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The Final Final Solution



THE JEWS with their historic commitment to study, their passionate devotion to scholarship — their tendency to do well and prosper are 'extremely irritating'. Growing up as a Roman Catholic I know that by collaborating with Pontius Pilate 'they also killed

Christ', but the stand-out reason for finding Jews 'criminal' remains their ability to do really well in science, in medicine, in law, in finance, in business, in acting and the arts, in entertainment, and in publishing,

These excellent qualities are said by conspiracy merchants to give Jews extraordinary powers of world domination, controlling American foreign policy, and the money markets world-wide.

Over the centuries antisemites – Jew haters – have rung the changes. Sometimes the Jews are attacked for remaining separate and refusing to integrate, at others they are arraigned for insinuating themselves and their sinister designs into the bloodstream of society. In the first forty-odd years of the twentieth century Jews were depicted as heartless capitalists, and communists – committed to destroying everything we hold dear. Perhaps, one of the most venerable complaints of Jew-haters has been the failure of Jews to have a country of their own – of being rootless cosmopolitans – having no home. Now, following firmly in the tradition of having it both ways, Jews are attacked for having a homeland: Israel.

What absolutely infuriates all of its neighbours is that this Jewish homeland, this Jewish state is unaccountably richer than all of its neighbours. Leaving aside the apparently vexed 'question of democracy', Israel is a relatively liberal society in which religious fundamentalist Jews, find that they have to live side-by-side with lesbians, homosexuals, atheists, Muslims, Druze, Christians, Orthodox Jews, and those who are slipshod about their religious observance.

Israel works because the state adopted, from its foundation in 1948, the rule-of-law. Arbitrary rule by military figures, potentates, religious leaders or traditional big-wigs was firmly ruled out of court. The army has always been answerable to the elected government and everybody has to play by the rules. This has meant that civil society, business, and technology, has been able to flourish. Of course, there

is crime and corruption, but it is kept within bounds by robust respect for the rule-of-law. This has enabled civil society, collective enterprises, and individual entrepreneurs to flourish in a manner which is the envy of their neighbours.

Without oil or any other natural advantages, the Jews have made a resounding success of their country. From the pioneering farmers of the 1920s and thirties, to the ragged refugees who waded ashore in Tel Aviv in the forties, to those driven out of North Africa and Arab lands, with no more than the clothes on their backs, together with those who had lived for centuries in Jerusalem, the Jews have since 1948 made a rip-roaring success of their homeland.

Israel is a real country, not some abstraction dreamed up by leftist propagandists, it is not an apartheid colony, but a vibrant land full of industrious Jews and a large Arab minority which lives peacefully beside smaller communities of Christians and Druze. It also has popular armed forces committed to fighting for the safety of the country and the freedom of all its citizens.

Unfortunately, Israel finds itself surrounded by enemies on all sides firing thousands of rockets at its cities, towns, and villages, month-by-month for years on end. This violence is motivated by the desire to destroy the Jewish state.

In 1945 the Arab League passed a resolution attacking the Jewish population of British Mandate Palestine. In 1947 the League opposed the UN partition of Palestine between Arabs and Jews, demanding the entire territory for the Muslim Arab population. In 1948, the League (including Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and others), called for the destruction of the fledging Jewish state. War ensued – within a year – the Jews won. When faced with defeat the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan hurriedly annexed Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Ever since these early days Arab forces in war after war have sought to destroy the Jews and their state. They have been as relentless in their

aggression, as they have been in their failure. Today, the terrorist forces of Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis, and Iran, continue to strive to clear the territory "from the River to the Sea" of Jews and to consign the Jewish state to history. This is an integral part of the Jewhatred sponsored by the Muslim Brotherhood since its inception in Egypt in 1928, and its Islamist allies and supporters ever since.

During the Second World War Amin al Husseini, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, spent time in Rome and Berlin, and encouraged the Nazi recruitment of Bosnian Muslims to fight for the Third Reich. Husseini was a thorough-going antisemite offering to help Hitler free the Arab lands of Jews. To this day, the hatred of Jews is promoted, throughout Arab and Muslim lands by Islamists, both Shia and Suni.

So, it is truly astonishing that the Western left in its campaign against Zionism has sought to background or minimise the role of Jew-hatred in the struggle against Israel. For years this left has sought strenuously to distinguish hatred of Zionism from hatred of Jews, suggesting, that hatred of one does not imply hatred of the other.

This self-deception finally came to an end on the 8th October 2023. The day after the pogrom launched against Israel by Hamas the organisation's commitment to murdering Jews was graphically reaffirmed. From this moment onwards, as the Palestine Solidarity Campaigns engaged in world-wide celebrations of the slaughter of Jews, the attempt to distinguish Zionists from Jews collapsed, and the progressive justice warriors of the West found themselves publicly on the side of Jew-killers.

