brownsville, Brooklyn in a taxi, no less. Hard-earned dollars were not lightly spent in those difficult years. But "it's not too much for my fighter against fascism," proclaimed my proud father.

It was in that taxi ride home, where Mom and my three other brothers were waiting, that I began to hear the stories of Pop's contribution to that struggle for democracy in Spain, how he had joined his efforts with those of me and my comrades, who were fighting in that great battle. Using *his* weapons—a magnificent voice, great oratorical ability, a profound grasp of the issues involved in that war, combined with the deeply-felt respect and esteem that his shopmates had for this Cantor-worker, this "Chazen," who was one of them—he used his lunch hours to go from shop to shop, where he would climb atop the cutting table and speak to his sister and brother workers about the war in Spain, and raise funds in support of the

antifascist forces there.

"Don't Ever Give Up"

Years went by. In 1944, in the midst of the great, antifascist war that we had failed to prevent in Spain, he and Mom moved to Los Angeles, a city still relatively smog-free. Pop was already in the early stages of that dread disease, cancer. But he continued working in the industry, until he could no longer operate his machine. He had to.

He was only 62 in 1949, when the scattered family was called together from around the country. Pop was dying. We were all gathered in his hospital room that evening. Pop was rapidly leaving us. The cancer had almost completely robbed him of his rich, vibrant voice.

Begging the rest of the family to forgive him for his request, he asked that they leave the room for a bit. He wanted a few moments alone with me. When they had gone, he motioned me closer and asked me to bend down to ease the strain of speaking. "Robbie," he whispered, as he gently took my hand in his, "I wanted you, especially, to know how I feel. Don't ever, ever, give up your fight for socialism. It's our only hope."

Those were my Pop's last words to me. He died hours later. Over the years, those whispered words keep shouting at me, every time I sit in the same room with Pop's garment workers, as I did the other night. "... the fight for socialism. It's our only hope." ■

Morning Glory

by Karen Lerner and
Marshall Wittman

People from all walks of life have built the United Farm Workers Union (UFW) with their sacrifices. In the course of the struggle to bring justice to the fields of America, the ultimate sacrifice was made by three individuals. The UFW pays special tribute to these three people, who gave their lives in the service of justice. As an Arab, a Chicano and a Jew, they represent three different parts of the world that came together in the struggle for democratic rights and freedoms. And now in their wake, they continue to act as a moving force encouraging the development of multinational unity against oppression and exploitation.

Juan De La Cruz was killed with a bullet in the summer of 1973 while standing peacefully on a picketline in the California fields. Nagi D'aifulleh was beaten by police in a small town and dragged down a street and left to

die. Nan Freeman was crushed against a fence by a scab truck while picketing in the early morning in Belle Glade, Florida.

Nan Freeman was born on August 29, 1953. Her home was Wakefield, Massachusetts. She graduated from high school second in her class. In school, Nan participated in many groups: she was a National Merit Scholar and in 1970 won a \$1,000 award for her knowledge of American labor history. Her interests were always with the needs of people. She did term papers on Native Americans, Black Americans and the struggles of workingclass people.

Nan was a very special young woman. Her friends called her "Morning Glory" because of her bright smile and her desire to help other people enjoy each morning and day. Though her happiness was contagious, she was not

content unless she was working to help improve the lives of those who suffer.

Killed at 18

It was on January 25, 1972 that Nan's short life of 18 years came to an end. While a freshman at New College in Sarasota, Florida, she became interested in the struggles of farmworkers. She was taking part in a program called REAL, a project researching Florida agriculture and land ownership which was to back up the UFW organizing drive in that state. In Sarasota she gave a couple hours a day to a childcare center for Black children and was active in a self-help housing project for migrant families. When the farmworkers at the Talisman Sugar Company went on strike, she was quick to volunteer her time and energy. During her second time on the picket line, she was struck by the truck.

Because of the help of Nan and people like her all over the country who donate their time to stand on a picket



Nan Freeman

line and who continue to boycott grapes and Gallo wines, the farmworkers have made great strides. In California, the UFW is gaining more contracts everyday. In Florida, after a year of negotiating, the UFW signed a contract last year with Coca-Cola, which owns Minute Maid and acres of orange groves.

