

BRING THE TROOPS HOME!

Open the Gates of All Countries to the Jews

THE OUTBREAKS OF TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE IN PALESTINE ARE A MEASURE OF THE DESPAIR OF THE SURVIVING JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS AFTER "LIBERATION." THE JEWS HAD HOPED FOR SOME ESCAPE IN THE PROMISES WHICH WERE MADE BY BRITISH IMPERIALISM, AND IN PARTICULAR BY THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE ELECTION, PROMISES WHICH THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF FULFILLING.

When the Labour leaders failed to carry out their promises and did not put into operation immediately the recommendation of the Anglo-American Commission to admit 100,000 refugees, the Zionists in Palestine began their struggle.

The senseless acts of terrorism, in particular the blowing up of the King David Hotel, the military GHQ of the army, have played into the hands of British Imperialism. The acts of terrorism have antagonised the rank and file soldiers and allowed free rein to the officer caste to commence a vicious and unbridled anti-Semitic campaign.

Martial law was proclaimed in Tel-Aviv. A curfew was imposed, with only two hours in 24 allowed in order to get food, with "shoot at sight" orders for any violations. The "News Chronicle" correspondent in Palestine reports that beatings of Jews have taken place, and in some collectives, destruction and looting of furniture and other property. Thus British Imperialism uses the same methods against the Jews as they have used against the Arabs and other colonial peoples in the past.

The Labour leaders, who must take responsibility for this situation, wish to picture the situation as though it were one, where sorely tried and disinterested British Imperialism benevolently and im-

partially administers the region, and holds the balance between Jews and Arabs. This is a fiction. Britain holds Palestine because of its strategic importance for the Middle East and the British Empire. Thus Britain gave verbal support to the Zionist utopia in order to allow only sufficient Jews into Palestine to serve the traditional policy of imperialism: Divide and rule. The British need a force in that area on whom they can lean in their struggle to keep the Arab masses subdued. For them the Jews are a convenient tool to be played against Arabs as the need arises. The British deliberately imported the Jews into Palestine for this reason alone: as a brake on the struggles of the Arab masses for independence.

This policy has received a new emphasis with the suggestions of the division of Palestine into three zones, one part as a Jewish "state", one Arabic "state" and the balance controlled by Britain. But the most important functions of government would still be unified and controlled by British Imperialism at the centre: finance, police, trade, etc. The division of the country into such regions would not solve but would exacerbate the problems with which the country is faced. By such a division British Imperialism would gain a tight hold on the country.

A Jumping Off Ground

The real reasons for the present position in Palestine and the underlying motives of British imperialism, were guardedly revealed by

Churchill in the debate in Parliament on 1st August:

"However, His Majesty's Government by their precipitate abandonment of their treaty rights in Egypt, and, in particular, the Suez Canal zone, are now forced to look for a strong place of arms, for a jumping-off ground in Palestine in order to protect the Canal from outside Egypt. By this unwisdom they have vitiated disinterestedness and we can now be accused of having a national strategic motive for retaining our hold on Palestine. I must regard this as a very grave disaster and an immense weakening of our position. What the Government have done in Egypt—though no doubt from very good motives—has greatly weakened our moral position in Palestine by stripping us of our disinterestedness in that country. I pointed out in the debate on Egyptian policy a few weeks ago, that the moment we are dependent upon Palestine for a base from which to defend the Suez Canal, we should greatly hamper all possibility of obtaining American co-operation. Well, look at the position to which we have now been brought."

Clearly British imperialism desires to use Palestine as her most important military base for the Middle East. Thus Palestine would become, even more than in the past, indispensable for the defence of British imperialist interests. Churchill, of course, points this out only because he believes that the "strong arm" (Continued on Back Page.)

Shipping Figures Reveal Change

THE LATEST STATISTICS REVEAL A REMARKABLE CHANGE IN RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MERCHANT SHIPPING OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA SINCE THE END OF THE WAR.

Britain entered the second world war with 17,380,000 tons, and emerged with 12,814,000 tons. The latest figure, up to the end of June 1946, is 13,710,000 tons. America's merchant fleet, which was less than Britain's before the war stood at 56,000,000 tons at the end of the war, in spite of losses of 9,000,000 tons, a figure achieved by mass production technique.

However the United States Maritime Commission reveals that America's post-war merchant marine would total only 10,500,000 tons, one-fifth its wartime peak and smaller than pre-war. Thus Britain again has the lead in merchant shipping.

