

Stalinist Treachery In Palestine

New light has just been shed on the perfidious, double-dealing role of Stalinism in the struggle against imperialism in Palestine.

T. Cliff, Palestine Trotskyist and student of Middle East politics, reveals the full scope of the Stalinists treachery against the Jewish and Arab masses, in his article, "A New British Provocation in Palestine," published in the September Fourth International.

During the recent united Arab-Jewish strikes the Stalinists supported extreme nationalists in both the Jewish and Arab groups who were opposed to a united struggle against the British imperialists. Comrade Cliff writes:

"The Stalinists' habit of dragging after the 'nationalists' was displayed in its ugliest form during the last few days. While the Jewish Stalinists launched a struggle against the British White Paper and demand free immigration and settlement, one of their groups going so far as to join the world Zionist Organization, the Arab Stalinists sing laudations to the Grand Mufti, reactionary leader of Arab bourgeois nationalism."

In an article entitled "The Grand Mufti," *Al-Ittihad*, the Arab Stalinist weekly, wrote on June 23, 1946, in honor of the Mufti's arrival in Egypt: "Our struggling nation honors those who sacrifice themselves. The Arab nation in Palestine has shown vitality and faithfulness to its interests and those who work for them. Arab Palestine from end to end celebrated the good news . . . Arab Palestine expressed its feelings in its celebrations and demonstrations for every man who it is sure served his country faithfully."

The Stalinists support the Zionists, who aid British imperialism by opposing the rights of the Arab masses in Palestine. They praise the Grand Mufti, who aids British imperialism by urging a vast Arab slaughter of the Jews. This is nothing but double-dyed treachery to both the Jewish and Arab masses, whose only salvation lies in united struggle against their common imperialist oppressor.