

letarian Zionism seem to be the only consistent implementation of the proletarian Zionist strategy.

A summing-up example of these daily practices is expressed best in the following statement by David Hacohen, a leader of the MAPAI Labor Party, and a long-time member of the Keneset, where he says:

"I remember being one of the first of our comrades [of Ahdut Ha'avoda] to go to London after the First World War....There I became a socialist....When I joined the socialist students.... And even here, in these intimate surroundings, I had to fight my friends on the issue of Jewish socialism, to defend the fact that I would not accept Arabs in my trade union, the Histadrut; to defend preaching to housewives that they not buy at Arab stores; to defend the fact that we stood guard at orchards to prevent Arab workers from getting jobs there....To pour kerosene on Arab tomatoes; to attack Jewish housewives in the markets and smash the Arab eggs they had bought; to praise to the skies the Keren Kayemet [Jewish National Fund] that sent Hankin to Beirut to buy land from the absentee effendi [landlords] and to throw the fellahin [peasants] off the land - to buy dozens of dunams [one dunam = .23 acres] from an Arab is permitted, but to sell, God forbid, one Jewish dunam to an Arab is prohibited; to take Rothschild, the incarnation of capitalism, as a socialist and to name him the "benefactor" - to do all that was not easy. And despite the fact that we did it - maybe we had no choice - I wasn't happy about it." 104

The last sentence of this statement may be taken to signify an evidence in support of our conclusion: namely, the absolute distinction between Zionism and socialism; as Zionism was practiced. The logic of this actual historical process seems consistent with the proletarian Zionist strategy. It is irrelevant to argue whether or not Zionism could have been practiced differently had left proletarian Zionism become hegemonic. The fact that it did not, even in the Yishuv, is an absolute one; it is not inconsistent with the proletarian Zionist theory, and most likely, it would not have made much difference, as left-wing proletarian Zionism provided only for a source of tactical flexibility and pragmatism for the actualization of the essentially one Zionism (aimed at a Jewish State to act on behalf of the big Jewish capi-