

DECEIT IN PALESTINE

An Editorial

THE British Government has released a new diplomatic White Paper, in which it accuses the arrested leaders of the Jewish Agency of complicity in the recent wave of terror in Palestine.

Egypt and Iraq have indicated to the United Nations that they will ask that the Palestine question be put on the agenda of the General Assembly if England refuses to accede to Arab demands.

From London come new reports that the English and American representatives, who are now conferring on the Palestine issue, will soon propose a partition plan for Palestine.

These are the latest developments with regard to the critical problem of Palestine. And they are tied to each other.

Why is England ready at this moment to issue a new White Paper when it simultaneously claims to be ready to grant the Jews their own state in a dismembered Palestine?

The answer lies in the brutal, two-faced politics of British imperialism. It is the old "carrot and club" game.

The new White Paper is a part of the bestial terror which England perpetrates in Palestine.

Its aim is to intimidate the Jewish com-

munity and to force its leaders to accept the suicidal partition scheme.

The overwhelming majority of the Jewish community is against such a plan. There is no doubt that a minority of wealthy Jews would gain from such a partition. But for the majority of the Jewish people it would be a great tragedy.

What British imperialism seeks to attain by such a partition is no secret. The British wish to achieve through this new military bases for their imperialistic aims. **They wish to maintain eternal enmity between Jew and Arab and thus hold both in its grip.** They wish to strengthen their domination in the Middle East.

Nor dare we forget for a moment the fact that American imperialism is very deeply involved in the Middle East and is a real partner in this bloody game.

In the light of these facts, the silence of many Zionist leaders and in many cases their acquiescence is criminal. These Zionist leaders seek to mislead the Jewish masses into believing that by this type of bond with British imperialism the Jewish people will achieve a Jewish "state." These leaders must be warned that they are endangering the future security of the Jewish community in Palestine.

At the very same time the Arab reaction-

aries are carrying on their own game with British imperialism. Egypt and Iraq's communications to the United Nations were not motivated by the desire to achieve a free and independent Palestine. The maneuvers of the Arab reactionaries, in league with imperialism, are directed not only against the Jewish community but also against the Arab community, against the democratic forces in the Middle East and in the final analysis against a free and independent Palestine.

It is of the utmost urgency that the Jewish people, the labor movement and the entire democratic world raise their voices against this partition scheme.

The solution to the problem of Palestine is not partition.

The problem of Palestine can only be solved by means of a united struggle of Jews and Arabs to remove the imperialist oppressor from their land.

Palestine must be immediately placed under the jurisdiction of the Big Three within the framework of the United Nations, whose task it shall be to establish an independent and democratic Palestine which will guarantee the equal national rights of both Jews and Arabs.

Only in this way will Palestine cease to be a land of imperialist intrigue.