

# How Allies Betrayed The Jewish Refugees

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(The first of two articles)

More than 200,000 angry and embittered Jews crowded into Madison Square Park Wednesday, October 24, in the largest protest meeting against Britain's White Paper ever held in this city. Bitterly assailing Britain's continued refusal to open Palestine's gates to homeless Jewish refugees from Europe, the huge crowd showed its temper by wildly acclaiming the more militant speakers on the platform.

With countless factories and stores closing at 4 p.m. to permit employes to attend, the tremendous demonstration had the full support of the AFL and CIO, many of whose unions participated. Louis Hollander, chairman of the N. Y. State Industrial Union Council, CIO, and Thomas Murray, president of the N. Y. State Federation of Labor, joined in pledging that the labor movement would not "stand idly by" while the British labor government continues the Tories' colonial policy of preventing immigration of Jews into Palestine.

## REAL MEANING

The real meaning of this demonstration consisted of something more than a rally for Palestine. Confined by its Zionist sponsors to a protest against the White Paper and for a Jewish homeland in Palestine, the meeting in reality represented a cry of anguish of a tormented people at the treatment accorded to it by its own "allies."

With almost eight million Jews wiped out by Hitler, the true meaning of Jewish "liberation" by the victorious Allies is becoming clearer every day. The several hundred thousand Jews left in Europe live in utter destitution and misery, even worse than that suffered by all the peoples of Europe, because most of the Jews are in concentration camps maintained by the Allies. Conditions in these camps are "shocking" and "reminiscent of Hitler's regime," according to a recent official report to Pres-

## Trotskyist Gains Impressive In French Election

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PARIS, France, Oct. 23.—The French Section of the Fourth International has demonstrated its vitality. Despite the worst pressure of the combined bourgeois-Stalinist persecution, the French Trotskyist candidates received 8,113 votes in Paris and 2,704 in Grenoble.

These figures are very significant, for they are a sample of the popularity of Trotskyism in France. The Trotskyists could run only two lists of candidates. The vote, therefore, was limited to one sector of Paris and to the city of Grenoble.

The Trotskyists, however, suffered the severe handicap of an illegal press. To this day, the de Gaulle regime has refused to authorize *La Verite*. On top of this de Gaulle has persecuted the Trotskyists, arresting them on occasion. A further limitation was placed on the election activity of the Trotskyists by the regulation requiring the posting of 20,000 francs for each candidate.

During the election the Trotskyists distributed *La Verite* in the streets. It was avidly received by the workers. The police did not bother the distributors, apparently not wishing a scandal during the election that would expose the fraudulent character of capitalist "democracy."

The number of voters who supported the Trotskyist candidates furnishes an additional argument for the legalization of the Parti Communiste Internationaliste. "But we have no illusions," say the Trotskyists. "The Stalinists will not hesitate now to organize an offensive against us, especially in the event they get the Ministry of the Interior."

The French Trotskyists are now setting out to educate the new recruits gained as a result of their election activity. They are looking forward to the next electoral campaign of May, 1946, "and most of all to our role in the days of social struggle which inevitably will come when the French workers understand the treachery of Socialist and Stalinist participation in the government."

ident Truman. Anti-Semitic outrages—not Hitler's "invention," but one of the vile outgrowths of capitalism in its decay—are still being perpetrated, according to recent reports from Czechoslovakia, Poland and other countries.

The grief-laden survivors of Hitler's horrors and of the Allies' refusal to help European Jewry, have only one thought, according to recent surveys made among them: Emigration from Europe and Immigration to Palestine.

Yet even at this late date there has been no help and no lifting of immigration restrictions by the Allies. It is this general pattern of "Jewish liberation" by the Allies—long ago predicted and analyzed by THE MILITANT—that these masses came to protest against. It is this rapid deterioration of the situation following Allied victory that prompted some of the more "militant" Jewish protest rallies recently held, at which the pressure of the masses forced the leaders to "declare war" against "imperialist treachery."

## BETRAYING MASSES

But "militant" declarations of the Zionist leadership do not change their basic course of betraying the real interests of the Jewish masses. These treacherous misleaders of the Jews are continuing their despicable role of promising a homeland and "paradise" to the Jews under capitalism if they will only protest enough and collect enough money for Palestine.

We Trotskyists long ago pointed out the futility of such endeavors. We exposed the class collaborationist role of the Zionists who throughout the war stifled any real fight for Jewish rights, by their abject submission to the Allied war machine. We exposed their lies that the Allies' refusal to help the refugees was due to their "preoccupation" with the war and due to the Tory Churchill government alone.

We must now expose the Zionists' equally treacherous prediction that once the war is won, the White Paper will be abrogated, and that the U. S. ("continuing Roosevelt's policy") will help the Jews, as will an Anti-Tory government in Britain. These Zionist predictions of a rosy future for Jewry, come Allied victory, are reactionary pipedreams.

The Attlee Labor government, having come into power with a clear-cut Labor Party Resolution in favor of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine (May 1945), is openly betraying its promises by brazenly continuing the Churchill White Paper of NO Jewish Immigration into Palestine. The "generous" Mr. Truman has felt compelled by public opinion to ask Mr. Attlee for a "grant" of 100,000 visas to Palestine—instead of proposing to open the doors of the U. S. to these refugees. Attlee, in typical business fashion, has countered with an offer of around 1800 visas a month and may perhaps grant a few other "concessions" hypocritically empty gestures in the face of mass starvation.

But the basic policy of the Attlee government remains unchanged—a straightline continuation of the imperialist foreign policy of the Churchill government. As long as the labor government rules on the basis of a capitalist Britain, instead of transforming the empire into a socialist commonwealth, it will be forced to continue all the vile policies of British imperialism.

The truth of this Marxist interpretation of the labor government's refusal to help the Jews is further verified by such recent events as the use of British troops in Java and Indo-China, and Britain's continued refusal to grant independence to India. The government in power may change; but the continuity of imperialist aims persists as long as the capitalists remain the ruling class.

(To be continued)