Libertys Unable To Compete

The American periodical "Newsweek" of June 3, comments:

"However indispensable a merchant fleet might have been in war-time, for peace-time operations it had the earmarks of a white elephant. . . . The inefficiency of slow cumbersome Liberty ships left the 2,700 war-built 'Ugly Ducklings' unable to compete with the other American and foreign types"

U.S. "Graveyard"



PALESTINE SOLUTION

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policy could be pursued in Egypt. But very reluctantly, as Morrison blurted out, the Labour Government is being compelled to try and comprise with the Egyptians and must find a new position in the Middle East: in Palestine.

Socialist Settlements Terrorised

One of the Labour M.P.s, Mr. Wilkes (Newcastle-on-Tyne), revealed the curious policy being pursued by the military authorities in Palestine, which cannot be construed in any other way than deliberate provocation:

"If the intention is to capture these people (terrorists) why, when the Jewish agency was closed down, were the offices and headquarters of the Revisionist Party (Jewish Fascists—E.G.) who control the Irgun (terrorists) left open? Why is the Revisionist Press, certainly up to 24 hours ago, allowed to go on with its aggressive, militant, racial propaganda? When in June and July these outrages were committed, certainly in the large majority of cases by the Irgun, why were the Socialist settlements searched? Was it expected to find the Irgun in settlements organised and run by Histadruth? Why is the only paper in Palestine now closed down so far as my information goes, a paper called "Haaretz", which is a Liberal paper and which, indeed, has often attacked the Jewish agency for being too militant? . . ."

Measures like this could only help to inflame the position and further embitter the Jewish masses in Palestine against the army authorities.

And the army authorities use the terrorist attacks to inflame and embitter the troops against the Jews. In the struggle against the Arabs in 1936-39, when the latter were demanding their independence, the army authorities posed as the protector of the Jews and incited the troops against the Arabs. In reality, the troops are used to do the dirty work of British imperialism in Palestine and the Middle East. This is not in the interests of the worker-soldiers, or of the native peoples under British domination.

The capitalist press is shedding crocodile tears about the strain on the British troops. But what are the troops there for? To keep "law and order" i.e. to guard British strategic-economic interests.

The Immigration Problem

The cause of the struggle has been over the question of immigration of 100,000 victims of the Nazis, still living in camps, the concentration camps where they had been thrust by the Nazis. But the whole futility of Zionism is shown by the tragic impasse in which the Jews in Palestine find themselves at the present time. Even if 100,000 Jews were admitted, this could not solve the problem. But it would inevitably arouse the violent antagonism of the Arabs in Palestine and the whole of the Middle East. Anti-semitism would merely be transferred from Europe to the Arab countries. And only a small percentage could gain even temporary respite thereby.

The Imperialists close their own doors tightly but insist on deciding for the Arabs.

The immigration of 100,000 Jews into Palestine, which is a country about the size of Wales and with about the same population, if considered in proportion to the population would mean an immigration of 8,000,000 into America or 3,000,000 into Britain. It is clear that an immigration of this character should only take place if the Arab people agree and freely give their consent. And this they will never do while they feel that the Jews are being used by British imperialism to split Palestine, to partition it and to maintain a force which, in the long run, will be used against the Arabs in the event that they struggle against British imperialism for national freedom.

British socialists and especially the Jewish socialist youth, who are faced with the terrible dilemma of millions of Jews in Europe—still suffering the horrors of concentration camps—and who wish to see the Jewish refugees given a home and succor, cannot insist on the entry of the Jews into Palestine while the Arab people are themselves enslaved. Only of a free people is it possible to demand and insist on the right of asylum.

A Cowardley Evasion

For the major part of the Labour movement, and especially the Jewish "left" the demand for immigration into Palestine is, as a rule, a cowardly evasion of the real problem: opening up the gates of

Britain and allowing the refugees to freely enter.

Palestine is a long way off, and in any case is inhabited by a backward people, nobody is likely to kick up a fuss here. This is how these people reason. These people fear that to conduct a real campaign to open up the gates of Britain will arouse an anti-semitic mood among the people. And they prefer to evade the issue. This is the real reason why they demand that the gates of Palestine be opened.

The sanctimonious horror with which the Allied rulers regarded the extermination of the Jews is revealed as completely hypocritical. Had Stalin represented the genuine interests of socialism, he would have signified the willingness of the Soviet Union to accept those refugees willing to seek shelter in Russia, especially as there is an acute labour shortage. But the doors of the Soviet Union remain tightly shut. So Britain and America, despite their enormous riches and resources are not prepared to give the democratic right of asylum to those who seek it. They suggest, instead, the palliative of Palestine. And at the same time have failed to conduct a systematic programme of rehabilitation, both material and psychological, of the displaced Jews which would help them to reintegrate themselves into their own countries of origin.

