

# Collaboration With Hoover, Hearst Would Betray Jews

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Last week New York's Hotel Commodore was the scene of an Emergency Conference to Save the Jews of Europe. The conference, called by the Committee for a Jewish Army, deliberated for practically an entire week and brought the question of the plight of the Jews in the Nazi-occupied boldly before American public opinion. This is a commendable objective and to this extent the conference was helpful. It was undoubtedly this objective, and the desire to do something to save the Jewish people from extermination at the hands of the Nazis, which elicited the sponsorship and cooperation of such win-the-war forces as Phillip Murray, Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes and Wendell Willkie as well as messages from President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Four million Jews have been murdered by the Nazis and the extraordinary plight of the Jewish people has aroused the conscience of the entire world. Unfortunately not enough has been done by the United States and Great Britain to help solve this problem, to provide haven for Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution, to warn the Axis countries boldly and to retaliate for the Nazi murders.

The Bermuda Conference, called by the American and British governments, did not make any real contribution to the solution of these problems. The ambiguous policy in North Africa, which resulted in the persistence of anti-Semitism there after the Allied armies marched in, and the failure to restore the rights of the Jews in North Africa to this very day, are further expressions of the weaknesses of Anglo-American policy toward the Jews.

## MAIN BACKGROUND

These weaknesses of Anglo-American policy, the unsatisfied demand of the Jewish people for more decisive action, and the weaknesses of British policy in Palestine expressed in the continuation of the White Paper, which discriminates against Jews, and the failure to mobilize fully and adequately the Jews in Palestine who want to participate fully in the war effort, constitute the background which makes the demands for action to save the Jews necessary.

Had the Emergency Conference confined itself to constructive proposals to meet these problems and to strengthen the collaboration of

the United Nations toward this end it would have been greeted with universal acclamation from the Jewish people as a whole and from all win-the-war forces.

However, the manner in which the organizers of the conference raised the question of saving the Jews, and the involvement of prominent defeatist, anti-Soviet and anti-British forces in the sponsorship and deliberations of the conference is subject to severe criticism and tends to negate the purpose for which the conference was called.

Among the honorary chairmen of the conference we found one of the fathers of defeatism in the United States, Herbert Hoover, the crusader against the United Nations and victory, William Randolph Hearst, and the reactionary Republican, Harrison E. Spangler.

Among the "experts" invited by the organizers of the conference to contribute to the panel discussions were such notorious red-baiters and enemies of our ally, the Soviet Union, as Isaac Don Levine, Bertram D. Wolfe, Suzanne LaPollette, Lawrence Spivak of Eugene Lyons' "American Mercury," and a slew of Hearst employees.

## HEARST PRESS

The Hearst press, which adds fuel to the flames of anti-Semitism by the policies it pursues, played the conference up very boldly. The Hearst press used the deliberations of the conference as a club against the United Nations and tried to make political capital out of the plight of the Jews, in an attempt to present the United Nations as betrayers of the Jewish people. The majority of the reports at the conference provided this ammunition to the Hearst press.

The truth of the matter is that no future whatsoever is conceivable for the Jewish people short of the complete victory of the United Nations and the continued collaboration of America, the Soviet Union and Great Britain after victory.

It is remarkable that during the entire week the Soviet Union, which has rescued more than a million and a half Jewish refugees from the clutches of the Nazis, wasn't even mentioned!

The rescue of the Jewish people is not isolated and divorced from the prosecution of the war but can only be achieved by hastening the victory of the United Nations.

The invasion of the continent of Europe now by the armies of Amer-

ica and Great Britain is the most decisive contribution that can be made to rescue the Jewish people from extinction. Even though the conference had a special "military affairs" panel, it didn't mention the second front and the offensive in Europe. Was this because one of the leading lights of this panel was Major Harborg, military expert of the Hearst press?

## HOOVER REPUBLICANS

If the Hoover Republicans hoped to utilize the plight of the Jewish people as a lever to put a wedge between the Jewish people and President Roosevelt they underestimate the intelligence of the American Jews. Their emphasis on the need for opening negotiations with the Axis countries for the migration of Jews is still a proposal for negotiating with the Nazis, which smacks of the evils of Hoover's negotiated peace dreams, and will be rejected by the Jewish people.

In his speech Herbert Hoover didn't even attempt to speak of guaranteeing the rights of the Jews in Europe. He spoke only of the migration of the Jews from Europe, and apparently accepted the premise of a Europe without Jews! Hoover could only envisage the Jews as a football for his political ambitions, and suggested Jewish migration to the uplands of Central Africa, where they could help build a "white civilization." Hoover's proposals reflected not a concern for the rights of the Jewish people in Europe and havens of refuge for those who can escape, but an imperialist scheme for which Hoover wants to utilize the Jews. But the Jewish people will not fall for Hoover's demagoguery.

Collaboration with the Hoover's and Hearst's cannot lead to the rescue of the Jewish people. Such collaboration can only lead to a betrayal of the Jews, to the possible losing of the war, which would mean the extermination of the Jewish people, to a possible negotiated peace, which would mean the doom of the Jewish people.

The way to save the Jews is to unite the Jewish people and all Americans more firmly behind the victory program of President Roosevelt, to make constructive proposals to eliminate the present weaknesses and ambiguities of Anglo-American policy, to strengthen the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition, to invade Europe now, and continue the collaboration of the United Nations after victory.