

# ***Report Palestine Stalinists Are Joining Mapam***

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 — Word has been received that the Communist Party of Palestine has decided to send its members into the MAPAM (United Workers Party). The MAPAM is a powerful, left-wing socialist-Zionist party which represents approximately 40 per cent of the general trade membership and is influential in the armed forces. Five of the 21 highest ranking officers of Zva Haganah are members of MAPAM. In addition, the Palmach, the commando striking force of the Haganah, is led and officered by members of this party. This party has lately become intensely pro-Russian as a result of the material and diplomatic aid given Israel by Russia and its satellites.

The Stalinists seem to feel that this situation will permit them to catapult into a dominant position in the new Israeli state. Thus the newly born state faces twin totalitarian threats from the Irgun Zvai Leumia and revisionist allies on one hand and from the Stalinists on the other side.