

Palestine Truce

Under cover of the UN truce in the Palestine war, Count Bernadotte is trying to tighten the imperialist hold over the new Jewish state. He has already established a certain control over all immigration and seeks to further impose the imperialist hold by calling on the major sea powers to regulate and actually embargo all immigration from their home ports. In addition, the imperialists are again getting their hooks into the local situation by the dispatch of the so-called truce commission to Palestine and the arrival of planes and ships to blockade the coast in order to see that the conditions of the truce are enforced. Thus the imperialists continue their filthy barter in the blood of the Jewish and Arab peoples.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the diplomats are trying to cook up some kind of scheme which will permit the carving up of the country, while strengthening the grip of Anglo-American imperialism. Washington continues to use the Zionist state as a catspaw of its imperialist penetration into the Near East. It is still maintaining its arms embargo but threatens England that it may lift it, if its terms are not met. England, hard-pressed to preserve its waning influence in the Arab world, is maneuvering to have its stooge, Abdullah, take over the bulk of Palestine in

order to eventually squeeze the Jewish state out of the picture.

The proclamation of a Jewish state has thus solved nothing. A significant statement, recognizing this fact, was just made by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America. "I am convinced," he said, "that after the war is liquidated, there will be a continual political war directed against Israel. The foes who may have been defeated in war or checked by international political action will not long remain at rest. There will be a large Arab population within Israel, and it will be surrounded by vast Arab hordes."

In other words, the Jews still have the problem of finding a way of living and co-operating with the Arab peoples—or they will be wiped out. Zionism thinks it can build an independent state, in absolute hostility to the whole Arab world, by maneuvering with the UN and in alliance with Washington. On that road lies ruin and calamity for the heroic Jewish fighters.

The Jewish people of Palestine can find a path toward co-operation with the Arab masses only by dropping the Zionist program, organizing a joint struggle against all the imperialists and their agents, and calling for the establishment of a Palestinian State, on the basis of a democratically elected constituent assembly.