

Palestine Tossed Into UN Again

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By the time the reader will see this article, the UN Assembly will once again be in special session to consider the future of Palestine. Like the Special Assembly of last year it faces the unsolved problem of 250,000 Jewish Displaced Persons rotting in converted concentration camps and thousands of other Jews who have found no place for themselves in the "brave, new world" that was to be ushered in by the victory of Stalinist and American imperialism.

Today, three years after liberation, the entire Jewish population of Europe would be in D.P. camps were it not for two facts: (1) the police states of Eastern Europe have made it a crime to migrate to these camps, and (2) the U. S. by decree has refused to accept any new displaced persons. What a sad commentary on conditions in Europe that these unfortunates prefer the stifling and corroding camps to the life offered them by the "new" and old democracies. The breakdown of European society has re-enforced the nationalist sentiments of the Jews the world over and there is a genuine mass sentiment for independent existence in a concentrated form in their own territory.

The majority of Jews in D.P. camps would refuse to go to any other country except Palestine even if the doors were open to them, but sorry to say, the most concentrated misery the world has seen has not touched the conscience of humanity. In this era of mass destruction and atom bombs humanity seems to have lost its moral sensibilities. The DP's are left to rot. Even where some vast countries like Canada and Brazil permit handfuls to enter, they make restrictive quotas so that there are very few Jews among their immigrants.

One of the first steps that labor must take to create a better world is by opening the doors of the countries of the world, particularly the United States, to the DP's of all nationalities.

OIL COMES FIRST

The UN also faces the awakening nationalist forces of the Arab Near East. As a result of deliberate English incitement and the policies of the reactionary sections of the na-

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tionalist groups, and as a product of the wrong policies of the Zionist leadership, this movement mistakenly looks on the Jewish immigrant and his aspirations, as an enemy. These are the two main forces directly concerned and their focus lies not only in Palestine, but in the Jews of the world and the Arabs of the entire Near East.

Overshadowing them both is the danger of war. The jockeying for position between the two giant imperialisms—American and Russian—dominates the Assembly and will determine what decision it will arrive at. One thing is clear: none of the proposals, plans or schemes will have as their base the interests of either Jew or Arab. At best, they will be secondary or tertiary to the problems of oil, strategic bases, etc.

This special session was called into being by a resolution of the Security Council, offered by the United States. Russia claimed to be opposed, but did not veto the resolution. Russia is not reluctant to use its veto when its own imperialist interests are at stake, but the interests of the Jews is not sufficient to move the Stalinists into determined action.

In conjunction with this resolution a motion for a truce was unanimously adopted. The United States, which had announced its plan for a UN Trusteeship failed to press for it and contented itself with the call for a special session. The so-called independent states on the Security Council, in private, sharply criticized the U. S. proposal on the grounds that Trusteeship would require more force than would Partition, and that the U. S. proposal was vague as to how the Trusteeship would be implement-

ed. In public, however, they voted as instructed by Washington.

There is no doubt the U. S. can force the Assembly to adopt ANY scheme it wants, but the question remains: Can it evolve a workable plan even from its own imperialist point of view. This seems very doubtful. Trusteeship cannot work without a major U. S. military force and the U. S. is not ready to assume the main responsibility. Britain refuses to stay, and all attempts to find small powers to do the job are likely to end in failure.

Is there any wonder then at the gloom that hangs over Lake Success when the Palestine questions is

brought up. Is there any wonder then that Steadfast Harry vacillates and announces that he is still for partition—after Trusteeship. The State Department permits "leaks" that it would accept a Federal solution.

TRUCE FAILS

Both Jews and Arabs have categorically rejected Trusteeship, as was predicted by LABOR ACTION. U. N. attempts at arranging a truce—which some considered a test point and a preliminary to Trusteeship—has failed. Rumors are circulating that the Arab League is considering allowing Abdullah to occupy all of Palestine. Other rumors have the Arab League accepting Trusteeship on condition that it or an Arab State be the Trustee.

Fighting in Palestine continues—and continues to grow in intensity. Two months ago LABOR ACTION wrote "Defeat of Partition by the Mufti will not bring peace." It has not, and will not. All it can do is intensify the fighting.

The U. S. abandonment of partition struck a body blow to the Zionist leaders who placed their hopes in smart politics and maneuvers with the big powers. A Jewish State was proclaimed—but only after May 15. England still legally rules until then, and hasn't she given her word that she is leaving on that date? Whatever one may think of the advisability of declaring a Jewish State, one thing is clear: independence—with an appeal to the Arabs to make it an all-Palestine independence—should have been declared immediately. It's an open secret that anything that the Big Five may do between now and May 15 will be some scheme that will make Palestine independence more difficult.

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