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The British "White Paper" Is a Betrayal of Both Jews and Arabs in Palestine

• The British Tories have issued a so-called "White Paper" for a "final solution of the Palestine question," which may soon be turned red with the blood of Arab and Jewish peoples.

To grasp the central features of Chamberlain's new "solution" for the Palestine issue one must connect events beginning with the Balfour promise of 1917 for "a Jewish National Homeland in Palestine," up to the latest "appeasement" intrigues of the British Munichmen.

Back in 1917 both Jews and Arabs were tricked by promise of a "homeland" and "Arab independence" concurrently and with a definite double-cross intent.

When the Chamberlains now seek to readjust Near Eastern relationships and politics to suit their own schemes, and in preparation for some deal with Mussolini, the Balfour promises are ditched. And the Arabs are kept on the tender-hooks of even more worthless promises than those conveyed to them by the spying adventurer, Lawrence of Arabia.

Fascism, specially inflated with Munich "appeasement," has entered into the Near Eastern situation. Mussolini has proclaimed himself "protector of the Moslems." Hitler has his agents all over the Moslem lands stirring up trouble and intensifying anti-Semitism. This, while many thousands of Jews, unfortunately with a distorted understanding of the relation of forces, seek refuge in Palestine.

Mussolini was assisted by the British Tories to seize Ethiopia, to demand Tunisia and a share in the Suez Canal. Now, with Hitler in the Mediterranean, the British Chamberlains hope to make a deal with the Rome-Berlin axis regarding the Near East at the expense, first, of the Jews, and, next, or at the same time, of the Arabs.

But Chamberlain's aim is to conceal his real goal in the eastern end of the Mediterranean, just as he did in the scandalous "non-intervention" trickery in Spain and in his real Munich objectives when he handed Hitler Czechoslovakia.

How does Chamberlain do it? He wants to give the Arabs the illusion that by scrapping the Balfour declaration, the Arabs may now get an "independent Arab state in Palestine." Actually, the Tories are intensifying their "divide and conquer" policy under new historical conditions.

The White Paper says that perhaps in 10 years the Arabs "may" get their independence. Meanwhile, they are to stay riveted by slave-treaties to the British Empire. Jewish immigration is to be cut. Purchase of land by immigrants is to be supervised. Thus, by going through some gestures of "protecting" Arab interests, the Arabs are themselves either to be divided, or are led into another British Tory trap of base promises.

Perhaps the dirtiest part of Chamberlain's intrigue, by means of the Palestine White Paper, is the Tory traitor's attempt to palm it off to the British people as "necessary" for a peace front.

When Chamberlain uses every deception he can to deny the Soviet Union reciprocity in a peace front, when whatever step he does take is under the strongest popular compulsion, he would have his reactionary move in the Near East, his preliminary efforts to come to another deal with Mussolini, appear as a "peace front" need.

Many Arabs see through Chamberlain's trickery. Others are sadly fooled. Some of the Arabs who are fooled are also incited by the fascists who look to Chamberlain for "appeasement." These misled Arabs are being instigated to anti-Semitic violence to make it easier for Chamberlain to put the plan over by force, under the cry of "emergency."

Meanwhile, also, the reactionary "Revisionist Zionists," headed by the provocateur, Jabotinsky, are threatening violence and bloodshed. This can serve only to keep Arabs and Jews apart when the closest unity is imperative to prevent both peoples from being treacherously treated by the Chamberlains.

Required above all to meet the new situation, a perilous one for Jews in Palestine, is unity; unity to defeat the Chamberlain trickery; unity in support of the Soviet demand for a genuine "peace front," the key to confounding Chamberlain's plotting; unity to rally all Jews, not for the futile demand for return of the Balfour promises, but for a realistic solution of the Palestine question in conjunction with the Arab people who are being betrayed, just as the Jews are, by the Tory intriguers.

The unity of the Jewish people, instead of being directed into a struggle with the Arab people, is needed more than ever to defeat the Chamberlains by uniting with the Arabs. Such a joint solution of the graver issues confronting both peoples should now make its foundation a solving of Palestine's future in accordance with present interests of both people.