

Second, a breakthrough, not only in the legal use of Arab labor but also in the use of smuggled labor, specifically from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. For example, it was reported in Maariv, December 5, 1971 that:

"The actual number of workers commuting daily from occupied territories was estimated in 1971 to be 10,000 higher than that number of 'officially recruited workers', which was 42,000 in November, 1971. These 10,000 are employed illegally. Fifty percent of their wages is kept by the contractors, who collect the wages for them. Haaretz, August 11, 1972, indicates that the workday of Arab labor in the moshavim is 15-16 hours, starting at 4 A.M. until 9 or 10 P.M."

The smuggling in of labor from occupied territories to Israeli work places is not practiced directly by Jewish employers but rather through Arab middle-men. The smuggled labor as a new feature in the structure of the Israeli working class is coupled with the emergence of the "Raíses" as a new feature of Arab embourgeoisement.¹³²

In an article titled, Every 'Rais' Shall Do What is Right in His Eyes," Yaakov Haelyon writes the following in "That Which Hurts", a section of Maariv newspaper:

"'Raíses' from Arab settlements within the green line bring cheap Arab labor from villages beyond the green line: girls who are taken to Israeli settlements are picked up like 'Sardines' in tenders. Sometimes twenty girls or more travel in one tender. There 'Raíses' beat the girls, who sometimes have to wait many hours for their employers to take them to their villages at the end of a day's work."

The smuggling in of labor is increasingly becoming an acceptable practice, as expressed by the silence and indifference of the police. In the same article cited above Haelyon writes that Miriam Egozi (Moshov Rishpon) lodged a complaint about this practice in February, 1974. She reinforced her evidence with photographs in which the girls are seen waiting and the vehicles block the moshav's traffic junction. Mrs. Egozi was surprised that the police did not see the "Raíses'" vehicle, which carries