

# How Allies Betrayed The Jewish Refugees

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(The second of two articles)

A second lie of the Zionists was openly revealed by the publication of correspondence between Roosevelt, that "great friend of the Jews," and Ibn Saud, king of Saudi Arabia. We Trotskyists have long maintained that Roosevelt's and the Democratic Party's declarations in favor of a Jewish homeland and for justice to the Jews were empty vote-getting gestures.

We have consistently pointed to Roosevelt's record of many words and no action on behalf of Jewry. But it is only after his death that his real role as defender of U. S. imperialist aims is becoming clear to ever more Jews. The belated publication of these letters by the state department is of great help in the unmasking of Roosevelt's hypocrisy.

The existence of these letters, written after a series of conferences between Roosevelt and Ibn Saud subsequent to the Yalta meetings, was previously proclaimed by Arab sources and denied by the Zionists and the U. S. government. As recently as September 26, President Truman denied that Roosevelt made any promises concerning Palestine to Ibn Saud. But two weeks ago the State Department was finally forced to publish the letters due to threats by the Arab governments that otherwise they would do so.

## BLOW TO ZIONISM

There could have been no more damaging blow to the Zionist cause than Roosevelt's answer to this Arab potentate who controls one of the world's richest reserves of oil. Ibn Saud's letter embodied an open "declaration of war" on Jewish claims to Palestine and an affirmation of the "historic rights" of the Arabs to that country. Roosevelt, great "champion" of the Jews and especially the Jewish Homeland in Palestine, answered April 5, 1945, that he had given "careful consideration to the statements made in your (Ibn Saud's) letter" and that "no actions will be taken which might prove hostile to the Arabs."

In Roosevelt's letter to his "great and good friend," there is not a single reference to the U. S. expressed "support" of a Jewish Home. There is not a single word supporting Jewish claims. Instead there is the clear-

over the extremists, who, come what may, intend to carry out the Republic's slogan and 'fight for freedom.' "

A youth rally at Jogakarta, which Soekarno was addressing, is said to have broken up when news of the British bombardment of Soerabaja was received. Reinforcements hurried toward Soerabaja. Nationalist leaders, whose names were not reported, called for a nationwide uprising, declaring: "It is better to perish than to come again under foreign domination."

cut imperialist policy of the United States, which is attempting to get hold of the rich Near East and the Arabian oil fields and therefore is "making friends" with the feudal Arab lords. The "claims" of the powerless Jews are but a small item in this gigantic grab for the domination of the Near East.

Openly basing themselves on this letter by Roosevelt, Byrnes and Truman are thus continuing their policy of "do-nothing" in regard to Palestine and have promptly been accused by the Zionists as "appeasers." But it is not Byrnes' policy that is being carried on here; it is Roosevelt's. And in a larger sense, it is neither Byrnes' nor Roosevelt's, but the basic policy of the imperialist United States, regardless of the administration in power.

## OBJECT LESSON

The refusal of the Attlee government to open the gates to Palestine, and the Roosevelt-Ibn Saud correspondence, provide an object lesson in imperialism for those Jews who are willing to face facts instead of Zionist myths.

When Abba Silver, leader of the U. S. Zionists wails "Aren't eight million Jewish dead enough for British imperialism?" he fully betrays the Zionists' criminal shortsightedness in a world full of eagle-eyed capitalist robbers.

British imperialism "cares" as little about the eight million Jewish dead as all the imperialist powers together care about the uncounted more millions that have perished by sword and hunger in this war; they "care" as much as the boss cares for the underpaid worker.

The imperialists and the bosses care for nothing but their own interests, their profits and their colonies. It is up to us workers of all nationalities and races to care for our own interests. The Jewish workers must begin to realize that help will come to the Jewish people not from the imperialists, but from a strong working class, organized to take power and create a socialist society. Instead of "cooperating" with the bourgeoisie and its Zionist dupes, instead of making futile protests to the imperialists, the Jewish workers must unite with the workers in a militant anti-imperialist struggle; must fight with them for the opening of the doors to all countries; must struggle with them against anti-Semitism and discrimination, and for a free socialist society.