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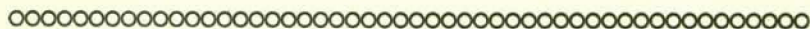
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This pamphlet by Victor Perlo is based on a series of five articles which appeared in the progressive monthly magazine, *Jewish Life*. The author, a leading economist and political analyst, is widely known for his articles and lectures. In 1951, he authored *American Imperialism*, published by International Publishers, New York.

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INTRODUCTION

By Louis Harap

This pamphlet by Victor Perlo is a solid, unassailable economic analysis of the critical situation facing Israel today, and the path it must take to work its way out of the crisis. The significance of the problems he deals with has been enormously enhanced by the shocking exposure in recent days of Zionist involvement in the plots against Czechoslovakia and other people's democracies of Eastern Europe and against the U.S.S.R.

The facts brought to light in this pamphlet, which appeared originally as a series of articles in the magazine *Jewish Life*, have been a revelation to many Jews. Many would have regarded with skepticism both Mr. Perlo's conclusion that the Ben Gurion regime is ruining Israel and his proposals for putting Israel on the road to peace, democracy and a prosperous future. Certainly, Mr. Perlo's analysis clashes sharply with accepted and widely-propagandized Zionist approaches to the problems of Israel. But even the most skeptical will find it hard to refute the hard facts and documentation with which Mr. Perlo presents his views.

At the least, many Zionists were disturbed by these articles. Why is this so?

The attitude of Jews toward Zionism and the settlement of Jews in Palestine has undergone deep changes since the thirties. It could hardly be said prior to the thirties that Zionism was of much immediate concern to the majority of Jews. Only in the post World War II period have large numbers of the Jewish middle class and many Jewish workers considered themselves "Zionists" and manifested interest in Palestine and subsequently Israel. It is not surprising that the greatest of all catastrophes suffered by the Jewish people, Hitler's extermination program, aroused deep and active sympathy for the survivors and sharpened the sense of Jewish identification all over the world. It was the slaughter of one third of the world's Jews and Palestine's anti-imperialist war of liberation that caused such large numbers of Jews to consider themselves "Zionists" and to place their confidence in the Zionist movement as the vehicle for making an independent democratic Israel a refuge for homeless and persecuted Jews.

