

ZIONISM

A Political Critique

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Israel is generally viewed in Western countries as a small, innocent, struggling nation beset on all sides by hostile Arab neighbors; a place of refuge for the persecuted Jews of the world. This myth has been purposely nourished by the Zionist forces, which in fact created the State of Israel primarily through military occupation and the forced eviction of the masses of the indigenous Arab population.

So successful have the Zionists been at propagating their concept of the historical evolution of Israel, that a significant portion of the progressive forces of the world have been split over the question of the Arab-Israeli hostilities.

The history of Zionism is not a pretty one. Originally working hand-in-hand with Britain to assure a foothold for British imperialism in the Middle East, and later supported by and serving the economic, political, and military interests of US imperialism, Zionism propounded essentially the same line as the Nazis before and during Hitler's reign of terror against the Jewish population of Europe: that of the inability of Jews to be assimilated into other cultures.

The racist exclusionism of the Zionists continued within the state they had formed by driving out the Arabs. Those Arabs who remained were denied all political and economic rights within Zionist-dominated areas, which were constantly expanding. The Zionists built a powerful military machine, and increasingly attacked their vastly overpowered Arab neighbors, seizing land and property with each new attack and disregarding all aspects of international law, UN resolutions, and the various agreements they themselves affirmed.

In her well-documented historical analysis of events in Palestine, Tabitha Petran – an American Jewish writer, who is in no sense anti-Semitic – destroys the myths that have been created about the State of Israel and the supposed "aggressions" of the Arab states.