The working class must demand that the Labour Government claiming to represent socialism, give an example to the world. The demo-

cratic right of asylum must be granted in Britain and the Dominions. Equal rights for all in Europe, without distinction of race or creed. Open the gates!

But the problem of Palestine remains. The Jews are being used as a tool of Anglo-American imperialism in the Middle East. At one time Britain "supports" the Arabs; at another time the Jews then she swings back again.

Such a policy acts against the interests of both Arabs and Jews who are thus balanced against each other by British imperialism.

The Arabs oppose immigration because by this in many areas they have been driven from the land to make way for Jewish settlers, as has happened with colonisation in many countries in the past. Thus, the effect of the limited immigration which British imperialism has allowed, has been to side-track the anti-imperialist struggle of the Arab masses, and turn it into anti-semitic channels.

The British workers must demand the withdrawal of the troops from Palestine. Palestine must gain its independence. The Jewish and Arab workers can co-operate, as the recent strike has shown. Palestine must be joined to the rest of the Arab countries to form a Federation of Arab States in which the Jews as a minority must be given full and equal rights.

Withdraw the troops! No plan of partition! For an independent Palestine! Open the gates of all countries to the oppressed Jews! For equal rights in all countries for all races, colours or creeds.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORMISM

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uprising against the capitalist order of government. In this warfare of the masses developing into a civil war, the guiding party of the proletariat must, as a general rule, secure any and every legal position making them its auxiliaries in the revolutionary work, and subordinating such positions to the plans of the general campaign, that of the mass struggle.

11. One of such auxiliary supports is the floor of the bourgeois parliament. The argument that parliament is a bourgeois government institution cannot be used against participation in a political campaign. The Communist Party enters such institutions not for the purpose of organic work, but in order to destroy the whole bourgeois governmental machinery and parliament itself from within (for instance, the work of Liebknecht in Germany, of the Bolsheviks in the imperial Duma, in the "Democratic Conference," in the "Parliament" of Kerensky, and, lastly, in the "Constituent Assembly," and also in the "Municipal Dumas," and the activities of the Bulgarian Communists).

12. This work within Parliament—which consists chiefly in making revolutionary propaganda from the parliamentary platform, denouncing enemies, the ideological unification of the masses, who still look up to the parliamentary platform, captivated by democratic illusions, especially in backward countries, etc.—must be fully subordinated to the objects and tasks

not by the leaders alone. It is necessary to make use of and be in complete touch with all manifestations of the masses (strikes, demonstrations, movements among the soldiers and sailors, etc.) going on at the moment. It is necessary to summon all the mass organisations of the proletariat to active work.

15. In complying with all these conditions, as well as with those indicated in a special instruction, parliamentary work must present a direct contrast to the dirty "politics" practised by the Social-Democratic parties of all countries, who enter parliament to support that "democratic" institution or, at least, to "win it over." The Communist Party can only recommend the revolutionary use of the parliament as exemplified by Karl Liebknecht, Hoglund and the Bolsheviks.

16. "Anti-parliamentarism," on principle, in the sense of an absolute and categorical repudiation of participation in the elections and revolutionary parliamentary work, cannot therefore bear criticism, and is a naive campaign doctrine, which is founded sometimes on a healthy disgust at politicians, but does not understand the possibilities of revolutionary parliamentarism. In addition, this doctrine is frequently connected with a quite erroneous representation of the role of the party, which in this case is considered not as a fighting, centralised

attempt at a division within the Communist Party united on the aim as a crime against the Labour movement. The Congress calls upon all elements that are in favour of the mass struggle for the proletarian dictatorship, under the direction of a centralised Party of the revolutionary proletariat gaining influence over all the mass organisations of the working class, to strive for the complete unity of all Communist elements, notwithstanding any possible disagreement on the question of utilising bourgeois parliaments.

Non Unionists First Strike

On July 31st some 250 workers at the South Wales Switchgear, Treforest came out on strike for the principle of non-unionists first in cases of redundancy. Two trade unionists had been sacked as redundant while a number of non-unionists remained in the works.

This strike is only one of a number of such strikes during recent months in which the working class have reacted correctly to attacks upon their organisations. In the days ahead the working class will have to face attacks upon their standards of living all along the line. They can meet such