

A Solution for Palestine .

PALESTINE is coming before the United Nations on Monday, and it's time this problem, which affects the peoples of the whole world, were finally settled.

The Jewish people have done a heroic job of creating a modern, advanced civilization in Palestine over the past 25 years. Nobody can take it away from the settlers who reclaimed the barren soil of the Holy Land—they did something magnificent.

And it's a tremendous thing in the history of the Jewish people that they are ready to defend that achievement with arms, if necessary.

We hold no brief for terrorism as a method of political struggle. But we can understand how the young people who helped to build the Jewish settlement, who fought in the British Army to defend it, are now bitter enough to turn to organized terrorism as a way of expressing themselves.

We say to these Zionists, and to all other Zionists, that for the sake of their own achievements they cannot allow the history of Britain's imperialist betrayal to repeat itself. The whole policy of basing the hopes of the Jews on imperialism has failed; to replace British imperialism with its American brand will also fail. And we—who are not Zionists—think the Zionists ought to be able to learn that from their own bitter history.

What, then, is the way out? Instead of terrorism, no matter how heroic and admirable its individual sacrifices, the Jewish people as a whole must take up the struggle—but a new struggle for a Palestine on different foundations.

It must be an independent Palestine once and for all. It must be a democratic Palestine, with an end to these damnable curfews, limitations of civil rights, and concessions to the oil companies.

It must be a Palestine in which Jews and Arabs learn to live together as equals—yes, in which the Jews assist their Arab brothers to raise the whole economic and political level of the Near East.

We think the special session of the United Nations on Monday must **NOT** appoint another one of these interminable investigating committees. The world has had enough of that. Britain's mandate over Palestine should be cancelled, and an independent Palestine organized.

Let the UN then use its good offices, if necessary, to assist in the formation of a joint Arab-Jewish state, based on equal democratic rights.

This year's May Day parade will demonstrate against imperialist domination in Palestine.