

# Palestine—The Way to Do It

**T**HE UN Assembly vote, 33-13, in favor of partitioning Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, has brought rejoicing to the hearts of the Jewish people and progressive people the world over.

The UN Assembly's decision fulfills a pledge made a generation ago.

It was a pledge to the Jews that they have their own homeland, their own state.

It was a pledge broken and betrayed many times.

It is a pledge that even now faces perils of betrayal and sabotage at the hands of those who do not favor freedom for any people.

But, despite enormous difficulty, a significant advance has been made.

**I**T is no secret that the UN decision was the result of American-Soviet agreement on this issue.

Without this agreement, the Palestine question would have suffered the same fate as now confronts so many other of the vital problems facing mankind—delay, deadlock, and frustration.

The Soviet Union, through Andrei Gromyko, from the first, has stood firmly for the self-determination of all peoples. It voiced its plea for a truly independent Jewish-Arab state in the Middle East, free from the pressures and interventions of all outside powers.

On our side, there have been conflicting interests at work. American oil interests have viewed the oil treasures of the Middle East with a greedy eye. They have sought,



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and will undoubtedly increase their efforts, to oust their British oil rivals, and to turn the entire Middle East into a Wall Street colony, governed through commissions, agents and quislings.

At the same time, Soviet pressure for a Palestine solution coincided with the enormous impact of public opinion in favor of the Jewish people's cause. Washington, through its delegate Herschel Johnson, decided to accept the movement for a Jewish homeland as a reality it could not afford to ignore or destroy. The result was an advance for mankind.

**T**HE thought must be present in every man's mind today—what a different world it would be today if our UN delegation were to approach all questions—the atom bomb, Germany, the eastern democracies, Greece, European reconstruction, etc.—with the same desire to face reality and negotiate a settlement with the Soviet Union as it displayed on the Palestine issue.

Our "get-tough" policy has failed on all other questions. It merely has made other nations "get tough." It has brought deadlock. It is allying us with a revived Nazi Germany and Japan.

On the Palestine issue, our UN delegation did not "get tough." It negotiated and found a settlement. This policy paid off, as it would on all other questions.

Let's not be so naive as to expect that all be well in Palestine from now on. American and British oil companies are still greedy for power and profits. They will still try to muddy the waters. They must be driven out of Palestine by a new nation fighting for full independence.

And let us beware in the future of falling for the trap that Standard Oil and the interests of the Jewish-Arabian peoples are the same.