

Labor-Zionism constitutes the "theory-of-action" for Jewish settlement in Palestine.³⁹

We argue that Labor-Zionism does neither in theory nor in practice constitute a proletarian socialist alternative. It is sufficient to examine Labor-Zionism in the context of settler colonialism elsewhere in order for its proletarian mythology to be exposed.

In his Marxist interpretation of the Jewish question, Abram Leon does argue and document the petty bourgeois character of Zionism in general.⁴⁰ We go one step further to emphasize that Labor-Zionism, in particular, represents the ideological sub-ensemble of the Jewish petty bourgeoisie threatened with extinction in the transition of capitalism from its competitive stage to the stage of monopoly. This essentially petty bourgeois ideology does, at least transitionally, coincide with the objectives of the combining Jewish and non-Jewish big capital in metropolitan countries. The primary objective of which is the essential internationalization of capital.

Once we demonstrate the Labor-Zionist-based Jewish settlement in Palestine as a petty bourgeois alternative, we focus on the characteristics that distinguish it from other settler colonial cases. For that matter, we in fact reinforce the popular argument which attributes the peculiarity of Zionist settler colonialism to its labor ideology.

Contrary to this argument, however, we maintain that settler colonialism in Palestine, distinguished by its labor ideology, differs from other settler colonial forms (Rhodesia, South Africa, etc.) not in its socialist, compared with the other's capitalist, orientation; the real difference lies rather in the unsecularity of the Zionist settler colonial project (its