

ISRAELI COMMUNISTS HAIL "GREAT DAY"

Following is the statement issued by the central committee of the Communist Party of Israel on the day the Jewish state was proclaimed.—Eds.

THIS is a great day for us. The British mandate, covered with blood, is dead. The Jewish state arises. The British mandate has been annulled by the struggle of the *Yishuv* and with the help of the Soviet Union and the progressive forces of the world. But the fight for independence is not yet finished. There are still the British armies on our soil.

The British sent Abdullah's Arab Legion into action, who are now attacking savagely.

Just as we achieved liquidation of the mandate by a struggle for liberation of

the *Yishuv*, so we will achieve full independence by the mobilization of all the forces of the *Yishuv* for the fight for our freedom.

On our side stands the whole Jewish people. On our side stand all progressive forces. We will fight and we will win.

The proclamation by the government of the Jewish state means a change in the tradition of getting instructions from Washington and London. On this great day, we state we will never accept foreign domination and we will fight for the full evacuation of the British army. As we succeeded in destroying the British mandate, so we will oppose every new attempt at Anglo-American suppression. On this great day we declare we will fight for the freedom of the Arab population and

cooperation with them in our state. We stretch out our hands for agreement with neighboring Arab countries, for their independence means our independence, and we want to stand with them against the common imperialist enemy.

May the Jewish state be the free homeland for all its inhabitants. May the Jewish state be the homeland for working people. Let us build a fighting democratic unity for full independence of our state.

In these fateful days and amid dangers which threaten us, may the *Yishuv* be ready for the defense of our state. Our enemies won't conquer us. The whole *Yishuv* must be united to fight for freedom. Every attack will meet opposition of the whole people.

Long live the Jewish state! Long live our independent democratic state! Glory to the defenders and fighters for independence! Justice is with us. Victory will be ours.