

Women Against Imperialism Study Session #4 -Palestine and Zionism

Sunday, Sept. 17th. 10:00am 1383 Minna Street. (between 14th/15th St
and Mission /South Van Ness)

1. How did the readings make us feel? (confused, angry, deceived, curious, etc.)
2. Whose interests did and does Zionism serve? What was the role of Zionism internationally during the holocaust? How did the Zionists betray the Jewish people?
3. Why is Israel called a colonial settler state? Is Zionism a national liberation movement? Why or why not?
4. Does anti-Zionism = anti-Semitism?
5. What are some of the different solutions posed for the Middle East? (two states, a democratic secular Palestine, an exclusively Jewish state...etc.) What do we think of them?

Remember what we said about wanting to think about these and other questions in advance so we can decide if we want to focus on just a few of them and get into them more deeply.

Sorry there are so many readings for this particular session. Suggestions about which parts to cut for future studies would be warmly welcomed.

WOMEN AGAINST IMPERIALISM STUDY GROUP

Session 5: Zionism and Palestine

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READINGS

1. "Palestine's History: A Chronology" from We Shall Return: Women of Palestine, Zed Press, 1980.
2. Excerpts from Our Roots Are Still Alive, Peoples Press, 1977.
 - A. Zionism: The False Return
 - B. World War I: Pledges and Betrayals
 - C. 1936: The Palestinian Revolt
 - D. World War II: Channelling Europe's Jews to Palestine
 - E. Green Light from the White House
 - F. Clearing the Land of Palestinians: The 1948 War
3. Excerpt from My People Shall Live by Leila Khaled, New Canadian Publications, 1973.
4. Excerpt from Zionism in Palestine published by the Palestine Solidarity Committee, 1976.
5. "Women Against Zionism" from Spare Rib, 198
6. "Women Against the Occupation" from Connexions, Winter 1984.
7. A Speech by Yasser Arafat to the United Nations, November 13, 1974.
8. "The Roots of the Intifadah" by Samih K. Farsoun, from The Return, September 1988.

Palestine Study- Points to discuss

1. How did the readings make us feel? (angry, curious, deceived, confused, etc.)
2. Whose interests did and does Zionism serve?
3. What was the role of Zionism, internally during the holocaust? How did the zionists betray the Jews? What were some of the different positions held by Jewish organizations, then?
4. How did the zionists lie and deceive the Arabic people?
5. Why is israel called a colonial settler state?
6. Does anti-zionism equal anti-semitism?
7. What is the role of women in the Palestinian and Israeli movement?
8. What happened between 48-67? What is the situation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights? What does it mean that they are "occupied"?
9. Why doesn't the movement here talk about Palestine and Israel for the most part?
10. What are some of the similarities of the Peace Now movt. in Israel in not talking about the Palestinian struggle, to our movt. not talking about racism and Third World people's struggles?
11. What are the goals of the PLO?
12. What is the role of Lebanon, its refugees, the Sabra and Shatilla massacres?
13. What has been the role of the Arab reactionary forces in this century?
14. What are the different solutions posed for the Middle East? (two states, democratic secular Palestine, exclusively Jewish state of israel.....)
15. If the solution to anti-semitism isn't a separate nation for Jews, what could it be?

homeland/nationalism

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✓ Why is zionism not a nat'l lib movt