

SELF-CRITICISM

Some months ago, in our first Michigan Special Edition, in the article titled "History of Struggle," we referred to the Middle East situation and spoke about the Zionist goons there. We have received some criticism around this formulation and wanted to explain exactly what we meant by it.

We were not referring to the people of Israel or the Jewish people in this country. Who we were referring to was the clique in Israel, now headed by Rabin, who will stop at nothing to achieve their aim, the conquest of the Middle East, at the expense of the Arab and Israeli peoples. We were referring to this gang of murderers, assassins, plunderers, who kill women and children, who steal land and displace thousands of Arab peoples to satisfy their greed. We were referring to that grouping of people who launch air raids on defenseless refugee camps, killing in one fell swoop hundreds of people. It is these people we referred to who commit atrocities and horrors under the guise of "Israeli freedom."

We support the Israeli people who are daily learning the rapaciousness of their rulers, who are struggling against the fascist aggressiveness of this gang that rules their country. We support the honest Jewish people here who have actively supported the cause of freedom and justice throughout the world. This clique in Israel has used the humane sentiments of the Jewish people, who suffered greatly under the brutal hand of Hitler and Axis powers in the 30's and 40's of this century, to deprive peoples of other nationalities of their freedom.

We are sorry for the innuendo that was presented in the pages of the **People's Tribune**. Again we state that we are not referring to the masses of Israelis or Jews throughout the world. We call upon our comrades, friends, and readers to expose the truth about the Zionists in Israel, and support the freedom loving peoples of the Middle East.