

Jewish-Arab Unity Against Britain Is Needed

• The London Tories to a modern complex problem have applied in its most crass form the old Roman dictate for ruling: "Divisa et impera!" Divide and Conquer!

By slicing up Palestine into two miniature states and separating the fragments in the center by a British-controlled strategic wedge British imperialism hopes to retain permanently the Arab-Jewish antagonism. A few slight concessions, it is true, are made. The Jews are offered a ridiculously small area as their "nation," to be sure at the expense of robbing the Arabs of their territory. But the Jewish aspirations for national liberation are no nearer solution than ever. In fact, the solution is thus put further off, if the Royal Commission plan goes through and is allowed to sever Palestine into a Jewish colonial ghetto and a dismembered Arab country.

The motive of Britain's proposal is to prepare Palestine as a British war base in the contest being instigated by Italian fascism for Mediterranean domination. Arabs and Jews, thus, become an instrument of British imperialist policy. The Jews who are seeking to get away from fascist persecution run into a very cauldron of fascist war intrigue.

Almost like a solid unit, the British capitalist press approves of the partition of Palestine. But the Arab and Jewish masses involved unequivocally reject the tragic "solution."

What is the way out? Recognizing that the main enemy of both the Arab and Jewish people is British imperialism, which at all costs wants to perpetuate and even to in-

tensify the national antagonisms of these people, the course of struggle is an obvious one. All progressive forces in Palestine and all concerned with the future of the Jews and with the basic right of the Arabs to national liberation from British oppression should unite to defeat the Royal Commission's dismemberment of Palestine.

The fight must be primarily for the national independence of the Arabs in Palestine, the winning of their sovereignty and the defeating and ousting of British imperialism. In this struggle the program of the Jews should be, together with the Arab masses, to struggle for national minority rights. In this way the Arab and Jewish people together could solve the Palestine question by defeating the main enemy and amicably solving their joint problems on the basis of acknowledging Arab statehood in Palestine.

Other roads lead into the camp of British imperialism and are bestrewn with disaster for the Jewish and Arab peoples.