The United Farm Workers movement is an example of how struggles against racism and anti-Semitism and for progressive change must be built. Its multinational character is its strength. Nan Freeman's life was cut short on the picketline, but her memory serves as a symbol for youth everywhere involved in struggle. In working against reactionary forces, she played an important role in uniting Jews, Blacks, Arabs, Chicanos and workingclass people all over the country.

Nan Freeman, in her short life, set out to accomplish a great many things. It is our job to continue where she left off. ■

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on Communists, the Soviet Union and the P.L.O., serve only as cover for Sadat's policies of enriching the few at the expense of the many.

Will 1977 be a year of peace? Although the chance for peace has never been more favorable, the danger of another war is still very much a reality. The

direction of developments in the next few months depends to a great extent on the kind of pressure exerted on the Carter Administration. Let 1977 be the year in which you let the government know that peace is a priority. Let Carter know that the U.S. and Israel must go to Geneva. ■



UPI

Presidents Sadat and Ford at the White House in 1975.

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CORRECTION

The poem, *We Shall Remain*, published in the last issue, was incorrectly attributed to Samih al-Kassem. The author is Tawfiq Zayyad, Communist mayor of Nazareth and a member of the Knesset. We apologize for the error.—The Editors.

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"Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech."

Thus wrote our forebearers in the Bill of Rights. Yet that undeniable right was to be flagrantly denied by the Committee on Un-American Activities some 170 years later when it investigated the alleged existence of "Communist sympathy" in the entertainment industry. Among the many probed, ten screenwriters suffered the harshest, with prison sentences up to a year. None of these men ever received compensation. (Dalton Trumbo and Lester Cole did receive some settlement from MGM for the breaking of their contract.) But the "Hollywood Ten's" appeal to a higher court was refused. Their only crime was one of refusing to become informers and Red-baiters.

Twenty-five years later, the creators of the new film, *The Front*, writer Walter Bernstein and director Martin Ritt (both blacklisted) seem to have preferred to soften an attack on reaction by working in the genre of comedy, specifically taking off on the literary genre which examines that fall guy, the *schlemiel*.

The film nostalgically opens with black-and-white news clips of the early 50's: ticket-tape parades honoring war hero Eisenhower, beaming Harry Truman, smiling Marilyn Monroe, hero DiMaggio waving his hand in a champion's stance. Cross-cut with this are sober clips of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, handcuffed, being carted off to jail; of Rosenberg sympathizers picketing to save them; and then back to tearful, yet patriotic parents sending off their boys to a frigid Korea. During this, Frank Sinatra chants:

Fairy tales can come true
They can happen to you
If you're young at heart . . .

from the popular tune of this era.

The nostalgic introduction tries to obscure the realities of an odious era and the ensuing story of three blacklisted television writers who sell their stories through a "front." Their crime was marching in a May Day parade, signing petitions for the Spanish pa-

triot, and aligning themselves with Communist and sympathetic Party organizations.

This is a real script. Dalton Trumbo received as much as \$40,000—\$75,000 per script under pseudonyms turning out 30 scripts during nine years of his banning. Only when no "Robert Rich" emerged to accept the Academy Award for *The Brave One*, did the film world finally concede to its idiot blacklist. When producer/director Otto Preminger finally had the courage in 1956 to announce publicly his hiring of Trumbo for the screenplay of *Exodus*, the end of the blacklist in the entertainment industry began.

Not Serious

The Front does not really succeed because it tries to make a joke out of a very serious situation. A noted comedian, Hecky Brown (played by Zero Mostel who, according to the credits, was also blacklisted), is forced to do his comic stint at a Catskill resort for a mere \$250; his salary has been sheared down from a former \$3000 before his name appeared on the list. His friends won't say hello to him, he can't feed his family or provide his alimony. In a purely comic routine, he takes an expensive hotel suite, tips the porter who brings him a bottle of champagne, and then jumps out the window to his death. The cut from the comic visual style with Mostel cavorting with his portly image in the mirror, to his stricken family emerging from the funeral chapel is *too* shocking. To play with the audience's emotions, both visually and aurally (we hear a brief

The Front: Fail

One View

cello's chord denoting a Jewish dirge), is not fair here. But what was fair about this period?

The scenes of the investigating committee chairman grilling Hecky are odious but real. "Where did you go last year? Who did you see? Why did you march in the Commie parade?" Hecky claims he was just after some Bessy or Tessie's big ass who also *happened* to be a Communist sympathizer. And he has the honest audacity to add he wasn't even successful sexually. The inquisitor admonishes, "be 'patriotic'—name other sympathizers."

