

CP Greet's Jewish People

The National Board of the Communist Party yesterday greeted the Jewish people on the anniversary of the Jewish New Year. A statement issued by William Z. Foster and Eugene Dennis, the party's chairman and general secretary, charged the reactionary Byrnes-Vandenberg coalition with responsibility for the present world plight of the Jewish people. Text of the statement follows:

The National Board of the Communist Party of the United States, in the name of the membership of the Communist Party, greets the Jewish people on this Jewish New Year, 5707.

The past year has not brought to the peoples generally, and least of all to the Jewish people, the peace, security and unchallenged equality which they had the right to expect from the military defeat of fascism.

The Communist Party considers the situation of the Jews of most serious concern to all liberty-loving people. Their present plight is a result of the chaos, distrust and war-spirit brought into the world by reaction, imperialism and fascism, and which is being resisted by labor and progressive forces everywhere. Especially responsible for this are the forces of reaction in the United States and Great Britain. These monopoly forces in the U.S.A., whose political spokesman is the Byrnes-Vandenberg coalition, pursue an aggressive and reactionary foreign policy, and a domestic policy which undermines the democratic gains achieved during the war.

The Communist Party, dedicated to the struggle against reaction and fascism, pledges to carry on an uncompromising struggle against anti-Semitism and other forms of national discrimination. As the party of socialism, it fights for the complete elimination of anti-Semitism, as has already been achieved in the Soviet Union. In this struggle against anti-Semitism, it is sure to win the whole-hearted support of labor, the Negro people and all progressive sections of America.

The Communist Party pledges a determined struggle for the immediate abolition of DP camps and for the opening of the doors of America to Jewish refugees, in line with the proposals of Sen. Claude Pepper and other progressive Americans.

The struggle of the Communist Party for a complete change of American foreign policy in the direction of friendship and support for the new democracies of Europe and the Soviet Union, will help the Jewish masses who wish to remain in Europe to rehabilitate their own lives and reestablish their Jewish communities. In Poland, America must cease its intrigue with anti-democratic forces who are responsible for the continuation of anti-Semitism and pogroms, and adopt a policy of cooperation and support of the Polish democratic government. This will help bring stability to the Jewish community in Poland, and will have a positive effect on all Jewish communities in Europe.

The Jewish masses are deeply disturbed by the crisis in the Jewish community in Palestine and by the effort of British and American imperialism to convert that country into military reservations for future wars against the national liberation movements of the people in the Middle East and against the Soviet Union. Current Anglo-American policy is one of imperialist domination and colonial oppression. It offers neither the Jews nor Arabs freedom, democracy, peace or security. The Communist Party pledges to conduct a consistent struggle for an independent and democratic Palestine, which will guarantee the national rights of Jews and Arabs alike.

The struggle against anti-Semitism and for equal rights is a struggle against reaction and imperialism. The Jewish people must therefore unite against the spirit of despair and defeatism being spread among them by certain Jewish reactionary elements. The strengthening of the labor-democratic coalition, of which the Jewish democratic masses are a vital part, the welding of the unity of labor and progressive forces, including the Negro and Jewish peoples, is a necessity for the solution of all questions. Out of a united struggle against imperialist reaction and war will come security for the Jewish and all peoples.

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