

«The relationship between Israel and its neighbors must be like that between America and the Soviets. Balance between the two sides is not enough; there must be superiority.» This became the thesis that governed ensuing US administrations. This policy was implemented in the form of practical programs, not least of which was the Israeli move from importing weapons to importing the technology needed to manufacture these weapons, and then becoming a major arms producer. It was during this period that 'Israel' made two major achievements in this field: production of the Merkava tank and of the Lavie warplane which will fly in 1986.

It is no coincidence that the qualitative transformations in the political life of 'Israel' were manifested in the rise of the most aggressive, expansionist and chauvinist trends. These trends paralleled the escalation of a similar political trend in the USA in particular and in the capitalist world in general. Reagan is not an individual representing himself. He is the apex of the deep transformations in the philosophy governing the course

of the American administration, initiated by Nixon and engineered by Kissinger. Later Brzezinski developed this philosophy and paved the way for Reagan.

The parallelism in the transformation in 'Israel' and the US points to the similarity in origin of this transformation which led to a redistribution of roles between the two, in a way to serve their interests optimally. The platform for the role redistribution was common commitment to imperialism's global strategy. Organization of the roles of 'Israel' and the other centers of imperialism, in light of the above, points to the fact that when 'Israel' acts in the service of imperialism, it is simultaneously serving itself. It is a part and a full partner of the imperialist camp. If the enemy camp knows its interests and distributes roles accordingly, it is only natural that we should act on the same basis. If our allies in the international progressive forces act on the basis that Zionism is their direct enemy, then it is our prerogative, as Palestinians and Arabs, to respect this political logic and act on the basis that imperialism is our direct enemy.

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