The hysteria of the period is merely glossed over with lines delivered by Woody. He asks a network head who has just been threatened by a commercial sponsor, "He's got three stores and he tells a network who to hire?" The network manager, Herschel Bernardi, also blacklisted, repeats his answer, "Who wants trouble," several times during the course of the film.

So this was a period of complacency when no one wanted trouble, when people acted as "stoolies" to save their own skins. There were some fighters, but not enough. Fine actors like John Garfield, blacklisted for almost two years without work, died of a heart ailment, certainly brought on by personal aggravation. (Ironically, his daughter, Julie Garfield, plays a cameo role as Margo, Woody's co-worker in a bar in which Woody is employed as a cashier before he becomes a "front.")

The film is replete with gag lines that Woody delivers in his characteristic-

ure or Success?

by Phyllis Zucker

ally dead-pan style. For instance, he gets involved with a very socially committed woman who is the production assistant to the network. She is fed up with everyone's impotence in fighting the blacklist and decides to quit her job and publish a newsletter. Their relationship wanes when Woody tries to dissuade her from doing this. He attempts to renew their friendship with lines like, "I tried to get tickets for the Paul Robeson concert but it was the same night as the basketball game."

The denouement comes with Howard's (Woody Allen) appearance before a committee to investigate his affiliations. His retorts are there to evoke laughter but their seriousness impedes my ability to laugh. When they ask, "You had no idea that your friend Al was a Communist?"

"He was only twelve."

His boss advises him to take the Fifth Amendment.

Woody: "What's the Fifth?"

Not Convincing

The character that Woody Allen plays is too wooden and unbelievable. He is not even convincing as a "front" as he admits to his girlfriend, "I'm not a writer. I can't even write a grocery list."

But like the woful *schemiels* in a Preston Sturges comedy of the 40s, for whom "Greatness is thrust upon them," to borrow Shakespeare's phrase, Woody emerges as a hero. His girlfriend and the three writers he protected wave the handcuffed fall-guy off at the railroad station as he is carted off to jail. For a man without any ideals, he summoned up the courage in the

end to tell the committee, "I don't recognize the right of this committee and you can all fuck yourselves."

This brilliant line is a culmination of an interesting use of cinematography. The scene in which Howard is questioned by the committee is done with a wide-angle lens, perhaps a fish-eye, so that the entire room with the investigators appears distorted. The lens takes in the committee and the defendant, thus creating a metaphor of the Committee as a microcosm of the times. The visual distortion works here, paralleling a distorted era.

In the 50s, the film-reviewing analysis section of the Office of War Information, conducted a special investigation to see if there was evidence of "Communist propaganda" in the 159 films of the men indicted.

It was found that none of 159 credited . . . to the Hollywood Ten contained Communist Propaganda. . . . However, the films of all ten men reflect a sincere concern with social and economic problems, and a large number . . . championed the cause of the underdog, the underprivileged, the social outcast—e.g. the criminal or the person with criminal associations who tries to go straight and finds himself an outcast of society. . . . it can hardly be said that the age-long struggle for social betterment is a treasurable bid for revolution.²

To quote Dalton Trumbo, "you will do no good to search for villains or heroes or saints or devils because there were none; there were only victims."¹

I believe if this film had treated the story of the victims in a more serious manner, it could have worked. ■

Notes

1. Article I, *The Constitution of the United States*.
2. Dorothy Jones, *Communism in the Movies, A Study of Film Content*, in John Cogley, *Report of Blacklisting*, Volume I (New York: Fund for the Republic, 1956; reprinted Arno, 1972), pp. 226-28.
3. Dalton Trumbo, *Additional Dialogue*, Evans, New York, 1970, p. 570.

The Editors Respond: When the usual fare of films has sunk to rehashes of *King Kong* and *Gone With The Wind*, one tends to view anything with the label "Hollywood" with suspicion.

However, although we might agree with certain of Ms. Zucker's points, we feel *The Front* was, on the whole, positive. Ms. Zucker fails to take into account that for the U.S. at this time, the content of this Hollywood film is markedly better than most others of the past several years. Her points, which contain much merit, would have been strengthened if she had started on this premise, and then argued that this or that feature detracted from the film's potential.

We should note the violently hostile reaction to this film, with *The New York Times* leading the pack. Such a gang-up is not seen too often; when it happens, progressive people must take a second look at the object under attack. Something that makes Sulzberger's blue blood boil can't be all bad.

