

# Thompson Blasts Dewey on Palestine

Robert Thompson, Communist candidate for Comptroller, last night warned the Jewish people that Gov. Dewey and the Republican Party are the chief enemies of their aspirations and assailed at the same time the cynical illusions fostered by President Truman and his administration for the Jewish people. Speaking on WMCA in an election campaign broadcast, Thompson vigorously denounced "despicable Republican demagogy" which "util-

izes the open support of every fascist and anti-Semite in this country," on one hand, and then "toys with the grief of the Jewish people for vote-catching purposes."

The Communist candidate declared the Jewish problem must be the concern of "all of the American people" and added the conditions making for anti-Semitism and persecution of the Jewish people "are the very same conditions that threaten the peace, the security and the well-being of all people."

He charged Dewey's hypocritical slogan to admit 250,000 Jews into Palestine, following Truman's call for opening the gates of Palestine to 100,000 Jews, was an election trap

for Jewish votes. Republican tactics, he said, have been made easier "because very little has been done by the Truman Administration to halt the brutal terror that British imperialism has launched against the Jewish community in Palestine."

"The policy of the Truman Administration," Thompson said, "with regard to Palestine is part and parcel of its general foreign policy. It is naive to imagine that an administration which pursues an imperialist policy with regard to China, to Franco Spain, to the Soviet Union and the new European democracies, will suddenly blossom forth with a democratic policy for Palestine."

Thompson devoted a large section of his address to the slogan "Open

the gates of Palestine." He charged that "imperialism has closed the gates and keeps them closed" and that the mere shouting of the slogan will not alleviate the Jewish suffering.

"These people fail to understand," Thompson asserted, "that the problem of immigration cannot be faced apart from the central issue that confronts Palestine, namely, the question of freedom and independence. These people refuse to face the fact that those who managed to get into Palestine, have not found security but terror, intimidation, concentration camps, prisons and even death."

The fight to open the gates of Palestine, the Distinguished Service

Cross holder declared, requires a "fight on this question not in isolated fashion but as an integral part of the struggle for the freedom and independence of Palestine from British as well as American imperialism."

He said it is a "source of deep amazement" to learn that certain Zionist groups are urging the Jewish people to "protest the obvious failure of the Truman Administration to undertake any constructive action by voting for the Republican Party in the coming elections."

Such a step would be "obviously

disastrous and tragic," Thompson warned.

The alternative for the Jewish worker in New York State, "an effective alternative," Thompson urged, "is to ally themselves firmly with the progressive non-Jewish citizenry—with the great mass of independent voters who are today organizing themselves outside of the two major parties, with the labor movement, with such organizations as CIO-PAC and National Citizens PAC, the Independent Citizens Committee, the American Labor Party and the Communist Party."



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