

(4) The poor peasants' per-capita resource position is so bad as to necessitate working mainly for others in order to obtain a subsistence—whether directly through hiring out labour for wages or indirectly through leasing in land even on high rents, or a combination of the two. The poor peasant operates some land whether owned or rented, but working for others is at least as important. If hiring out predominates, the poor peasant is basically an agricultural labourer but also cultivating some land. If the rent payment predominates, then the poor peasant is basically a petty tenant. Typically poor peasants cannot make ends meet and have to depress consumption standards below customary levels.

(5) The full-time labourer does not operate any land at all. He is entirely or mainly dependent on hiring out his labour for wages in order to obtain a subsistence. (Some full-time labourers may own a small trip of land which they lease out; however the labour equivalent of the rent received is not large enough to balance or out-weigh wages received on account of hiring out.) Like the poor peasant, the full-time labourer seldom achieves customary levels of subsistence and moreover usually faces much greater uncertainty than even the poor peasants do, in obtaining the bare necessities for survival.<sup>17</sup>

Now, we are in a position to adapt Patnaik's classification to the Palestinian peasantry. I will use the Johnson-Crosbie Report that not only provided information on holding size, but more importantly for our purpose furnished a distribution on the sources of income for households as being exclusively derived from the cultivation of their holdings, wholly from hiring out, or a combination of the two. This will be supplemented by information from the 1931 Census on "occupation or means of livelihood" in agriculture.

In addition, to better understand the class position of all the different strata in agriculture, we need to include the absentee landlords' holdings that were ignored in the analysis of the Johnson-Crosbie Report. I also include the holdings

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<sup>17</sup>Ibid., A85.