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ISRAEL'S
COOPERATION
WITH RACISTS
AND
REACTIONARY
REGIMES



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The question of Israel's cooperation with racist and dictatorial regimes in Africa and Latin America is not a new one. There is convincing documentary evidence exposing Israel's role as a US agent with whose help Washington, bypassing UN resolutions and often US legislation and disregarding public opinion, supplies anti-democratic regimes with arms and helps them suppress their

own people.

In July 1983, in accordance with a UN General Assembly resolution, an international conference against the alliance between the Republic of South Africa (RSA) and Israel was held in Vienna. At the conference, organized by the United Nations Special Committee on Apartheid together with the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization (AAPSO), the Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) and the World Council of Peace, numerous reports were presented citing irrefutable evidence of this criminal alliance. They unanimously stressed that although major Western powers were chiefly to blame for the preservation of apartheid in South Africa, a "special responsibility" rested with Israel which, in defiance of numerous UN resolutions, was expanding cooperation with the South African racist regime, especially in the military and nuclear fields, and had virtually entered into an alliance with it. The conference also strongly criticized Israel's coopera-

tion with Latin American dictatorships.

Thus, Israel not only pursues an expansionist course in the Middle East but is also engaged in large-scale militarist activities outside the region. For example, in December 1981 details of one of Israel's so-called annual plans became known. In a speech at the Centre for Strategic Studies in Tel Aviv Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon said that "Israel's interests were not confined to the Arab countries of the Middle East, the Mediterranean and the Red Sea," that "for the sake of ensuring security in the 1980s they should be extended to Turkey, Iran and Africa, in particular to the countries of North and Central Africa."

So how true are Israel's propaganda claims that Israel is a "small power" and its role in international affairs is "undeservedly exaggerated" in the light of the above statement? Indeed, Israel has long disguised its imperialist activity in the international arena by posing as a "small state". But its aggression against the Arabs in June 1967 and subsequent occupation of Arab lands exposed the Israeli Zionists as enemies of peace and progress. People all over the world were horrified by the rapacious acts of this really small but extremely aggressive state, which enjoys unlimited US support and patronage.

The US-Israeli "strategic" cooperation agreement has shown that the above-mentioned statement by former Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon only partly reflects the Israeli Zionists' expansionist designs. In actual fact, the tasks assigned to them by US imperialism are much broader in scope. Israel is carrying out its bosses' social order and

acts as a striking force in the struggle against the national liberation movement and the forces of peace, progress and socialism.

Over many years the Zionists, who are at the helm of state in Israel, have disguised themselves

as champions of "democracy and progress".

The Israeli aggression against the Arabs has caused Zionism to unmask itself in this respect, too. The world's nations have seen that the Zionists, closely cooperating with South African racists, share a common ideological platform with the latter. The UN General Assembly, the largest international forum, has defined Zionism as a form of racism and racial discrimination.

It is also becoming increasingly obvious that Israel is playing the role of an ally of dictatorial regimes in Latin America where the US is waging a struggle to preserve its positions, ignoring the interests of the Latin American peoples. Wherever the United States renders support to forces seeking to crush the popular anti-imperialist movement—in Chile, Nicaragua or El Salvador, Israel acts as a

middleman of US policy.

In recent years Israel's role as an agent of the United States has grown, especially under the Reagan Administration, so much so that this country, situated thousands of miles away from the American continent, enjoys the status of observer in the Headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS), whereas Cuba, a Latin American state, has long been deprived of OAS membership on Washington's instructions. By helping Washington to make Latin Americans shed their blood in El Salvador and on Nicaraguan borders, Israel is, so to speak, paying for the blood of US soldiers killed in Lebanon. By allocating billions of dollars to Israel for the purpose of supplying Latin



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