

Zionist movement a stake in the feudal system, as mentioned previously. It is interesting how Zionist "conquest of land" coincided with the interests of the feudal class in Palestine, resulting in its liquidation as a social force. The feudal class was by and large transformed into a free money capitalist class. Their money capital, however, was never transformed into productive industrial capital.

Owing to the collaboration of the dominant Palestinian class (the "effendis" who emerged as an indigenous social force by virtue of their relation to the Ottoman feudal aristocracy), the Zionist movement was able to "Arabize" the "conquest of land" and effectively employ treachery. In the "Selected Memories" from his life involvement in the JNF activities, Musa Goldenberg acknowledges several examples:

"One of the methods was to register the purchased land in the name of Arab mediators, hired and entrusted to perform this task on the condition that later on, through intricate legal procedures, that land will be transferred back to us..." 53

The apparent alliance between the Zionist movement and the Palestinian feudal class was not for joint development projects, but for a more effective plunder. Owing to the genuine alliance with the British authorities, the Zionist movement acquired access to and control over much of the country's vital resources, specifically water. Water use and control policy has been very instrumental in discouraging Arab agriculture and depressing land prices.⁵⁴

The collaboration of Arab feudal lords must not obscure the constant resistance of the Palestinian masses, specifically the dispossessed peasantry and the boycotted proletariat, who had absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain by resisting Jewish colonial settlement based on the "conquest of land" and "only Hebrew labor".