

# 'SPLIT' TO MAKE PALESTINE WAR III BASTION—STATE CP

The Anglo-American proposal to divide Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish communities would open the way to establishment of a military base for World War III, the New York State Communist Party warned yesterday. Its statement follows:

The Anglo-American Cabinet Committee proposal to partition Palestine endangers the peace of the Middle East, and thereby the peace of the entire world.

Terror and bloodshed are already a fact in Palestine. They come first of all from the police state established in Palestine by the oppressive colonial policy of Great Britain, acting for itself and for its American imperialist ally. Already it has provoked irresponsible acts of desperation on the part of extremist elements among the Jewish people, and threats of violence on the part of reactionary Arab circles.

Now British and American imperialism are taking advantage of the chaos in Palestine to clasp more firmly upon Jews and Arabs the chains of colonial slavery. That is the meaning of the partition proposal. It leaves the way open to make of Palestine a military base from which to launch World War III. It will transform the two proposed separate communities into virtual military reservations, excluding all possibilities of independence for Palestine and the economic and political development of Jews and Arabs. It is aimed at deepening the gulf between Jews and Arabs, at preventing the unity between Jews and Arabs that is necessary for a free and independent Palestine. It continues the "divide and rule" policy, whereby imperialism maintains its domination.

It is unfortunate that certain sections of the Zionist leadership are leaving the door open for the acceptance of this imperialist solution of the Palestine question.

All democratic and peace-loving forces, however, will recognize the reactionary, chauvinist and war-mongering character of this proposal.

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party calls upon all individuals and mass organizations, and particularly upon the trade union movement, to protest against and reject this solution of British and American imperialism. It urges the immediate passage of resolutions and the sending of wires and letters to President Truman, demanding that the President

Anglo-American Cabinet Committee to partition Palestine;

b. Abandon the effort to impose an Anglo-American solution on the Arabs and Jews of Palestine;

c. Return to the policy of Roosevelt of Big Three unity in the SOLUTION OF THE Palestine question;

d. Insist that the American delegates place on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council the proposal that Britain transfer Palestine at once to the trusteeship of the Big Three within the United Nations, for the purpose of setting up Palestine as an independent and democratic state of Arabs and Jews that will guarantee the equal national rights of both peoples;

e. Use all the power of his high office to open the doors of America to larger numbers of Jewish refugees who are still being kept in the DP camps of Germany.

The New York State Committee takes this occasion to endorse the open letter sent by the Morning Freiheit Association to the American Jewish Congress. It emphasizes that section which declares:

"The central problem which faces Palestine as well as the Yishuv is its liberation from imperialist rule. This can be achieved only on the basis of a united Arab-Jewish front and on the basis of Arab-Jewish agreement. Only on such a basis can Palestine as a whole, and the Yishuv in particular, gain independence and achieve full national rights.

"The acuteness of the situation and the further perils which have been introduced by the partition proposals, demand that there be no further delay. It demands action on a broad basis, in which leadership is given by the entire American Jewish Community, its organizations and leadership and not by the Zionist party alone."

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party hopes that the American Jewish Conference will recognize its responsibilities in this critical moment and take the necessary united action.

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