

Zionism, Tool of Imperialism Has No Solution for Jews

The "Jewish Problem" is once more in the foreground of events. All over Europe Jews live in "camps" (we do not call them concentration camps any longer) instead of being a normal part of social life. Jews are trying to flee camps such as Bergen-Belsen where they are being mistreated by the anti-semitic administration of the camp. In Poland the persecution of Jews is worse than ever, it was reported that in a Pogrom in Krakow 50 Jews were wounded and 50 killed.

The bourgeoisie are trying to channelize the revolt, brewing among Jews as a result of their double oppression as workers and as a minority, into nationalist, Zionist channels. According to the news we get, they are succeeding very largely. The European Jews are putting their hope in Palestine, asking to be permitted to go there.

In Palestine a series of incidents point in this same direction. On October 6, seven Jews were wounded in a clash with frontier guards, when they helped 70 Jews enter Palestine "illegally." On October 8 a six hour strike was enforced by Jewish workers and mass meetings were held all over Palestine resolving to defend incoming Jewish refugees from Europe, and protesting British immigration limitations. 50,000 demonstrators marched thru the streets of Tel Aviv. On October 10, 208 European Jewish refugees were freed in a Jewish raid on a detention camp near Haifa. Several thousands of Jews resisted the British police who were ordered to search the Mantefiore quarter of Haifa for arms. On Oct. 11 armed Jews raided the Palestine military training depot, capturing 218 rifles and 15 machine guns.

On the 28th anniversary of the Balfour declaration, November 2nd, both Jews and Arabs touched off a number of demonstrations. In Haifa at least six people were killed. These events were followed by so-called anti-Zionist demonstrations in Cairo where many were dead and at least 230 were injured (including 90 Egyptian policemen).

British Provocation

The anti-Jewish demonstrations and the anti-Arab demonstrations are not being provoked by the rank

and file of Jew and Arab. On the contrary the Jewish worker and the Arabian peasant have economic interests in common.

The Arabian landowner is fearful that further immigration of Jewish collective farmers will have a decided effect on the struggles of the Arabian masses for land. The Jewish capitalist is interested in fomenting strife against the Arabs in order to capture a greater area of economic interest. And Britain is interested in continuing the struggle, just as she provokes conflict in India between Moslem and Hindu, in order to maintain dominance over both.

Zionism can not solve the problems of the Jewish masses. A Jewish Palestine can only mean domination by one imperialist power or another. Today it is Britain, tomorrow it may be the United States. But there can be no liberation for the Jewish oppressed of Europe by building a Jewish homeland, any more than the Garvey movement of "back to Africa" could solve the Negro problem. The solution of the Jewish problem is linked up with the struggle for international proletarian revolution.

Right of Asylum

That does not mean, of course, that we are opposed to immigration of hundreds of thousands of harried Jews from central Europe. Revolutionary Marxists demand that the gates not only of Palestine but all other countries be open for both political and other oppressed refugees. We demand that the United States open its doors to those refugees, including Jews, who wish to come here.

Inside Palestine a movement of Arabs and Jews against British (and American) imperialism is long overdue. The masses of Palestine, the workers in the trade unions and the agricultural laborers, should arm themselves for defense against the imperialist provoked attacks.

FOR ARAB AND JEWISH UNITY AGAINST BRITISH IMPERIALISM!

FOR THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF ALL MINORITIES AND COLONIAL PEOPLES IN THE NEAR EAST!

FOR A SOVIET UNITED STATES OF THE NEAR EAST!