

FROM MONTH TO MONTH

IMPERIALIST SCHIZOPHRENIA

THE future historian will find it incredible that imperialist reaction could expose its cynical inhumanity so thoroughly without calling down upon itself the avenging wrath of the people.

Consider the fact that imperialism is to a great extent responsible for the murder of 6,000,000 Jews, victims of the fascist Frankenstein it had brought into the world. One would think that if imperialism were incapable of remorse, it would at least have the decency to postpone temporarily any further plans for the oppression of the Jewish people. But imperialism would not be imperialism if it possessed an iota of humanity. Instead, it not only plays political football with the miseries and suffering of the Jews but it flaunts its unbelievable depravity in its own venal press for all the world to see.

What else can one say of the Bevin attack on Truman for playing politics with the Jewish question? Or of Truman's hypocrisy in trying to brighten America's intentions with a halo? And all this just as a new imperialist wave of terror descends upon the Yishuv!

One thing is clear: this is not a matter of Bevin versus Truman. It is not necessary to choose sides. For to do so would be to admit that there was a fundamental difference of policy toward Palestine between the two. Nothing could be further from the truth. As a matter of fact, Palestine is an Anglo-American problem, in which imperialist division of labor operates. Just as the United States is paying the British piper to play the tune in Greece, so in Palestine British colonial armies are carrying out terroristically the joint policy of British and American imperialism. And while Bevin may so far forget himself at a moment of special stress as to wash dirty imperialist linen in public, it does not for one moment negate the absolute agreement between the British and American partners on the use of Palestine for economic exploitation for their joint imperialist benefit, for a military base against the rising national movement in the Middle East, and against the Soviet Union. To try to choose between Bevin and Truman is to divert one's attention from the main struggle.

Neither British nor American imperialism is the least bit concerned with the Jewish people. Imperialism, which has to rely for its future existence on anti-Semitism (as it had to rely on anti-Semitism under fascism), is not going to worry about helping Jews, either in Palestine or elsewhere. And unless it needs Jewish refugees as cannon-fodder, or as a bargaining point, neither American nor British imperialism is going to intervene in favor of immigration into Palestine.

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Something of the same politics played by Bevin and Truman today, and by Bevin, Truman and Dewey before the elections of 1946, was also played by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. And if Rabbi Silver would gamble with Jewish lives, why may not Bevin or Truman or Dewey? For it was Silver, if you remember, who played politics with Jews, and urged them to vote Republican in the last election. This was a perfectly logical position for Silver. If you are going to rely on imperialism to solve your problems, you might just as well rely on the most militant imperialism—the most reactionary, the most chauvinist imperialism, in other words fascism. And the pro-fascist elements in our country are centered in the Republican Party, and particularly under the Taft-Dewey-Hoover leadership, the allies of Silver. And it was precisely Silver's position, which was the position of the dominant leadership of the Zionist Organization of America and of the Revisionists, that called forth the auction-block sale of Jews by Dewey and Truman.

There is no future for the Jews in reliance on either British or American imperialism. Our future lies only in democratic solutions for our problems. And with regard to Palestine, that means demanding now an independent and democratic Palestine, free from British or any other imperialist domination; an independent Palestine state of Jews and Arabs with equal national rights. To achieve this the Palestine question must be transferred to the UN Security Council now (and not to the General Assembly in September as Bevin proposed). Any other proposals are merely vague gestures designed to avoid a solution, to aggravate the situation, in order to guarantee the continuation of Anglo-American imperialist domination.

This has been the policy of progressives with regard to Palestine and Anglo-American imperialism from the very beginning. Recent events have merely verified the correctness of this policy.

RELIEF WITHOUT BIAS

THE Jews of America have undertaken to raise \$170,000,000 for the support of their brethren in need. The overwhelming amount of this huge sum is going to victims of the war in their effort to rehabilitate themselves. The United Joint Appeal, the name under which this campaign for funds is organized, merits the support of the entire Jewish community.

We cannot, however, refrain from pointing to certain facts which wet-blanket the enthusiasm that could be generated among the masses of Jews for this great relief and rehabilitation effort. Basically it reduces itself to this,