

# **WALL STREET SELLS OUT THE JEWISH STATE**

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**T**HERE was elation and deep joy in the hearts of Jews and democracy-loving people generally on the day that the historic UN decision on Palestine was adopted.

Two months have passed. And joy has turned to dismay as tragic events began to unfold in Palestine. Many have begun to wonder and to ask: what is American policy in Palestine? People are beginning to fear that America's policy is of the same imperialist nature as British policy. People are beginning to feel that both governments, the American and the British, are sabotaging the United Nations decision on Palestine.

The United States delegation in the UN General Assembly voted in favor of the setting up of two independent and democratic states in Palestine. We thus made a commitment before the entire world to support the decision of the UN, which would end British rule in Palestine, would do justice to both peoples inhabiting it, would realize a centuries-old dream and national aspirations of large masses of our own Jewish people.

### *Where Does the U.S. Stand*

This is how the American delegation voted in the General Assembly of the UN when it threw its support behind the final compromise proposals on Palestine submitted by the delegation from the Soviet Union. And for this vote of the American delegation, the American Jewish masses were deeply grateful. Many of our people had even entertained the hope that this event might mark the beginning of a new chapter in American-Soviet relations, a return perhaps to the old Roosevelt policies of American-Soviet collaboration for world peace.

True, this vote of the American delegation was preceded by a whole series of suspicious moves by various American officials. The American delegation seemed to be moving in various directions at the same time. Up to the last moment, it was impossible to say whether the American delegation was going to vote for or against the Jewish and Arab states.

True, also, the American delegation sought by all possible means to keep the Security Council of the UN out of the Palestine situation altogether. This, as you know, was in line with the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan to emasculate the UN, to undermine its main governing organ and to reduce it to impotence as an international organization for the maintenance of world peace. If the efforts of the American delegation to keep the Security Council out of the Palestine situation had succeeded fully, the just decision of the General Assembly would have remained hanging in the air, with practically no chance of being implemented. Fortunately, progressive American public opinion together with the efforts of the Soviet and Polish delegations succeeded in modifying to a significant extent the position of the American delegation. A compromise was struck. An agreement was reached between the American and Soviet delegations, and the great decision took place.

What is happening now?

England openly and brazenly sabotages the decision. In defiance of the UN and of progressive world public opinion, Bevin's and Attlee's agents in Palestine, working hand in glove with Hitler's darling, the Mufti, are organizing and spreading an armed Arab struggle against the decision of the UN.

The British administration in Palestine openly obstructs the efforts of the Jewish community to defend itself against attacks and to defend the UN decision.

The British stubbornly and cynically refuse to carry out two vital recommendations of the General Assembly. They still refuse to open a Palestine port for unlimited Jewish immigration by February 1. They refuse to permit the UN Palestine Commission to enter Palestine for the purpose of preparing the gradual transition to the administration of the UN and of the new states.

All these British moves have one purpose: to reduce the UN decision to nothing, to sabotage it and to force the UN to make a new decision.

British imperialism clings desperately to its slipping power in the Middle East. It does not want to give it up. It fears the rise of independent and democratic Jewish and Arab states in Palestine because they would become very important progressive and anti-imperialist centers in that part of the world. To save a little more of the imperialist loot acquired by the British trusts and monopolies, Bevin and Attlee, the watch-dogs of British imperialism who parade as socialists, are ready to drown Palestine in Jewish blood. To get the support of Wall Street imperialism for a program of joint Anglo-American domination of the Middle East, Bevin and Attlee are ready to bargain away the sovereignty of their own country. To achieve these ends, Bevin and Attlee would be happy to serve as the junior partners, and even as the lackeys, of American imperialism. And they hope to rise to that "noble" position in part by trying to kill the UN Palestine decision.

### *What Says the Truman Administration?*

What does the American government say to all this? Has our State Department, which presumes to dictate the morals and policies of every nation in the world, uttered even one word of criticism of British sabotage of the UN decision which we are committed to support and realize? Has President Truman, who is supposed to be a great friend of the Jewish people, even made one gesture of sympathy to the Jewish community in Palestine—has he even intimated to his British allies that America is displeased with British sabotage of the UN decision?

None of this has happened. The State Department and the President are apparently too busy saving the world for Wall Street domination under the Hitler-like excuse of saving it from communism. They have done nothing so far

to discourage the sabotage of British imperialism and its recklessly dangerous game of setting the Middle East aflame with Arab-Jewish conflict. On the contrary, the American government is doing everything to encourage it.

