

# Palestine Communists Hold Report Tightens British Rule

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The report of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee, published on May 1 is a link in the chain of policy of imperialist intrigues in the Middle East.

The committee is compelled to admit that "Palestine represents an armed camp . . . many buildings are surrounded by barbed wire fences . . . considerable army and police forces are being held in Palestine. . . . The police go armed and the number of police stations throughout Palestine is large."

But the committee does not recommend the removal of this police and military oppression of our country. On the contrary! It recommends the continuation of British rule.

The imperialist character of the committee's report is equally underlined by the fact that it does not even recommend the slightest measures of democratization for Palestine, even for the municipalities.

Moreover, it does not see the need to recommend the participation of Jews and Arabs in the administration.

## 'FORGOT' ABROGATION

The Inquiry Commission "forgot" to recommend the abrogation of the fatal Emergency Laws, which deliver the personal free-

dom of each person to the mercy of each British policeman and soldier.

Thus, apparently, the committee meant to teach a lesson in Anglo-American democracy.

The political program of the Inquiry Committee was expressed in Recommendation No. 3:

"Palestine will be neither a Jewish nor an Arab State" . . . but . . . a British State.

This is the way in which the committee recommends the continuation of the mandatory rule, which means British colonial rule.

The pretext: Jewish-Arab tension.

And here is the formulation of Recommendation No. 4 which is in our opinion the decisive recommendation in the report and on which depend all the others:

"We have reached the conclusion that hostility between Jews and Arabs and, in particular the determination of each to achieve domination if necessary by violence, make it almost certain that now and for some time to come any attempt to establish either an independent Palestinian state or independent Palestinian states would result in civil strife such as might threaten the peace of the world.

"We therefore recommend that until this hostility disappears, the Government of Palestine be continued as at present under

mandate pending the execution of a trusteeship agreement under the United Nations."

This is the most absurd decision of the Inquiry Committee. For it is exactly the British rule which is the main cause and decisive factor for the friction between Jews and Arabs.

It is British rule which is encouraging the chauvinist forces amongst the Jews and Arabs. It is maintaining two scales of wages for Jewish and Arab workers and exploiting every political, economic and social problem for its policy of "divide and rule."

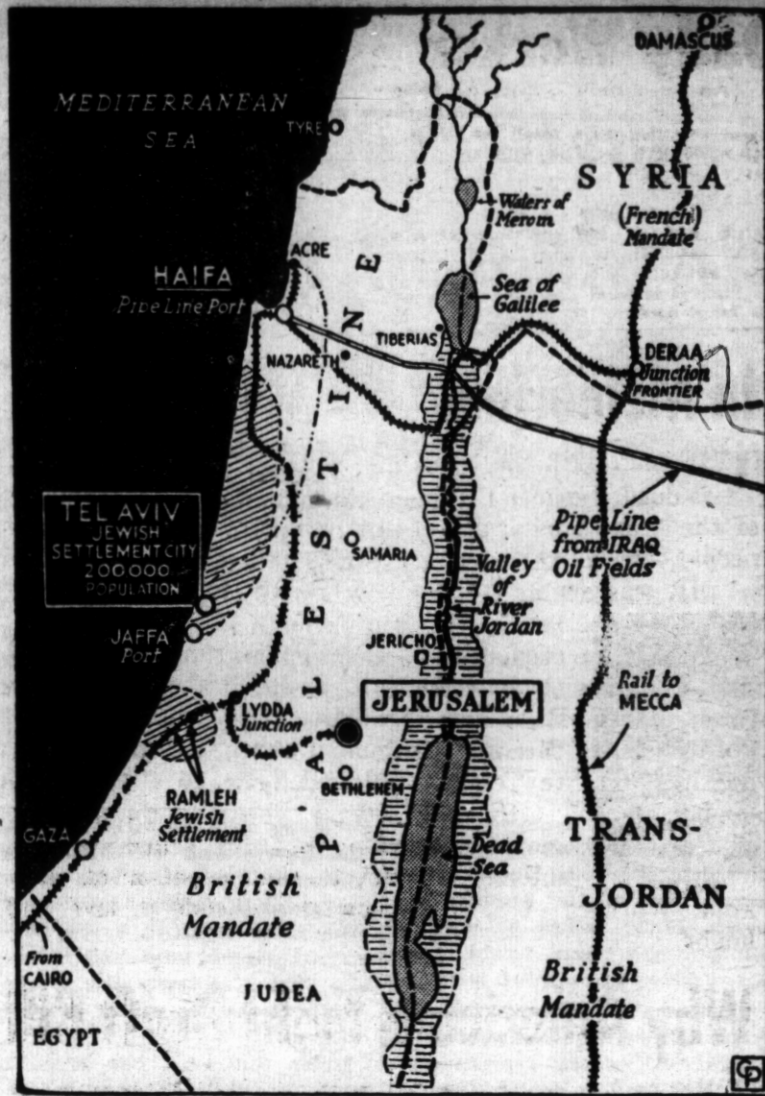
## 'TENDER' IMPERIALISM

It is just this colonial power which according to the recommendations of the committee should take care of the removal of Jewish Arab hostility.

Thus the Inquiry Committee turns the problem upside down. Instead of stating the truth: because of the existence of the mandatory power, Jewish Arab relations are strained, the committee repeats the imperialist story of old: "because of the national conflicts it is necessary to maintain the imperialist rule."

Our Marxist-democratic approach enabled us to tell the Inquiry Committee when it was in Palestine:

"The tension in our country has been increased as a result of the manner in which the in-



quiries have been conducted by this committee. This committee is presenting the problem of our country as a question of antagonism between Jews and Arabs, instead of regarding it as a problem of oppression by British imperialism of Jews and Arabs

alike." The result of the committee's recommendations are the same: Increasing tension between Jews and Arabs, the consolidation of British military rule, and new dangers of invasion by another imperialism.