

tariat. One should not take as the starting point the general, national future and deduce the future of the proletariat from it. On the contrary, one should start with the interests of the proletariat, and from this arrive at the future of the nation as a whole....From the starting point of the interests of the militant Jewish proletariat and from our view of it as the Vanguard of the Jewish Future, we deduce territorialism for the Jewish people as a whole." 93

This is not the place to assess the extent to which Borochov's assertion that his Zionism represents and derives from the interest of the Jewish proletariat is reliable or that he is simply giving a progressive rationalization and excuse for an essentially reactionary territorialist solution. What concerns us here is merely the fact that he recognizes the existence of a Jewish proletariat in Diaspora. This in turn refutes his previous assertion as regards "the utter impossibility of Jewish proletarianization in Diaspora." It is so, unless what he really means is, again, the utter impossibility of Jewish proletarianization by Jewish capital, emphasized in a previous quote. In that case, our interpretation of Borochov is reinforced; that he recognizes the imperative of having a Jewish proletariat and a Jewish bourgeoisie relation if a bourgeois Jewish State is to be realized. And, given the impossibility of Jewish proletarianization by Jewish capital in Diaspora, he concludes the inconceivability of an emerging Jewish State in Diaspora, hence, the conviction for territorialism.

Borochov seems to realize, in light of the Marxist conception of the State, the need for a purely Jewish class struggle as necessary material conditions for such a State to emerge, and that in Diaspora Jewish life, such conditions are non-existent and cannot develop. In light of historical materialism, he concludes also that the condition of a purely Jewish class antagonism is a Jewish social formation, as a site for Jewish classes co-existing in irreconcilable antagonisms and condensed contradictions, and the Jewish State, fol-