Natal Zionist Conference 1980 — Chalutzic Ideology

TRANS - privilege — as youth - but getting old... going on aliyah.

(1) last night (Introduction) - weariness

What is a chalutz? lifting stones / planting trees... (Lazarus speech later)
- development town? - social worker? - soldier?
- military research? - investor? - aliyah?

Unmoved response... lifting stones / planting trees...
... some agricultural work...
- tractor? - fully programmed agric. system (a la Alvin Toffler)?

lifting stones / planting trees...
- chalutzic 1980s dinosaur? - aware living in 1980s?
- nothing else chalutzic?

Yes - draining the swamps in order to lift stones + plant trees

(Prof. Lewis's ref. to the early chalutzim: contemporary application — valuable some remarks)

(2) Context / Backdrop

(a) Israel

Problems - political / security
- economic
- moral eg. kidnapping

Reflected in state of WZO

(b) S.A. Jewry

Polarisation - religious — eg. Lub. + Kol.
- political — of - Politics in diaspora

Mean? - "meatballs" syndrome — of "New Z."

Institutionalised solutions: IUA; "Hasbarah"
Jewish Day Schools ? → chalutzim

Role of Chalutzim.

(3) Chalutzinut Theory

pioneering - vanguard meaning  chalutz!

macroscopic component = needs of Israel
problems = eg's. above (army, hevrot, business)

microscopic component = self-realisation
- (a) transcending the status quo (perpetual dissatisfaction)
- (b) controlling own destiny (cf. to social ideals)
- (c) whole SELF involved

Moses = ideal → Jewish people → Jewish nation
A.D. Gordon = picture of ideal society immersed himself in it

Quote Ben Gurion (p.14 of Ian Dreyer's paper)

(4) Chalutzinut Practice

(i) Frameworks (ends) — refer to problems on page 1 — left to Mapai leaders - Jewish def. - Jewish state - Zionist Labour

exciting + imaginative projects eg. development towns
but crystallization = KIBBUTZ (not ultimate, but approaches)
eg. TUVAL + Kityashvut chadasha ↑

(ii) Frameworks (vehicles)

again, all kinds of possibilities
but chalutzic youth movements → achievements
Hashomer, Brei Akiva, Maginim
to/3/(a), (b), (c) and macroscopic → TEFEN

Aliyah highest manifestation of Zionism.

SAZF (Jhb) 6th Floor - turn right/left (aliyah) (movements) ie difference
(Chalutzinut = 2nd level Zionism / Aliyah = 1st level
yet chalutzinut = more ie (essence nucleus) of Zionism

Chaim Arlosoroff: "Wherever the evolution of Zionism reaches a certain stage of mature conviction, the formation of a chalutz movement is the natural + inevitable result"

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(5) Conclusion

Like Zionism, Chalutzut ultimately defies intellectualisation. Where historical, practical, rational, analytical criteria point to their rejection, we accept them.

I feel after all the above that Chalutzut may have eluded me

& the most satisfactory description is captured in "draining the swamps in order to lift the stones, + plant the trees"

? (Youth = state of mind - ? quote Dylan)

Quote Herzl