

Rally Against the White Paper!

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has now appointed the American representatives to the Anglo-American commission of inquiry on Palestine, and it will have 120 days to make its reports.

One hundred and twenty days—that is, almost the entire winter!

And meanwhile, tens of thousands of Jewish refugees—the handful which remained from the horrible Nazi slaughter in Europe—are faced with a winter of cold and destitution while comfortable gentlemen assemble facts on a problem that is as clear as day.

There is no comfort in this commission for anyone. It is simply an evasion of the immediate problem and can only contribute to the confusion on the long-range problem.

Instead of commissions, the British government should have opened the gates of Palestine to those Jews who want refuge there immediately.

And both Britain and the United States, while suspending the White Paper's provisions for Palestine, should at least have offered asylum for those Jews who wished to go elsewhere.

Instead of a commission to examine facts which only drives a further wedge between the Arab and Jewish community in Palestine, the United States should have pressed for a Big Three consideration of the entire problem.

Certainly, there is no long-range solution in Palestine except as the Arab and Jewish people get together. Yet, British policy is calculated to drive these peoples of one country apart. And the United States is simply backing Britain as a way of covering up the penetration of American imperialist forces into the Near East.

How clear this is to any sensible person! Yet how far from sense and decency is President Truman's policy on this vital issue.

Only one thing can change this stupid, stubborn, arrogant policy of the American and British government. And that is pressure from the people—support for the Jewish people's fight against the White Paper.

This is the purpose of the twelve rallies which the Communist Party is calling tonight in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx.

Every reader of our paper is urged to get his neighbors and shopmates out to these meetings—tonight.