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The National Vocation of the Working Class

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The Hebrew worker did not come here as a refugee looking for asylum wherever such may be found and begging for any means to sustain oneself. As an ambassador of the people he immigrated to the country and as a pioneer of the great enterprise of the Hebrew revolution he conquered his positions in the workplace, in the economy, in the Yishuv. With each act and each enterprise, big or small, in his work in the village and in the city, in the building of an agricultural farm and factory, in conquering the language and the culture, in guarding and defending, in fighting for his interests and rights at work, in fulfilling the needs of his class and nation, establishing his institutions and his Trade Union - there always hovered before his eyes the historical vocation of the class he belonged to and for whose establishment he paved the way: the historical vocation of the working class towards the revolution that would complete the work in the life of the people and the Land. The Hebrew laborer integrated in his life's work the call for national redemption and through his fight and class creation he tied together all the essence of the people's desires and its historical needs.

Unlike ambassadors of other classes in the Land and in Zionism, the Hebrew worker was not faced with a contradiction between his class needs and desires and his national issues and aspirations. The worker who acknowledges the purpose of his class and is loyal to its historic vocation is fulfilling simultaneously two missions that are one: the mission of the class and the mission of the entire people. The worker's entire class effort in his economic, professional, state and cultural actions in a manner designated for the main and historical purpose, creating and conquering national positions in the country and carving out room for popular immigration. The worker's class struggle, in its principal scope and its actual expressions is not intended to divide the people and weaken it - but the opposite, to [bring about] its real and complete union, increasing its forces and rejuvenating them.

Indeed, the ambassadors of other classes also raise the flag of national interests, and the fact that they are fulfilling a positive role in the building of the Land, they are fulfilling a national task. However, it is all the other classes' objective destiny - their class issues will, sooner or later, openly and hiddenly clash with the needs of the people and of the Aliyah. Regardless of the "private initiative" parasites who bring nothing to the country but greed on the expense of national capital, the national resurgence and immigration, capitalists in all levels are assisting as much as they can to building the Land and expanding it..