

# The White Paper and the Need for Jewish-Arab Unity

• We join in the disappointment, resentment and just indignation of the Jewish people in Palestine and throughout the world against the latest double-cross of British imperialism of its promises.

The issuance of the White Paper is the culmination of a long series of treacherous deeds of the British imperialist overlords. This latest betrayal of Jewish—as well as Arab—aspirations follows in the train of the lying Balfour declaration of 1917 promising the Jews a "National Homeland" in Palestine. This original declaration was coupled with an equally false promise to the Arabs of assuring them an independent state in Palestine. More recently, to the long list of base deeds was added the "partition proposal" of Palestine, which was intended to perpetuate the artificial split between Arabs and Jews by actual territorial division. Opposition of both Jews and Arabs defeated partition.

Now the Chamberlains of Great Britain, who have betrayed Czechoslovakia, Austria, Ethiopia, Albania, Memel to the Rome-Berlin axis, have made this new assault on the Jews and Arabs of Palestine through the White Paper.

We must never forget that fascism has injected itself into the Near Eastern situation, attempting to provoke the Arabs into anti-Semitic actions. The purpose of the vicious intrigues of the Rome-Berlin axis is to extend the fascist war base from the Western Mediterranean to the Near East.

In the present critical world situation, the Tory ruling clique of Great Britain, no doubt, issued its White Paper for a so-called solution of the Palestine question in order to strengthen its imperialist grip in the Near East.

The latest Tory move raises this question: **Has Chamberlain begun new Munich "appeasement" attempts in the Mediterranean, with the sacrifice of Jewish and Arab interests to fascist incitation?**

The key to the solution of the grave issues aggravated by the Tory White Paper, is the unity of the Arab and Jewish democratic forces, acting in conjunction with the democratic forces of Great Britain.

The Palestine situation requires the closest cooperation of those who in Great Britain see in Palestine a counter-part of the Chamberlain Munich betrayals and disunity of those who are against fascist aggression. Especially imperative is the closest harmony of Jews and Arabs. Such unity would rally the struggle of the Palestinian peoples: (1) against the intrigues and war-incitations of the fascist powers, and (2) in collaboration with the forces of British democracy to satisfy the real aspirations of both Jews and Arabs in Palestine.

A note of warning is in order. Those Arab cliques in Palestine, which have been under the guidance of the fascists, are using their so-called opposition to the White Paper as a means of provocation. But the situation requires that the democratic and honest national forces among the Arabs should be readier than ever to meet with the progressive Jewish forces who see more and more that the way out lies in cooperation and a joint solution of Arab and Jewish issues.

In the United States, the sympathy of the Jewish people and all who love liberty and hate fascism and the war-instigation of the totalitarian dictators, is with the Jewish people of Palestine who have just suffered this blow of betrayal.

How to defeat the Tory prime minister's intrigue which, especially since Munich, has aided fascism, is the question. Certainly this cannot be attained by directing resentment against the Arab people in Palestine.

Unity is the watchword. Unity of the Jewish people, unity with the Arabs who are now also being betrayed by White Paper promises, and unity with the democratic forces of Great Britain fighting against Chamberlain's latest "appeasement" attempts.

This, we believe, is the correct approach to meeting the serious problems raised by the Tory White Paper. This is the way to fight against fascism, the anti-Semitic provocations in Palestine, against the rising world war danger and to defeat the Munich abettors of the fascist axis.

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**Well, It's About Time**