

Pogroms Sweep Palestine Leap Over to England

Wall Street Sends Arms for Chiang



The first 750-ton shipment of U.S. ammunition being sent free for use by Dictator Chiang Kai-shek's armies in the civil war which has brought misery and suffering to China's millions, is loaded aboard the SS Washington Mail.

Muscles into Indonesia; Dutch Gain Objectives

the confines of a 'police action.'

As for the justifiable Indonesian demand that the Dutch withdraw their troops, the Times sweeps it scornfully aside, declaring that "the great majority of the Security Council held that a Netherlands withdrawal would merely precipitate chaos."

UTMOST PRESSURE

Utmost pressure is now being brought to bear on the reluctant Indonesian government to accept Washington's offer of "good offices." Throughout the hostilities, Washington had kept mum. This failure to previously approach the beleaguered Indonesian authorities is now blandly explained away by the State Department as solely owing to "lack of communication facilities."

Strangely enough, however, six prominent members of the Indonesian government, among them Deputy Premier A. K. Gani and

ties insist that they "had not formally recognized the right of the United Nations to intervene, but were looking to the United States for direct mediation."

Wall Street has in the meantime made it amply plain to all the other diplomatic chancelleries that it will brook no interference with its plans.

A persistent refusal by the Indonesian government to accept American "good offices" would by no means automatically remove Washington from the picture. It may then choose to reappear in the guise of member of a United Nations commission which would, in its majority, be completely under its thumb.

The Indonesian people will do well to place no trust whatever in the United States and the thieves' kitchen called the United Nations, including any and all commissions that might emanate from it.

Palestine last week witnessed a reign of terror against the civilian Jewish population that matched the goriest pogroms staged by the Nazis. Almost simultaneously, these anti-Semitic abominations leaped over to the "tight little island" itself, setting the stage for events that have not transpired in England since medieval times. The English Jews who were so confident that such things as happened in Germany could not possibly happen on enlightened English soil are now face to face with stark reality.

In Palestine the main assault took place in the all-Jewish city of Tel-Aviv, where according to UP and AP dispatches from Jerusalem, squads of British soldiers and police manned "approximately eight armored cars" and stormed the center of the city "firing wildly and sending shots into shops and movie houses."

Passengers on a crowded bus were caught in a cross-fire and suffered the brunt of the casualties. Passers-by were assaulted by armed troopers and policemen. Store windows were smashed and looted. There are reports of hand grenades being used in addition to clubs and guns. As a result of this pogrom in Tel-Aviv on July 31, five were killed, 18 wounded, with two women reported among the dead.

Jerusalem, Haifa and other cities witnessed similar scenes.

On the next day, the funeral procession accompanying the victims of the previous day's massacre served as an occasion for another brutal assault in Tel-Aviv. According to eye-witness reports, an armored car manned by British police drove headlong into the funeral procession of 5,000 approaching the synagogue. Three separate bursts of gunfire poured into the defenseless mass, wounding 33 Jews.

The British authorities have disclaimed responsibility for these outrages, depicting them as "spontaneous" reprisals for the hanging of two British sergeants by the Jewish terrorists of Irgun Zvai Leumi. These hangings were in their turn reprisals by the terrorists for the execution by the British of three Jewish youths implicated in organizing the Acre Prison break of May 4.

The denials of the authorities cannot be taken at their face value, any more than the original denials of both the police and the army that none of their men "were implicated in the affray which turned the streets into a veritable shooting gallery for several hours."

The method of "reprisals" deliberately inspired from above happens to be a favorite tactic of colonial "pacification." Far from being strangers to its use, the British have applied it on numerous occasions, in particular, during the 1936-39 uprisings of the Arabs in Palestine.

In any case, thinly veiled threats to employ this tactic had been made several times. Gen. Sir Allan Cunningham, British High Commissioner for Palestine, is reported to have told the head of the Jewish Agency that "the British had reached the end of their patience, and would not endure further insults, kicks, bullets and bombs 'without reprisals.'" This statement, made after the pogroms in Tel-Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa, hardly requires comment.

The fountainhead of the anti-Semitic outbreaks in England itself is quite clear. The incipient fascist formations there, headed by Mosley's scum, seized the opportunity to organize assaults upon the Jewish communities in London, Liverpool, Manchester and other cities. The most ominous note here is the apparent absence of popular resistance to the hoodlums.

A Jewish-owned factory was set ablaze in Liverpool. In Manchester thugs invaded the Jewish area, attacking passers-by, smashing store windows and inciting onlookers to loot. Synagogues in many cities, including London, were the targets for vandals who invariably raised the cry: "Down with the Jews!"

The extension to England of these fascist-like attacks on the Jews is not a passing episode. Jews in England provide as convenient a scapegoat for unbridled reaction as they did in Germany, as they will on the morrow in the United States as well. This is inherent in the decaying capitalist system, which breeds the most bestial reaction regardless of how "democratic" the traditions of a particular country may be. The English pogroms are merely the latest verification of this inexorable truth. Whoever tells the Jewish people otherwise is leading them blindfolded to the same horrible fate they have already suffered on the European continent.

The events in Palestine and England serve once again to underscore the utter futility of Zionism as a solution for the terrible plight of the Jews. The Militant has repeatedly warned that by its policies Zionism could not help but prepare a bloody trap in Palestine for the Jews who have been duped into believing they could find their salvation there.

The pogroms in Palestine, the anti-Semitic outbreaks in England are an anticipation of what capitalism has in store for the Jews wherever they still survive.