

British Treachery In Palestine

• Right after two Irishmen were hanged by British imperialism for the crime of loving liberty, the Jewish people of Palestine yesterday got a taste of the well-known British treachery.

The British Government has published the White Paper which in the words of the Jewish Agency, "makes a mockery of the obligations" which the British promised to fulfill to the Jewish people. It establishes a ghetto in Palestine. The British pretext is "protection" for the poverty-stricken Arabian population. It requires real imperialist cynicism for Britain to pretend love for the oppressed Arabian population which it keeps in chains and squalor. The British betrayal of the Jews is also a betrayal of the Arabs, for the purpose of enslaving both.

The anti-Semitism which is latent in every imperialist ruling class is spurting forth everywhere. In Italy, the Jews are being robbed of their civil rights by Mussolini's decrees. The German imperialist terror against the Jews, made possible by the Chamberlain policy, is beginning to find imitators in the ruling classes of England, France and even the United States.

Anti-Semitism is an inevitable counterpart of political reaction, of anti-democratic hate. And nothing is more reactionary than imperialism, no matter where it is found. It may try to disguise its anti-Semitism for a while, as the Italian fascists did; in the end it will show its colors whether it be London, Rome, Berlin, Paris or Washington.

It is only under the protection of the Soviet Union that the Jewish people have won liberation from persecution. Nothing could offer a more startling contrast to the universal imperialist treachery against the Jews than the manner in which the Red Army recently liberated hundreds of thousands of Polish Jews from the horrors of pogroms encouraged by the Polish Government. These people will never again have to fear persecution or inequality; they have won freedom.

The Irish, Indian, and Jewish peoples all got lessons in British "democracy" this week. It was a lesson of cold-blooded betrayal and treachery.