

Questions and Answers

Question: The Labor Zionist press and Rev. Israels, speaking over Station WEVD, say that the French Communist Party has repudiated the policy of the Communists in Palestine. Is this true?—J. G., D. F.

Answer: No, all Communist Parties and the Communist International completely support the policy of the Communist Party of Palestine.

The statements referred to in the question appear to be based on a statement of the Jewish Bureau of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party, made some months ago in connection with a single badly worded and politically incorrect leaflet issued in the name of the Communist Party in Palestine.

This leaflet was immediately withdrawn by the C. P. of Palestine, which issued a second one acknowledging the errors of the first. The Communist Party never tries to cover up its mistakes, and the C. P. of Palestine took the lead in repudiating the formulations of the leaflet, precisely because they did not represent the policy of the Communist Party.

The Communist press of many countries, including the United States and France, reported the whole incident as soon as the facts were learned.

The Communist Party of Palestine, composed of Jews and Arabs, cannot of course be opposed to the Jews on any grounds. It declares that the only salvation of the Jewish and Arab masses of Palestine lies in united struggle against British imperialism and its Zionist agency, and against the Arab landlords (effendis), for a free Palestine governed by the workers and farmers, with full national rights for the Jewish minority.

A comprehensive statement of the Communist Party's position on Palestine will be found in two pamphlets, *Zionism Today*, and *Palestine, the Communist Position*, both by Paul Novick, published by the Jewish bureau of the Communist Party; the first at 5 cents, the second at 10 cents, and obtainable at all People's Bookshops or direct from Workers Library Publishers, P. O. Box 148, Station D, New York City.