

Sly Palestine Report Stirs Jewish Anger

Jewish opinion boiled up bitterly at the cat-and-mouse proposition offered yesterday by the Anglo-American commission which offered a vague promise to admit 100,000 Jews from Europe's concentration camps, while making sure that Palestine will remain under the heel of foreign imperialism.

While the promise to admit 100,000 of Europe's homeless survivors of the Hitler terror which murdered more than 5,000,000 men, women and children was seen as a gesture of concession, the Jewish people smelled in the "ifs and buts" of the commission promise the usual imperialist trickery.

Left wing Jewish opinion, as reflected by the *Morning Freiheit*, Jewish anti-fascist daily, was sharply critical.

The American Jewish Conference welcomed the recommendation for immediate admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine but protested that later Britain, as mandatory power, could restrict immigration. It denounced the report's declaration against a Jewish State in Palestine.

The Zionist Emergency Council similarly protested the bar on formation of a Jewish State, contending that this denies "Jewish historic rights and aspirations." The Zionists found the immigration proposals "gratifying," but expressed doubts as to whether Jewish immigration and colonization would be facilitated.

United Press reported that Palestine Zionists similarly complained that Jewish statehood had been denied; the revisionist Hamashkif writing belligerently: "We shall continue to insist on a Jewish majority."

Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the ultra-conservative American Jewish Committee, praised immigration features of the report while Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, said her organization would continue to work for unrestricted immigration.

Rabbi Baruch Korff, executive vice chairman of the Political Action Committee for Palestine, said the Commission had proved itself "a pawn" of the British colonial Office.

Palestine's Arab Higher Committee under Jamal Hussein proclaimed a general strike for Friday as protest against the report.

Arab and Moslem societies in Cairo were quoted as warning that "the whole Arab and Moslem world will rise in revolt" if 100,000 additional Jews are admitted into Palestine. Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, secretary general of the Arab League, said: "We will remain fully prepared to fight for an Arab Palestine."

The foreign Ministers of Trans-Jordan and Saudi Arabia and K. Khairy, director of the Arab Office in Washington, also protested against the report.

Reject the Report

MORNING FREIHEIT LEADERS SCORE
PALESTINE COMMISSION REPORT

The Jewish people must reject the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, leaders of the Morning Freiheit Association said yesterday. The report

is basically "calculated to strengthen the economic, political and military domination of American and British imperialism in Palestine and the Middle East," they told the Daily Worker in an interview. The *Morning Freiheit*, Jewish anti-fascist daily, will take this stand editorially today.

The proposal to permit 100,000 Jews to immigrate into Palestine, they said, simply plays on the tragic needs of the Jewish refugees in order to aggravate relations between Jews and Arabs in Palestine.

STIR ARAB OPPOSITION

Even if the British Government makes this seeming concession to the pressing needs of the displaced Jews, (and Prime Minister Attlee has already started stalling), they will slow down or sabotage its fulfillment by the traditional method of fomenting Arab landlord opposition. Then, with disorders raging in Palestine, the British will have the desired excuse to reinforce their troops—perhaps with the help of American troops as well—and thus strengthen their domination.

In its piously-expressed opposition to formation of either a Jewish or Arab state, the report rejects the aspiration of both peoples and denies possibility of establishment of an independent bi-national state.

It "assumes" vaguely that the British government will "prepare a draft trusteeship agreement for eventual submission to the United Nations," but in practice continues the British mandate, trying the Palestinian peoples to Anglo-American imperialism and its war plans.

The report's pleasant-seeming projects for improving the Arab people's economic and cultural condition are vitiated by the fact that proposed agricultural, industrial and educational projects would be run by the British-controlled Palestine Government.

The Freiheit Association leaders expressed the hope that Palestine's Jewish population, in face of the combined Anglo-American action, would establish the "closest possible contact with the Arabs for the independence struggle, for agreement on increased immigration of

tions, and the Palestinian peoples themselves, from its deliberations.

"This report confirms our earlier estimate," the progressive Jewish spokesmen said, "and proves the need to struggle on the following independent, immediate program:

"1. Immediate dissolution of the Jewish concentration camps in Europe, and United Nations assumption of responsibility to transfer the Jews to America, Great Britain, Europe, Palestine or wherever they choose to emigrate. Fight for opening the United States to maximum Jewish immigration.

"2. Immediate abrogation of the British Palestine mandate and withdrawal of British troops from Palestine. Transfer of Palestine to Big Three trusteeship pending independent status.

"3. Encourage Arab-Jewish unity discussions inside Palestine to withstand imperialist attempts to provoke clashes and to reach decisions concerning establishment of an independent state and Jewish immigration. Arab-Jewish solidarity in current Palestine strikes proves the effectiveness of such co-operation.

"4. Oppose any tendency among European Jews to oblige the imperialists and fascists by leaving Europe. European Jews must join with all anti-fascist forces to uproot fascism and anti-Semitism and establish conditions in which all can live in peace and democracy."

Miners Demand Jobless Pay

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 1.—A delegation of soft coal strikers demanded immediate unemployment compensation payments here this week.

Over a hundred miners, representing 40,000 District Two UMW members, marched in a body to Gov. Edward Martin's office. They were told by his Secretary of Labor that they could apply for public relief until they became eligible for job-