ISRAEL: WHAT BEGAN WITH A HOLOCAUST IS ENDING WITH A HOLOCAUST

"It is not the consciousness of men that determines their being, but, on the contrary, their social being that determines their consciousness." (Karl Marx) Nowhere is this profound observation more applicable than in the state of Israel, this western colony brutally imposed on the hostile Arab world, an act which transformed a previously persecuted people into persecutors themselves.

Many people stare with disbelief at the livestreamed genocide in Gaza perpetrated by the Zionists and their military. How could this happen? Had the Jews not suffered centuries of persecutions and pogroms, cruel religious bigotry, treated as sub-human. Now they are seen to be acting towards the Palestinians with the same callous cruelty as had befallen them in bygone years.

But memory does not prevail, existence does. And the average Israeli experiences their illegitimacy not directly and honestly, by acknowledging this is not their land, but indirectly and dishonestly, that the people who they forcibly removed are threatening its return. Thus, their mentality is one of being besieged and through being besieged they believe they have the right to defend themselves by all and every means. It is their social being as colonizers which determines their consciousness and attitudes toward the original inhabitants of the region, the Palestinians. (Note 1.)

Anyone who has studied history and societies would have opposed the state of Israel. Not only because of the sheer injustice towards the Palestinian people, but because of what it would do to the Jews themselves. That the very act of settling represents not an act of returning but an act of oppression turning the settlers into inevitable and inescapable oppressors. And so, it has come to pass. Even the original kibbutzniks with their barrack socialism misread the situation. Their slogan: "we have come to change the land and be changed by the land" is false because that land was not theirs to change in the first place.

The tide is shifting.

This was one of the reasons why Zionism was opposed by many sections of world Jewry resulting in the Zionist current remaining a minority movement until the 1930s, something Zionists have always denied. All of this changed with the rise of fascism in Germany resulting in the holocaust (the final solution) once it became clear that Germany had lost the war. The holocaust was then interpreted and used to argue for the need for a Jewish state under the slogan "never again." Later this was then reinforced by the resources of world imperialism and the Israeli government resulting in Zionism becoming the dominant ideology within world Jewry. The people of the region were to be punished for a crime not of their making.

This is beginning to change. Disgust with the brutality and inhumanity inflicted on the Palestinians is repelling more and more diaspora Jews, even in its stronghold, the USA. This is particularly true for the younger generation of Jews. And not only outside Israel but even inside it. Israeli human rights groups, the ones who originally promoted the so-called atrocities around October 7 are now condemning what is happening in Gaza. Even Israelis are calling for "crippling sanctions" on Israel as the only medicine which will turn the government around, something which could ironically get them arrested in the USA.. Israelis are calling for "crippling sanctions" on Israel as the only medicine which will turn the government around, something which could ironically get them arrested in the USA.. Israelis is starting to pivot away from Netanyahu criticising the Prime Minister's insistence that there is no starvation in Gaza. Trump has belatedly sent Witkoff to Israel to examine aid to Gaza. Even Germany, the most grotesque supporter of Zionism, is not excluded as it starts to distance itself from Israel due to the growing revulsion within that country.

By degrees Israel is not only becoming a failed state but a pariah state in an age where the sun is setting on the US Empire. Its economy is ruined, its reputation in tatters and it is being kept alive with financial injections from its imperial patrons and rich diaspora Oligarchs. Its corporate outreach in the region is now replaced by military posturing, conducted by a tired and disgruntled military. While the forever war in Gaza due to the IDF's failure to subdue the Palestinian resistance, and the shorter war with Iran which Israel lost, has stripped the country of its most precious advantage and hallmark, military invincibility. Finally, the clash between the secular Jews and the religious Jews raises the spectre that a technocratic society could degrade into a theocratic state, but such a messianic state even if nuclear armed, would be of little use to imperialism.

Hamas takes a page from the Zionist playbook.

The 1930s were desperate times for European Jewry. The rise of antisemitic fascism in Europe, concentrated in Germany but not limited to it, posed an imminent threat to the Jews of the region. While Hitler's original Jewish solution was the mass deportation of the Jews to the Middle East this was blocked by US and British imperialism seeking to protect their oil wealth in the Gulf knowing that the mass arrival of Jews in the region would be disruptive and counter-productive to their imperial ambitions at the time.

