

# Hypocrisy of the Palestine Report

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In a country inhabited by two peoples there is no escape from dependence on a foreign power except by cooperation between both peoples against their common oppressor.

The only choice is: either a common state for both peoples based on full equal rights, or trailing after imperialist intrigues.

Peace in Palestine is threatened. The only way out is: a Jewish-Arab agreement on all questions of their common homeland.

And as has been proved by Dr. Judah Magnes and Mr. Moses Shertok before the Inquiry Committee, it is not the problem of immigration which prevents an agreement but the nationalist political programs of official Jewish and Arab leadership and their competition to win the sympathy of imperialism.

For example, the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry recommends 100,000 certificates for the Jewish inmates of the DP camps. This was intended to be the new issue among all the resolutions, for in the political "program" everything has remained as it was before: the imperialist status quo.

But even in this point the committee is far from caring for the Jews in the camps who have been taught sufferings enough. The "recommendation" concerning this question is ambiguous. It is a deliberate move to give the Jews illusions and to link them to their new "savior," President Truman.

On the other hand, it is strongly intended to divert the Arabs from their real enemy, imperialism, toward the Jews.

The "recommendation" says: "We recommend that 100,000 certificates be authorized immediately for the admission into Palestine of Jews who have been victims of Nazi and fascist persecution and that these certificates be awarded, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, in 1946 and that their actual immigration be pushed forward as rapidly AS CONDITIONS WILL PERMIT" (our emphasis).

And who is to stipulate "how

far it is possible"? Who is to determine whether "conditions" (what conditions?) will permit it?

To this decisive question a reply is given by that part of the report which deals with the basic solution of the problem of immigration:

"It must, we think, be conceded that it should be the right of the government of Palestine to decide, having regard to the well-being of all the people of Palestine, the number of immigrants to be admitted within any given period."

These words reveal the climax of cynicism and hypocrisy! The government of Palestine "has regard" to the well-being of all the people! The government of Palestine has nothing to care for, but for the people of Palestine.

... Indeed, during the years of its rule, it was occupied with the defense of the "holy places": the refineries, the military bases, Suez.

As to the problem of immigration, the status quo is maintained, just as in the political setup: the government will decide according to its own discretion.

If it pleases them, they will open the gates a bit and will rouse the Arabs against the Jews. And if it pleases them the other way, they will close all immigration and rouse the Jews against the Arabs.

Once they will cover themselves with a pro-Jewish cloak and next time they will hunt refugee ships in the most cruel ways. Everything according to the old imperialist game of "divide and rule."

**DPS CONTINUE TO SUFFER**

Has not the time come to understand this diabolic game?

The Communist Party of Palestine expresses its protest against the fact that as a result of these imperialist intrigues the Jewish inmates of camps continue to suffer.

The problem of Jewish displaced persons in Europe must be solved immediately by an international settlement of the United Nations.

Those Jewish DPs who are interested in emigration, should be given the opportunity to emigrate, according to their free will and within the framework of the international settlement, to Palestine, Britain, America and other countries.

In every single case the free will of the refugee must be taken into consideration. This is not a question of numbers. It is the problem of putting an end to the sufferings of our refugees and of restoring them to normal life.

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## Worth Repeating

An editorial in the Cleveland Press discusses Rankin: "Congressman Rankin got out of bed the other morning and read in the newspapers that 'his' Committee on Un-American Activities would investigate the Ku Klux Klan. A mere committee member, Congressman Landis of Indiana, said so.

"Mr. Rankin—technically also just a committee member—hardly waited to reach his office before he shouted 'lie.' There was no need, he said, for such an investigation. That's what we'd expect from Mr. Rankin. The KKK has never (1) supported the dangerous doctrine of free speech, (2) intimated it believes all men are created free and equal, (3) suggested it indorses freedom of religion, (4) hesitated to apply lynch law, or (5) hesitated to engage in un-American activities. Ergo! Mr. Rankin sees nothing to investigate in the Klan. That's his kind of 'Americanism'."