

TRAGEDY OF ZIONISM

NOT SOLUTION FOR JEWRY

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Acts of sabotage and terroristic activities have swept over Palestine during the last two weeks. Bridges connected with the Lebanon, Transjordan and Egypt were broken up. Trains were stopped and burned. The railway workshops in Haifa, the biggest in the country, were set ablaze and British officers were kidnapped. British forces as a counter move, arrested Zionist leaders, searched settlements known to be the bases of the Hagana and arrested many of its members.

It is not the first time that the two terroristic semi-fascist Zionist organizations have been engaged in individual terror and sabotage against British policemen, officers and government personnel. It is already a few years back since they declared "war" on British imperialism. But that by no means indicates that they are anti-imperialist.

Before Italy joined the war the terrorists negotiated with the Italian Fascists. Today they will be only too ready to serve American or any other imperialism which would promise them a caricature of an independent Jewish Palestine.

The Hagana

Recent outbreaks, mainly the blowing up of the bridges, were the responsibility of the Hagana—the military organization of the Zionist movement. This is not a terrorist organization, as the newspapers here are trying to make out. It is a small army stated to be 70,000 strong and to which all Zionist Labour Organizations belong. But this fact must not blind us as to the nature and aims of this large military organization.

First of all, what was the cause

of the recent flareup and what did it try to achieve? Two months have already passed since the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry set up to investigate the position of the remnants of European Jewry and the Palestine question, concluded its work and has submitted its recommendations. Both Jews and Arabs have waited impatiently to learn whether the British Government would accept or reject the recommendations. Although Attlee and Bevin have hinted on a number of occasions that the recommendations as a whole could not be accepted, they have deliberately refrained from stating their policy until the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty negotiations are concluded. Bevin is a new hand at the Foreign Office but it is remarkable how quickly he has picked up the game of imperialist politics.

Labour's Promises — Words — And Deeds

The Zionists are prepared for the time being not to persist in their demands for a Jewish state if the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry—amongst which were the imme-

diated immigration into Palestine of 100,000 Jews to buy land from forbidding Jews to buy land from the Arabs, etc.—are accepted. A few remarks by the Prime Minister in Parliament and by Bevin at the Labour Party Conference made it clear to the Zionists that the Labour Party out of office when they are able to make all kinds of hypocritical promises to the Zionists, and the Labour Party in office are two completely different things.

Imperialism, which is now the guiding star of the Labour Government, thus, also dragging the name of British Labour into the mud, is not interested one bit as to the fate of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe many of whom are still kept in the same camps where so many of their brothers were massacred by the Nazis. Nor is it interested in solving the Palestine question. British imperialism must have its military bases in the Middle East to safeguard strategic lines of communication, to guard the oil centres, and to subjugate the Arab masses. With the uncertainties as to the future relationship with Egypt and the other Arab countries,

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British imperialism is determined to turn Palestine into its main military base. Only a fool or a knave would believe imperialism out of its own goodwill, will grant independence to Palestine.

Zionism Rests On Imperialism

Imperialism has encouraged Zionist colonisation in Palestine for many years, so that it could, by setting Arabs against Jews, and Jews against Arabs, remain firmly in control of the country. Basically this position has not changed. Faced with a coming Arab uprising in the whole of the Middle East, British imperialism deludes itself that it can avoid the coming conflict between it and the Arab people by taking oppressive action against the Zionists.

Zionism Not Anti-Imperialist

The blowing up of the bridges by the Hagana was both a demonstration of the disappointment with British policy, as well as to demonstrate that they can be very much of a nuisance if Britain will not accept their collaboration. Needless to say, British imperialism is not "frightened".

It will not hesitate to bomb and shell Jewish towns and settlements if it finds fit to do so. However much one is opposed to Zionism, it

is not to blood-soaked British imperialism, which has already turned Palestine into one huge concentration camp, that we look towards to deal a death blow to Zionism. Let the Jewish and Arab workers themselves deal appropriately with Zionism.

The Zionist movement and Zionist aspirations, which are contrary to the interests of Jewish workers as well as the Arab masses in Palestine and the Middle East have willy-nilly to depend on an outside power for their protection. That is why the Zionist leaders will never dream of fighting Britain. However, the bitterness that has accumulated and disappointment in British policies, are liable to push tens of thousands of Zionists into a struggle against Britain, which can only end at present in catastrophic results.

The roots of the Jewish problem lie deep in the capitalist system. There will be no end to Jewish persecution, anti-semitism, and race hatred as long as capitalism exists. Zionism and a Jewish state will never stop the rise of anti-semitism in the four corners of the world, but the victory of the world revolution and the establishment of Socialism will.

Any anti-imperialist struggle in Palestine cannot even be thought of unless Jewish and Arab workers unite in one solid front to fight their common enemies, Imperialism, Zionism, and Arab feudalism and capitalism.