While the Arab reactionaries and the Mufti gang are getting all the arms they want with British and American connivance, the American government clamps down an embargo on the shipment of arms to the Jewish community. Attorney General Tom Clark, who is bothered little by growing fascism and anti-Semitism in the United States, orders the FBI to begin an investigation into so-called illegal purchases of arms and munitions for the Jewish community in Palestine. And the Wall Street press gets ready to make this a major issue against the Jewish people!

The American government continues to ignore the demand of large masses of the American people to lift the embargo on the shipment of arms to the Palestine Jewish community.

The American government continues to ignore the growing popular demand that the American UN delegation join the Soviet delegation in getting the Security Council to take full and direct charge of the Palestine situation, implementing the decision of the General Assembly and providing arms for the Jewish community. The State Department ignores it. Truman ignores it. Both are busy with the Truman-Marshall plans for conquering the world for Wall Street and preparing a new world war.

### ***Bi-Partisan Imperialism***

But this is not all. Evidence is accumulating that both the State Department under General Marshall, and the Department of Defense under Forrestal are preparing the way for the United States to begin *open opposition* to the UN decision on Palestine, on the ground of so-called national defense. It is argued that we must sacrifice the Jewish state in order to keep our oil concessions in the Arab lands. What is meant, in reality, is something else altogether. The expansion of Wall Street imperialist power in the Middle East, the expansion of the power of the American oil trust, and the Truman-Marshall plans for a new world war, are all in conflict with the UN decision for two independent and democratic states in Palestine.

In other words, General Marshall, Forrestal and Tom Clark are already working together to destroy the UN decision on Palestine in order to advance the imperialist and war programs of the Truman-Marshall plan. *This is the simple truth.*

And what about the Republicans? What have Taft, Dewey, Vandenberg and the Republican Party that control

the Congress of the United States done to support the UN decision? What has Dulles, the Republican adviser to the American delegation, done for the Jewish state? They have done nothing for it and much against it. The Republican Party and the Democratic Party are alike instruments of Wall Street. And Wall Street does not want independent and democratic Jewish and Arab states in Palestine. Dulles personally is not only a leading Republican and a Dewey adviser on foreign affairs. He is also an important factor in the Rockefeller oil trust. And this oil trust is one of the main enemies of the Jewish and Arab states.

What has become of the commitments repeatedly made by the Democratic and Republican Parties to support the establishment of an independent Jewish state in Palestine? What has become of the same commitment made by the Congress of the United States and by President Truman? These commitments are now being modified, abandoned, betrayed and changed into their very opposite, by orders of Wall Street—not yet in words but in deeds. The words may come later.

### ***Program and Action***

The danger is grave indeed. Mr. I. F. Stone of *PM* does not exaggerate but rather underestimates the danger when he writes (Jan. 28): "Unless there is a reaction from friends of the UN and of Palestine in this country, the USA will become a silent partner in a program designed to destroy Jewish Palestine."

No, not a silent or a minor partner with British imperialism, but a very vocal and senior partner—the leading and chief oppressor of the Jewish state as well as of the Arabs.

That is why action is urgent. Immediate action by the American people to stop the dangerous game of our government in Palestine. The American people must demand of the Truman administration:

Fulfill the decision of the UN on Palestine. Fulfill the obligations assumed by this decision. Call upon the Security Council to assume full responsibility to implement and realize the Palestine decision of the General Assembly, to stop British sabotage, to arm the Jewish community.

The American government must immediately remove the shameful embargo on the shipment of arms to the Jewish community in Palestine.

The American people must demand these things to protect the honor of our country, to protect the national interests of America, to defend the peace and democracy of the world against the Wall Street war-inciters and the would-be world-conquerors, to defend the equal rights and liberty of all nations.





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*Why the long wait before action was taken against Bittelman? It is obvious that the effort to deport Bittelman is an act of political terrorization, calculated to silence his opposition to the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan, which among other things endanger the new Jewish state in Palestine. The attack on Bittelman is an attack not only on a political opponent and a communist. It is also an attack on Bittelman as a Jew. This anti-Semitism is in line with the dismissal by Attorney General Tom Clark of the sedition trial against fascists and anti-Semites, with the official welcomes extended to such anti-Semites as General Denikin, Kurt Schuschnigg, Pastor Niemoeller.*

**Act Now to**

**STOP JEWISH BLOODSHED**

**DEFEND THE JEWISH STATE**

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President Harry S. Truman  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Jewish blood is being spilled in Palestine while the British and American governments are intriguing to sabotage the UN decision.

I urge the immediate lifting of the embargo on arms to the Jewish community in Palestine. I urge that the U.S. delegate to the UN use the prestige and influence of the United States to carry out the decision of the UN.

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