

# Double-Talk on Palestine

**A**RE THE London-Washington diplomats following the "Greek pattern" in Palestine?

You will remember that after they set up the Greek monarchist-fascist regime, the British suddenly told Washington that they couldn't stay any longer.

This permitted President Truman to start shouting about the "grave crisis in Greece" (and Turkey, which gave the show away).

And it didn't take long for Washington to step into Greece as the big boss.

We began to send munitions and money to the Greek generals.

We moved in with an "economic mission" which removes cabinets, orders changes in the government and approves new ones.

Now, in the UN, our delegation is whipping up an imaginary "invasion" of Greece in order to justify American troops moving in later with a real invasion.

Will this be the formula for Palestine?

Will the British stage a phony withdrawal in order to open the way for a Washington intervention, according to some behind-the-scenes deal which may already be in the making?

The British offer to "withdraw" from Palestine "unless a solution can be found" doesn't mean that the British are going to quit their oil fields and aviation-naval bases in that region. Anyone who thinks so is kidding himself.

Wherever the British plan calls for "early withdrawal" another section of it provides a loophole for a prolonged stay (they've been there 25 years already after having promised to get out).

Thus far the record of London and Washington on the Palestine issue leaves little room for confidence.

The Soviet plan is for a bi-national state of Arabs and Jews with ALL outside armies leaving at once so that the new nations can really be independent.

If the Arabs and Jews can't agree, then the Soviet plan is for a partition on the basis of real equality and parity, but still with all outside interference booted out. If there is to be any interim outside guiding force, then it should be the UN, with Britain, the U.S., the Soviet Union and other powers perhaps, acting jointly as a UN committee. This would guarantee that Palestine would not become the pawn or victim or any private British-American deals in which the Jewish and Arabian peoples would be left out completely.

In any event, the British offer of "withdrawal" is full of that kind of double-talk which should put on guard every progressive who wants a free and independent Palestine.