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United States administration policy, 1946.

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From discussions with a number of Zionists of the "New Deal" and "Liberal" type, particularly, at the Hillel Summer Institute last Monday, I learned that it would be idle to speculate on the possibility of anti-Democratic protest vote by the liberal New Deal followers, in spite of the fact that they are fully cognizant of the present administration's anti-Zionist policy. The ground has not been prepared by popularizing a rationale that would be acceptable to people who remain unshaken in their conviction that there can not be domestic reform without a Democratic administration.

It is suggested that the following chain of arguments which emphasize a general rather than a specifically Jewish approach be developed and given wide distribution.

1. The British are determined to bring an end to the Jewish National Home in Palestine. To do this they are bent on destroying Jewish settlements, disarming the Jews, thus leaving them to the mercy of the Arabs. In order to hasten the process the British are deliberately encouraging Jewish extremist resistance.

Another phase of this policy is the war against the Jewish D.P.'s in Europe, both potential and actual. The British are bent on starving the Jews out or driving them back to their "homelands", where they will meet certain death or stagnation.

The British are conscious that such steps will arouse the enmity of the Jews in the free countries, particularly in the United States. They are aware of the anti-British sentiments among the Jews in this country. They know that the Jews will remain the enemies of British policy.

This cognition leads in turn to a British attack upon the Jews in the

free countries and in the U.S.A. In the struggle for favorable public opinion in the U.S.A. the British propagandists must neutralize or eliminate the Jews. The best weapon is anti-Semitic propaganda, which the British are employing in a subtle way by identifying the Jews with terrorism (the Bevin plot in Paris, bombardment threats in the British consulates), or by outright anti-Jewish agitation such as the gospel of social anti-Semitism spread by British officials in this country, or outright Nazi agitation through the British subvened Arab offices.

Because the Soviet Union is Britain's enemy Number One, anti-Semitism is bound to play an important role in the propaganda leading to war against Russia. Judging by the close British associations with anti-Semitic and fascist elements the pro-Mufti Arabs, the fascist Poles, and other various D. P. pogromists, as well as by its release of half of the SS prisoners, it is not at all unlikely that the British will take recourse to the stratagem of smearing the Jews as Communists, as a means of offsetting the adverse effect on public opinion of their pogromist policy in Palestine.

The present Administration is playing hand in glove with the British, as evidenced by the actions of the State Department. The State Department has done nothing about the practice of making second class citizens out of American Jews by the Egyptian government through refusing them transit visas; it has tacitly encouraged Saudi Arabia in per policy of excluding American citizens from that country because of their Jewish birth. The Crum revelations supply more food for thought.

The attitude of the present Administration in supporting British imperialist policy which is bound to lead to persecutions of Jews in Palestine, Europe and the Arab Middle East as well as to heightening of anti-Semitism in the democracies

and its usage as an anti-Soviet stratagem just as the Nazis have done, vitiate any advance in domestic policy. A foreign reactionary policy must by necessity lead to reaction at home. While it is true that most domestic progressive legislation had been advanced by the Democrats, the Democratic Party has no monopoly on liberalism. The Southern bloc is a testimony to this. In contrast, there are plenty of progressive Republicans.

A Democratic victory in the 1946 election will encourage the Administration to continue upon its present reactionary, imperialistic and anti-Semitic pro-war course of aiding British policy everywhere. A defeat at the polls would save its progressive features as it would act as a warning for 1948. The present Administration is in a position to check the trend to war and reaction. It is in a position to do something about Palestine. The electorate must warn the Administration in 1946, as it may be too late in 1948. A true Liberal with a long range point of view and the desire to save the Democratic Party from her reactionary course of suicide and war must vote Republican, especially in some crucial areas. This is not a Jewish or Zionist issue.

I should also like to refer to my article on British anti-Jewish policy now in the hands of Carl Alpert, as well as the column by Abe Gordon in last Sunday's Day English page. Both deal with the same problem.