Weaknesses? There are many. We would point out two that Ms. Zucker omits: *The Front* neglects the fight against McCarthyism, which was as much a characteristic of the period as was McCarthy. Secondly, there is no mention of the broader attack on the Communist Party itself, and on trade unions, peoples' organizations, and the Black liberation movement.

That films like this are made and viewed by millions reflects a growing rejection of McCarthyism and Redbaiting; that they fall short of a full disclosure of the nature of McCarthyism and the harm of Redbaiting requires from the Left a response not of rejection but of principled criticism. ■

by Henri Percikow

people gaped in awe
at the macabre vision
of thirty-five naked Jews
men, women and children
driven as cattle
from the ritual bathhouse
along the cobbled streets of Mielec
under the constant nazi bark
"laufen schnell, verdamte juden"
while their hobnailed boots
were hammering on stone
and the ships were barred from our
shores.

what shame, helplessness and fear
were grooved upon the terrified faces
as they were flayed
with rifle butt and whip
under the taunting
and obscene eye
of a pack of demented "azyans"
deserted by a hostile world
and by their own shadows
under grey clouds
that hid a cold sun
and the ships were barred from our
shores.

what madness swept their lives
with not even a rag
to pin onto their flesh
to cover their dignity
as they were rushed
into a slaughterhouse
that reeked of blood and doom
where the victims kissed farewell
the valhalla for the despised
whose doors were bolted and locked
by the crazed valkyrie
and the ships were barred from our
shores.

the incendiarists showered gasoline
over the stark walls
the diabolical order
for the "final solution"
from heydrich, eichman, rosenberg
himmler and hitler
flames and smoke
leaped giddily into the sky
with the shrieking of the old
and the screaming of the children
the inferno crackled and roared
and the ships were barred from our
shores.

bare fists and little hands
could not break down the doors
of their enclosed hell
the crematorium crashed
muting the shrieking and screaming
with a deathly silence
as the ghostly smoke
carried the charred odor
across the world that had stopped
circling for thirty-five Jews
the human offering to odin
and the ships were barred from our
shores.

Mielec



Mielec is a small town in Poland. During WWII, the Nazis rounded up all Jews in the town and burnt them alive in a ritual slaughterhouse.

כ"ט סיון תשכ"ז
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ווען מע רופט אן די זאכן באם נאמען

דאס ערשטע מאל, ווען פאליטיקער פארפירן א פאלק ביו צו א קאטאסטראפע אין דער אויפקער לאגע וואלט אן עמעסער פרינטי פון יישראל און פונעם יישראל-פאלק געדארטט לויבן און שטיצן יעדן איינעם, ווער עס באקעמפט די דאזיקע גע- פאר. שוין אָפּגערעדט, או אלס ייד, קען מען זיין שטאלץ מיט דעם, וואס עס געפינען זיך אין ייסי-ראעל יודן, וועלכע טרעטן ארויס פאר גלייכבארע-טיקונג, קעגן דער ראסיסטישער פאליטיק, פאר פעל-קער-פריינטשאפט וועל דערמיט ראטעווען זיי אָפּ דעם קאָוועד פונעם יידישן פאלק.

איז דען ווייניק דער ראסיוס, וואס הערשט אין יישראל, ווו אראבער האבן ניט די זעלבע רעכט ווי יידן; איז דען דער רויב פון זייערע באַדנס, די דיסקרימינאציע אָף אלע געביטן פונעם לעבן, די באגרענעצונגען אין דער ארבעט, דער טויזנט-האס-מישעו פאר אראבער, דער פארבאָט צו בויען גינע היזער און א סאך אנדערע פארבאָטן און באשווע-רונגען — צי איז דאס ניט ענווגו צו פארייניקן אלע קויכעס אין קאמף קעגן דער דאזיקער פאליטיק דעריבער איז ניטאן וואס בארינגט צו ווערן, ווען מע רופט אן די זאכן באם נאמען. די יישראלדיקע הערשער טוען זייערע מיסיס אין נאמען פון דער צונויטישער אידעאלאגיע. אין נאמען פון קלוי-מערשטע יישראלע אינטערעסן איז מען געווארן די בעסטע פריינט מיטן נאציסטישן ראסיסט פארסטער און מיטן פאשיסט פינאטשעס.