Ben Gurion a key figure in the Zionist movement expressed his frustration at the predicament facing the Jews and their lack of statehood. In his famous interview with the London Times newspaper and in <u>addresses to his Mapai Party</u>, Ben Gurion spoke of his willingness to sacrifice tens of thousands of German Jewish children if it helped create the moral climate to needed to establish a Jewish State in Palestine. "<u>If I knew</u> that it was possible to save all the children of Germany by transporting them to England, and only half by transferring them to the Land of Israel, I would choose the latter, for before us lies not only the numbers of these children but the historical reckoning of the people of Israel."

The same applies to the modern-day Palestinians. In 2020 Israel signed the <u>Abraham Accords</u> with several prominent Gulf States and potentially Saudi Arabia as well. This overarching peace treaty seeking to cement economic and political alliances in the region centred on Israel, would have been the final nail in the coffin of Palestinian Statehood. The two-state solution never had a chance beginning with the Oslo Accords. These Accords were fatally undermined when robust support for them from President Clinton was undermined by the daughter of the President of APAC, Monica Luensky in the Oval Office, almost leading to the President's Impeachment. Thereafter through honey traps often involving young women, machinations and intrigues, mainly orchestrated by Mossad, the two-state solution limped along until the Abraham Accords threatened to bury it.

Which brings us to October the 7th. Hamas prison break was masterful. It not only hurt Israel it embarrassed Israel. Hamas blindsided the most sophisticated surveillance, monitoring and A.I. systems in the world, used not only to trap the Palestinians, but also used as a marketing tool for Israeli Hi-Tech exports. All the talk that Israel knew what was coming and let it happen is a convenient deflection of what really happened, Palestinians who subverted this system and beat the Israelis at their own game. It proved once more that reliance on technology makes armies lazy and vulnerable when and if the enemy is able to detect and to exploit weaknesses in their systems. It's a lesson for all of us who are being monitored by increasingly intrusive and predictive A.I. systems at home and who believe they cannot be beaten.

Clearly Hamas knew that Israeli retaliation would be brutal and full. Whether they understood how far the Zionists would go to brutalise and intimidate the Palestinians is not known. But it has had the intended effect. The Zionists have been isolated and exposed. The world has turned its back on Israel. Israel has never been politically weaker and the Palestinian question so prominent.

For all these reasons it is more likely that a Palestinian state will emerge than the Palestinians will be driven from Gaza or exterminated. But the cost in suffering and lives will have been immense. And the shame is on the international working class. It's not the case that the Palestinian Resistance doesn't value human life, its that the passivity of the workers of the world allowed this Zionist crime to fester for decades, which has forced the desperate hand of the Palestinians.

Conclusion.

A historically illegitimate state born from a holocaust was and is bound to end in another holocaust. This almost happened in 1973 during the so-called *Yom Kippur War*. Kissinger had warned Golda Meir that US support depended on Israel not attacking Syria and Egypt pre-emptively as they had done in 1967 during the Six-Day War, but to allow the Arab countries to strike first. Folklore claims that the initial Arab successes were due to failures of Israeli intelligence, but this is simply not true.

However, both the US and Israel underestimated the ferocity of the resulting attack which sent the IDF reeling back with Syrian tanks breaking through to the coastal plain. It was at this point that the Israelis scrambled their nuclear weapons targeting Cairo and Damascus. The was the so-called *Samson Option*. This is not contested. Under the 30-year Cabinet rule, the reveal of the 1973 cabinet minutes released in 2003 hinted at this. More analyses drawing on broader US and Israeli reports confirmed this as well.

This nuclear blackmail had its effect; it turned the tide of the war. The USSR blinked while the USA launched its biggest ever military airlift to build and replenish Israeli arms, even flying Phantom Jets off the decks of aircraft carriers to replace IAF planes shot down by Sam-6 missiles. It is likely that the world came closer to the use of nuclear weapons than at any time since 1945.

What happened in 1973 was not an aberration. Israel will go to any lengths to preserve the 'Jewish State' up to and including exercising the *Samson Option*. It remains a grave threat to the Arab World, and it is becoming more dangerous, not only because it is becoming more desperate, but because it is being egged on by religious zealotry both within Israel and in the USA. There is only one answer to such tyranny, working class revolutions in Europe and Western Asia, whose combined strength will subdue this threat to humanity. Nothing less will suffice.

Note 1. Unlike the average Israeli today, <u>Ben Gurion</u> was under no illusions that Zionism represented land theft. "Let us not ignore the truth among ourselves … politically we are the aggressors and they defend themselves… The country is theirs, because they inhabit it, whereas we want to come here and settle down, and in their view we want to take away from them their country."

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