

BERNADOTTE COMES THROUGH

AS WE go to press, Bernadotte's proposals for Palestine have just been published. They prove that he serves his Anglo-American imperialist masters well.

Bernadotte proposes that the territory to be considered should include Transjordan, that the entire territory be divided into an Arab and a Jewish state (making the Arab part of Transjordan), that the Jewish state be minus the Negev entirely, that Haifa be made a free port, that Jerusalem be included in the Arab part, that a supreme council be created by the two states which would settle any differences and coordinate foreign policy, defense and economics, that Israel would control immigration in its territory for two years and then subject the question to further discussion, with the decision of the UN Economic and Social Council, and its estimates of absorptive capacity, being binding.

These proposals are a complete betrayal of the UN decision of November 29, 1947 establishing independent Jewish and Arab states. Bernadotte, with an arrogance absorbed from his imperialist masters, went beyond his authority by arrogating to himself the right to reconsider a decision made by the United Nations instead of attempting to find a solution based on that decision. His proposals pave the way for the reentry of British imperialism into Palestine in partnership with American imperialism.

Israel, the Jewish people everywhere, and all democratic forces must firmly reject this treacherous, enslaving and war-fostering "solution" to the Palestine question. Any negotiations by Jewish leadership on any basis other than the original UN decision will represent the betrayal of Jewish interests and of peace.

The only road to the solution of the Palestine question is through the path of the UN partition decision. All else at this time leads to an imperialist blind alley ending in war. A program for solving the Palestine problem must include: 1) full acceptance of the UN decision of Nov. 29 as a basis for discussions; 2) maintenance of the territorial integrity of Israel as established by the UN decision, and securing the independence of Israel; 3) insistence that the U.S. immediately lift the embargo on Israel and raise the blockade; 4) insistence on full diplomatic recognition of Israel by the U.S.

No one could object to a truce that would prevent further bloodshed and war. But there must be absolute guarantees that the truce period will not be used for maneuvers and intrigue by Anglo-American imperialism to defeat the UN decision and betray Israel. Israeli and Jewish leadership, no less than the democratic forces everywhere, has a special responsibility in this regard.