

Management Resolution of "controlled" Arab labor. The Management Committee, alone, can approve employment of Arabs. Ilana commented:

"Up to now it was the members who brought Arab labor on the moshav; from now on, the Management Committee will bring them. The Resolution was formulated in that form for conscience's sake. But for me, there is no difference as far as results are concerned. In any case, the Arabs will work in the moshav. The principle is the important thing. Just as one cannot keep "a little kosher" by eating only "a little pork", one cannot keep the principle of Jewish work by taking only "a few Arabs".

She (Ilana) strongly criticizes the attitudes which were voiced in the meeting and says:

"The debate between the supporters and the objectors is like a 'dialogue des sourds'. Most speakers evaded the main point. They speak about hired labor, world-wide justice, rights of Arabs, and who is a Jew. But they were afraid to say why do they object to the Arab worker as an Arab. They ignored the issue -- i.e., it is not a question of discrimination, but a question of hatred -- the Arabs' hatred for us. The way we go will lead to the destruction of the moshav, the destruction of the State and the creation of a people of parasites. And one should not say that I am exaggerating. In neighboring moshavim, e.g., Nir-Banim, Arugat, etc., which did not pay heed to this issue from the beginning, they use Arab workers in all branches of the farm. Some workers even lodge there. And there are families which go abroad and leave the farm to the Arab workers. Their daughters are afraid to walk at night on the path from the main road to the moshav. Now those moshav members say that if it were possible, they would put back the clock. Perhaps one cannot put back the clock, but one can stop it."

This debate expresses quite clearly the crisis of the moshav, crisis in the sense of incompatibility between the ideology of self-labor it embodies and new material conditions of the moshav community as a microcosm of what is happening in the country-at-large.

Moreover, this crisis in the "base" is mirrored by a similar one on the level of the "superstructure", as expressed in the following debate inside the Labor Party itself:

"Yediot Aharonot reported in a series of articles the discus-