ס'איז גייטיק וועגן דעם צו ריידן שוין צוליב דעם, קעדי אונטערצושיידן צווישן זיי און די אבי-דערע יישראלע-בייורגער, וועלכע זיינען גרייט צו קעמפן צוואנעם מיט דער אראבישער באפעלקערונג פון יישראל פאר זייערע מענטשלעכע און בירגער-לעכע רעכט.

עפשער וועט דאס עמעצען לערנען, אז ווען מע קעמפט קעגן דער פאליטיק פון די יישראל-הערשער, איז מען ניט קעגן דער יידישער מעדינע. אין יידישן פאלק זיינען שטענדיק געווען, פונקט ווי בא אבי-דערע פעלקער, רעאקצאָנערע הערשנדיקע קרייזן, דער, וואס זעצט ארין אלע יידן אין איין „שיפּל“, שטיצט פאקטיש די יידישע רעאקציע, וועלכע האָט שטענדיק גערעדט „איז נאָמען פונעם יידישן פאלק“ מע וואָלט טראַפּט דערמאָנען דעם, וואס שרייבט זיך אונטער פ. א. ג. (ער מיינט זיכער צו איינקויפן זיך גאנצליך, מע זאל אים מעכאפער זיין די „זיג“) פון זיינע פּוּרערידיק ארין, ווען ער איז ארויסגע-טראָטן מיטן ראטנפארבאנד או מיט די קאמוניסטי-אז די קאמוניסטי פון יישראלע זיינען גרייט צו שטיצן יעדן איינעם, ווער עס איז פאר שאַלעם מיט די אראבישע פאלקע, פאר שטיצן אין דער וועלט און פאר א זיכערע עקזיסטענץ פון יישראלע אין די אנערקענטע גרענעצן פון 1967.

א. מ. ז. דער וועג, טעלאוויז

די טעג און אריינגעפאלן פון מיינע הענט א יידישע צייטונג פון גייריאק מיט א קורצן פאלי-טישן פאמפּלעט, אונטערגעשריבן מיט די איניציאלן פ. א. ג. ס'איז ניט וויכטיק די פערזענלעכקייט פונעם מעכאבער, דער איקער איז דער אינהאלט, וועל ס'האָט פון יעדער שרעע געשפּריצט מיט האס קעגן די אלע, ווער ס'וואגט נאָר אַנצוגרייפן די רעאקצאָנערע פאליטיק פון דער יישראלע-ריי-רונג לויטן מעכאבער מיט די דריי איניציאלן, זיינען פאראן צוויי פאקטארן, וואָס פארשוואַרצן נע-בין דאָס „דעמאָקראַטישע“ און „ליכטיקע“ פּאַנעם פון דער אויקער פאליטיק, דאָס זיינען די סאָוער-טישע פּרעסע און די יישראלדיקע קאמפּאָרטיי.

אויסדערלופטן איז גראָד דאָן געהאנגען דער שווארצער געדיכטער רויך פון די געברענגע גומענע רעדער, וואָס עס האָבן אונטערגעצונדן ייגנטלעכע אָף די גאסן פון די אָקופּירטע שטעט אפן מירער-ברעג פונעם יארדן אלס פּראַטעסט קעגן דעם קאָלאָנאַלן טעראָר, קעגן די מאַסינאַרעסען, קעגן סיסן אין די דעמאָנסטראַטשן, קעגן רויב פון זייערע פעלדער און פארמעגן, געוויס זיינען די געשרייען פון די דעמאָנסטראַנטן, די שיעור פון די יישראלע-דיקע זעלנער, די קרעכצן פון די פארווונדעטע און צעשטענע פאלעסטינער סטודענטן און ייגנטלעכע ניט דערגאנגען צו די אויערן פון פ. א. ג., דעריבער איז אים שווער צו פארשטיין די געפאר, וואָס עס דראַעט דעם יישראלע-פאלק פון די אנטוויקלונגען אין רעוואַלט פון אָט דער אויבנדערמאָנטער פאליטיק, וואָס טיינעט פ. א. ג. ס'מישט, ווי מעמעלט דאָס עמעצער צו פאררופן און אפן היסטאָריקער טויגלי, וועלכער האָט געוואָנט א „ס'איז די טראַגעדיע פון דער מאָדערנע ערשעכטע, פון די יידן, אַנשטאָט צו לערנען פון די לעקציעס פון זייערע אייגענע ליידין, האָבן באהאנדלט די אראבער פונקט ווי די נאציס האָבן זיי באהאנדלט“.

