

a rival succeeded in stepping in ahead....This is a principle of wide application in the economics of monopoly... may appropriately be referred to as the principle of protective annexation. Closely related...is the urge to annex territories...of little or no present value, nevertheless may become valuable in the future. This may be called the principle of anticipatory annexation. Protective and anticipatory annexations played a very important part in the late nineteenth century scramble for still unclaimed parts of the earth's surface. Finally, we must not forget considerations of strategic nature...the need for well-placed land and sea bases, lines of communication..." 14

Complementing Lenin's argument, which attributes these annexationist "transitional forms of national dependence or informal imperialism" to the antagonistic struggle between the fractions of metropolitan bourgeoisie and to the competitive struggle among monopolies themselves, all stemming from the internal logic of capitalist accumulation. Sweezy's argument highlights an inseparable dimension, i.e., the strategic geographic locations of these settler colonial enterprises in relation to existing and/or potential international undertakings. For example, British takeover of South Africa and Rhodesia to guarantee a route for East India's company. In the case of Zionist colonial settlement and its strategic location regarding British imperialism, the point is very well put by Emile Touma in The Roots of the Palestine Problem,<sup>15</sup> and by many other historians.

It must be further remembered that the transformation from capitalism to capitalist imperialism is not only economic; it has also political and ideological dimensions.

Agreeing with Kemp, the economic conflict between the big combines only becomes comprehensible when seen in relation to the struggle between states:

"The epoch of the newest capitalism shows us that certain relations are being established between capitalist combines, based on the economic division of the world, while parallel with this and in connection with it, certain relations are being established between political alliances, between states, on the basis of the territorial division of the world, of the