Brendan O'Neill in his recent book, *After the Pogrom*, in noting the wave of antisemitic attacks throughout Britain, Europe, Australia, and America, explained:

This was more than a spike in hate crime – it was a *continuation of the pogrom*. It was the

globalisation of 7 October. It was the internationalisation of the Hamas ideology.

O'Neill went on to ask:

Didn't you people say "Globalise the intifada"? Well here it is, being globalised. Not only on campuses and outside embassies, but also at synagogues, Jewish schools, Jewish shops, Jewish museums.

It has now become abundantly clear that the Palestine Solidarity Campaigns can no longer hide behind the distinction between fighting Zionism and hating Jews. It is inescapably an antisemitic project in which the social justice warriors of the West have bought into Hamas and Hezbollah's Jew-hatred, hook-line-and-sinker. There is no other way of explaining the world-wide support on the left for Hamas's murderous attack in October last year.

The Islamists are engaged in a struggle to complete the Final Solution – ridding the world of Jews. However, the alliance of the Palestinian Solidarity Campaigns with Jew-haters is not an aberration. In fact, the left has had a long tradition of seeking to rid the world of Jews.

Yet earlier in this tradition the left did not endorse the murderous Jew hatred of the kind advocated by Hamas and Hezbollah, but sought instead to rid the world of Jews through the withering away of both religion and nationalism. It is in this *utopian* move that the radical left came dangerously close to Wager's view expressed in *On Judaism and Music* where the composer suggests that the only way that the Jew can be rescued from his predicament, is "to cease to be".

There is, of course, a murderous logic at work here, but the Marxist and socialist tradition is more complicated, more nuanced. This is because the principal position of communists and socialists in the twentieth century was always assimilationist. They did not endorse the idea of Jewish emancipation or of mass murder, but instead thought that Jews and Judaism should pass out of existence. The Jews would, in the fullness of time, simply disappear into the mainstream of society.

Jews like Rosa Luxemburg, and Leon Trotsky were opposed to both religious particularism amongst Jews, and as a matter of course, to any expression of nationalism. Vladimir Lenin was opposed to Jewish self-organisation and strenuously opposed the foundation and activities of the *General Jewish Workers' Bund in Lithuania, Poland and Russia*, founded in 1897. Lenin was opposed to both religion and nationalism, consequently he set the tone for most left-wing thought about Jews during the twentieth century.

It was Abram Leon in his book, *The Jewish Question: A Marxist Interpretation*, that fully discussed the predicament of Jews during the development of capitalism, and even their problematic role as merchants and traders during the 1920s in Soviet Russia. Leon welcomed the prospect of the dissolution of separate Jewish communities, as he hoped that Jews would become fully embedded within the industrial working class.

The twin evils of nationalism and religion were supposed to decay and finally disappear with the victory of the working class over the bourgeoisie.

In the event the victory of fascism in Europe during the twenties and thirties of the last century wrecked this dream. The Jews could not assimilate and Zionism – the idea of a Jewish homeland took hold as the only realistic option. The immigration quotas in Britain, the Dominions, the United States, and in Western Europe before German occupation, meant that Zionist communities in Mandate Palestine became the only refuge for hundreds of thousands of survivors escaping from the tsunami of killings in Europe.

From the point of view of the left this represented the 'movement of history' in the wrong

direction. Zionism is, and always has been, reactionary – a fatal combination of religion and nationalism. Socialists and Communists always found Zionism offensive because it flourished – as the only option – for Jews faced with the defeat of the working class in a continent dominated by fascist dictatorships.

This leftist perception has, with the fading of the Holocaust into history, resulted in seeing Zionism as a colonial, racist, and imperialist project. Consequently, Israel should not exist. Over the last fifty years as Islamism has gradually come to dominate the 'anti-imperialist' struggle most elements of the left have degenerated into supporting the Islamic case for the liquidation of Israel and its Jews. This has become crystal clear following Hamas's pogrom of the 7th of October. The pogrom led Palestine Solidarity Campaigns world-wide to justify the murder of Jews, or at least to find the killings understandable.

So, we are now confronted by the Final, Final Solution supported by 'progressive' opinion internationally. Israel should be abolished and replaced by a single Muslim state in Palestine. The Jews will simply disappear under cover of a welter of euphemisms employed for camouflaging murder and ethnic cleansing.

Israel and its millions of Jews, its universities, its libraries, its research institutes, its museums, its high-tech industries, its flourishing agriculture, and vibrant cultural life, will be no more. The Jews, like those of Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, or Hungary, will be gone.

This, would not be a victory for the left, but for the most reactionary theological dictatorships imaginable. The rule-of-law, liberal civil rights, and the pursuit of social justice would, along with the Jews, simply disappear in a wave of fatwas issued by Islamist clerics. This final, final solution, would not only be a disaster for Jews it would signal the catastrophic defeat of Western civilisation.

It is for this reason that I have become a resolute 'Zionist' – Israel must prevail at all costs against all of her enemies.