די וועלט איז אַבער ניט טויב און בלינד, דערי-בער מוז פ. א. ג. זאָגן, אז ארין ער „פּראַטעסטירט קעגן דיסקרימינאציע, ווו זאָל ניט זיין“, זיין גאנגע האס און ביינע וועצע פירט ער אַבער קעגן די, וואָס באַקעמפן דאָס שלעכטע, קעגן די ייסי-ראעלדיקע קאמוניסטי קעגן די פאטריאָטישע קעגן די פּראַגרעסיווע טיילן פונעם יישראלע-פאלק.

ס'איז ריכטיק, אז ווען מע באשולדיקט „אָגולנע“ די יידן אין דיסקרימינאציע, איז דאָס א ראסיסטי-דיקע צוגאנג, ס'איז ארין ריכטיק, אז די יישראלע-דיקע רעווינגע מיט ארין רעאקצאָנערע, ראסיסטי-טישער, אַנטיפּאָליקשער פאליטיק קריגט א גרויסע צאָל שטימער אין די וואָלן, אַבער איז דאָך ניט ס'פון דער רעאקציע פון „סאָוועטיש הימלאנד“, צוליב קלאַריטיט „זאָגן מיט אים דעם סאָד“, מיט פ. א. ג. שריבט זיך אונטער ארין דער ניר-יאַרקער „מאָרגן-פּרייהיט“ איר רעאקטאָר ע. נאָוויק.

באגריסונג פארן „דושוואים אפערס“

חשובע חברים,

דונג ויך אומצוקערן צו די גרענעצן פון
1964 יוני ד"ה מן פאר דער מלחמה;
באריינן אלע אקופירטע טעריטאריעס;
אנערקענען די רעכט פון פאלעסטינער
פאלק אויף זעלבטבאשטימונג און אויפ-
צושטעלן וויין אייגענע מדינה ביי דער
זייט פון מדינת ישראל אויב דאס וועט
זיין זיין פארשלאג; גיין קיין ושענווע
און באהאנדלען דארטן אלע טערייט-
טראגעס מיט אלע פארינטערעסירטע
צדדים, איינשליסלעך דעם אנערקענסן
פארטיייער פון פאלעסטינער פאלק דעם

מיר צייכענען באזונדערס אפ אייער
קלנסעקווענטן קאמף עקען דער אנטטיא-
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קער פון ר"ם און פש"א.
מיר שאצן הויך אפ אייער ריכטיקע
שטעלונג צו דער לייזונג פון מיטלמזרח-
דיקו קריזיס, וואס איז אידענטיש מיט
דער שלום-פראגראם פון דער ישראלדי-
קער קאמפארטיי.

די אנטוויקלונג פון דער לעצטער צייט
האט באוויזן די ריכטיקייט פון דער
שלום פראגראם וועלכע די ישראלדיקע
קאמפארטיי האט ארויסגערוקט. גלייך
נאך דער מלחמה אין יוני 1967. וי האט
געפאדערט פון דער ישראלדיקער רעגיר-

מיר דאנקען אייך פאר דער איינלאדונג
צו באגריסן אייער 50 יערלעכן באקעט,
זינט דער שאפונג פון דער צייטשריפט
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געהאלטענעם קאמף אין אויסדעקן די
אמתדיקע ראַלע פון אַמעריקאַנער אַי-
מ פּעריאַליום; אין שמידן די איינזיקייט פון
די פראַגרעסיווע כוחות ביי אײך אין
לאַנד כדי אַפּצוטייטן דעם אַנגרייפן
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בעטנדיקע און פּאַליק-מאַסן; עקען די
כוחות פון דער רעאַקציע, ראַסיזם און
אנטיסעמיטיזם.

זיאמע טימענטשיק

צו אן אוועקפארער

עקנסט אינפאק די זאקן און די טעלער און גארדינען,
נאך וועסט מיט זיך ניט מיטנעמען דעם לויטערן באגניען.
דעם לויטערן באגניען מיט זיך וועסטן ניט פירן,
דעם לויטערן באגניען — אים וועסטו פארלירן

דו נעמסט דאס זאלצמעסטל, די פלייש-מאשין, דעם זייגער,
נאך וועסט אהין ניט מיטנעמען אונדזער גוטן שטייגער.
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אונדזער גוטן שטייגער — אים וועסטו פארלירן

דיפלאמען עקנסטו מיטנעמען, די צוגעגרייטע טעמעס,
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די העמדער עקנסטו אינפאק, די קאלדרעס און די קישנס,
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דעם זויבערן געוויסן מיט זיך וועסטו ניט פירן,
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"While considering the complications and difficulties of this noble mission, especially in the U.S., where the Zionist movement is very powerful and active, supported strongly by the Administration and the monopolies, we are completely convinced that *Jewish Affairs*, under the editorship of Dr. H. Aptheker, will meet the challenge successfully, as it did before.

