

# Palestine Communists Ask UN to Oust British

The Communist Party of Palestine has appealed to the United Nations to order the immediate evacuation of British troops, and the declaration of a free and independent Palestine. The Communist stand, datelined from Tel Aviv on Feb. 7 reached here yesterday.

It anticipated by several days the British decision to turn the Palestine issue over to the United Nations.

The appeal of the Palestine Communists asked for UN assistance in "the setting up of a democratic Arab-Jewish state, based on an internationally-guaranteed democratic constitution which provides complete equality of national rights for both Arabs and Jews."

In such a state, the Communist appeal said, the admittance of displaced Jews from Europe into Palestine would be settled by Jewish-Arab agreement within the framework of a general international pact on displaced persons.

The Communists of Palestine made their appeal in the name of the trusteeship provisions of the UN charter, declaring that "the British government as a mandatory power has failed to submit a trusteeship agreement in regard to Palestine.

The Palestine Communists coupled their appeal for a bi-national state, free of imperialism, with a detailed economic analysis that exposes the shortcomings of British

rule. (See adjoining inset).

The document contains a warning that continued British rule risks the danger of conflicts between the Jewish and Arab communities. Both of these have attained considerable political maturity, the Communists said, warning against the policy of setting Arabs off against Jews and vice versa.

## DISPLACED JEWS

The Palestine Communists also took issue with the "various imperialists as well as Zionist political aspirations" which confuse two different problems: the issue of displaced Jews in certain parts of Europe and the problem of Palestine's future.

These different issues have also been mixed with the problems of the Jewish masses in countries where they are subject to persecution or discrimination.

"This confusion," says the Communist statement, "adds to the difficulties in Palestine without

striking at the roots of anti-Semitism."

Rehabilitation of displaced Jews in Europe is a very grave problem, the statement says, but it cannot be solved by Palestine alone.

## CP PROPOSALS

The Communists propose:

- Resettlement of Jews to the countries of their origin should be facilitated.

- Close contacts should be established by the governments and Jewish communities of the new democracies of Europe and the displaced persons camps.

- Those Jews whose problems cannot be settled in the above two ways should be permitted to emigrate and settle in democratic countries abroad.

- "The question of immigration of displaced Jews into Palestine must be solved by Arab-Jewish agreement" within the framework of a general international refugee agreement, the statement said.