"In this respect, dear Dr. Aptheker, depend on our warmest solidarity and cooperation."

Naim Ashhab
CC Member, Jordanian
Communist Party
and representative at
World Marxist Review

"Please accept my warmest, comradely congratulations. I sincerely wish you the greatest success as editor of *Jewish Affairs*.

"I wish you success in carrying out the tasks facing you, the task of explaining to the American Jewish people, to American and world public opinion, the undermining role played by Zionism on a world regional level.

"You have taken the place of the late Dr. Hyman Lumer who, when he headed the magazine, was an outstanding humanist and international figure, greatly respected by progressives and patriots in the Middle East."

A. Haba
representative of the Iraqi
Communist Party

"We have always considered that we are fighting the same battle as you, against imperialism and Zionism. Confronting the aggressiveness of racist Zionism on our own land we, the Egyptian Communists, find in your struggle against opportunism, left adventurism, bourgeois nationalism and anticommunism in the main citadel of world imperialism and Zionism, a great support in the struggle we are waging against these same enemies. No one can say who of us is suffering more than the other in this battle."

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Egyptian Communist Party

"Your journal has played a significant role in acquainting the U.S. and world public with the truth about Zionism and its undermining role, exposing the aggressive expansionistic policy of the Israeli Zionists.

"The internationalist solidarity you have voiced at all times and under every condition and on the pages of *Jewish Affairs* is invaluable aid to our people in their struggle."

Yakoub Garro
representative of the Communist Party
of Syria at *World Marxist Review*

Greetings received after issue date will appear next issue.

"We identify ourselves with your steadfast and principled struggle to expose the role of U.S. imperialism and to forge unity of the progressive forces to beat back the onslaught of reaction, racism and anti-Semitism.

"We highly praise your correct position on the solution of the Middle East crisis, which is the peace program of the Communist Party of Israel. On this occasion, we want to greet the new editor, Comrade Herbert Aptheker, and wish success to your publication.

S. Becker, Editor
Der Veg

"We can be sure *Jewish Affairs* will continue to defend the true interests of the Israeli people against the imperialist-Zionist domination of their lives. We can be sure *Jewish Affairs* will continue to work for the unity of all progressive forces in the U.S. in their struggle against the domination of monopoly capital, and for peace in the Middle East and peaceful coexistence in the world arena."

John Pittman
CPUSA representative
World Marxist Review

"The best to all of you in 1977 and the many years to come.

"Never again the need for monuments to the victims of war.

"For a racist-free world.

"For socialism and peace worldwide."

Sol Flapan
Warsaw, Poland

"For those of us who are most desirous of seeing a just and lasting peace come to the Middle East, 1977 should be a year in which we intensify our efforts to build a broad-based peace movement that will ensure that the U.S. government will pursue a positive and constructive Middle East policy.

"Toward that end, it is incumbent upon progressive Arabs and Jews in the U.S. to work together to help strengthen the peace movement and also to diffuse the dangers and temptations that Zionism and Arab reaction present . . .

"By our working together, may 1977 bring Israeli Jews and the Palestinian Arabs closer to the just and lasting peace they both need and deserve, thus removing the dangers of devastating war from that most troubled part of the world."

Dr. James Zogby
Vice-President
Association of Arab-American
University Graduates

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"We salute *Jewish Affairs*, a much needed source of clarity. Its dedication to an end to all bigotry and racism, and its antimonopoly approach are a guiding light in this time of increasing anti-Semitism, racism and national chauvinism put forth by the ruling class."

Joelle Fishman
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TO *JEWISH AFFAIRS*

The real voice of the Jewish
people, the real defender of
the independence of Israel and
a just Mideast peace.

Communist Party, U.S.A.

TO *JEWISH AFFAIRS* AND
HERBERT APTHEKER
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"Our 7 years of fraternal association with *Jewish Affairs* has been a source of great encouragement and example for us. Your publication is making an invaluable contribution to the world struggle against national conflict, racism and anti-Semitism, for peace and national liberation and the advancement of working people of all countries. We are confident of a bright future for *Jewish Affairs*."

**Staff of the People's World
Berkeley, Calif.**

Greetings & success to *Jewish Affairs* on its Fifth Annual Dinner. Long Live *Jewish Affairs*!

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Lena & Abe Kendzer
Sonia Halpern
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Paula Moldofsky
Ethel Wolfson

Southern Ca. Council for JA
Our affection and best wishes to the editor of *Jewish Affairs*

Dr. Herbert Aptheker

Congratulations to the editorial staff for a job well done, and for progress.

Sam Aronoff, Chrmn.
Paula Moldofsky, Treas.
Rick Pell, Sec.

Best wishes and greetings from

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"Friends"

Lumer's death was a terrible blow to us all, but our magazine will make new strides under Aptheker's editorship.

Freeda & Phil Honor

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To a staunch Marxist-Leninist, A profound scholar-historian, to the editor of *Jewish Affairs*

Dr. Herbert Aptheker
and an orchid to Fay
Fannie & Sam Aronoff

NEW YORK

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Carry on for justice and peace.

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Long live the editorial staff

Dorothy & Matt Kahan

NEW YORK

To Jean & Berl—

Many happy anniversaries
Esther

Greetings to *Jewish Affairs*
E.W.

Greetings to *Jewish Affairs*
and its new editor Herbert Aptheker
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On this occasion we remember
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Sarah & Harry Tobman

In honor of Dr. Aptheker and
in memory of Hyman Lumer
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Happy birthday to Esther Carroll
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In memory of Dora Sallins
May

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greetings to *Jewish Affairs*
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In loving memory of
Toby & Marian
The Parents

Greetings to editors, writers and readers of *Sovetish Heimland, Daily World, Jewish Affairs & Political Affairs*

Dora Elson

NEW YORK

I started to work for a socialist America in WWI with Eugene V. Debs. That gives me 60 years of struggle. But I hope that my children of the Young Workers Liberation League will have a Socialist U.S.A. Enclosed is 50 cents for each year of struggle

Gittel Marks

Greetings to Herbert Aptheker
In memory of Hyman Lumer.

Sonia & Alex Kolkin

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Fannie Hechtman
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In memory of Dr. Hyman Lumer—friend, teacher & comrade—and in tribute to Dr. Herbert Aptheker, also a friend, teacher and comrade.

Gertrude & Robert Decker

In honor of the upcoming 84th birthday of Fannie Hechtman
A lifelong activist in the struggle for a better world. Many more years of good health and happiness. Shalom.
the D'Angelo Family

In memory of Dr. Lumer and for continued success to *Jewish Affairs*

Sophia Levinson
Lena Levine

Greetings to a much-needed publication and organization. Yours for growth in 1977.
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To *Jewish Affairs*—the only Jewish-American magazine in the U.S. that carries on a consistent struggle against racism, anti-Semitism and Zionism, and for the unity of all working people.

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Greetings to *Jewish Affairs*
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NEW YORK

In memory of my husband & comrade

WILLIAM MILLER

a fighter for peace, justice, equality of all
races, for solidarity of the working class
a staunch supporter of *Jewish Affairs*
since its inception

Mollie Miller

Best wishes to *Jewish Affairs*
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Greetings to Herbert Aptheker
and
Best wishes to *Jewish Affairs*
Zina & Morris

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Greetings
From Great Neck Friends

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Hyman Lumer
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and its new editor, Herbert Aptheker
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Best wishes to *Jewish Affairs*
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of *all people* fighting for justice,
peace, brotherhood and socialism
all over the world

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In memory of Hyman Lumer
From the Hyman Lumer Club of Miami

New Year's greetings to all
our friends & members
Erwin Stander Reading Circle

Greetings to *Jewish Affairs*
We need you badly
Pauline & Ben Young

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Greetings to *Jewish Affairs*
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Best wishes
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For the struggle for workingclass unity
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In memory of
Comrade Hyman Lumer
we salute *Jewish Affairs*,
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for peace and detente,
organizer against imperialism,
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Sophie Pann

In memory of Dr. Lumer, who fought for the true interests of the Jewish working class

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Aptheker will carry the Lumer torch with honor
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