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EDITORIAL

THE WEST NOW HAS ITS LAST CHANCE

Every regular reader of this journal should realise the significance of the Middle East crisis. Over the years we have traced the development of events which have led to the present situation. As the late C. H. Douglas pointed out, these events have not been the result of mere chance, but are concrete evidence of a coherent and persistent policy which has as its ultimate objective the complete destruction of what remains of Western Christendom. One of the major barriers to this policy was the British Empire, and for this reason the destruction of the sovereignty of the British world has been pursued relentlessly with every possible weapon. During the last war the policy makers in both Moscow and Washington agreed that in the world of the future there was no place for the British or any other European Empire.

"Dollar diplomacy" and Communist subversion have operated as a giant pincer movement, slowly but surely crushing the British Empire. Communism made comparatively little impact in the Arab world until the controllers of dollar policies inflicted one defeat after another on the British in the Middle East and inflamed Arab opinion against the West by the creation of the Zionist irritant in the Middle East, Israel.

It is now too late to undo what has been done. What is urgently necessary is that resolute and constructive action be taken by Western leaders to deal with the situation as it exists to ensure that there is no interruption to the vital oil supplies without which Great Britain and Western Europe would collapse in industrial chaos and either fall to Communism or only survive if a

further surrender of independence is made to the "dollar diplomats." The West now has perhaps its last chance of defeating its enemies before the final blow is delivered. Time is running out fast and we urge all supporters to co-operate immediately in the following action:

- Obtain supplies of the special article in this issue and place in the hands of all responsible men and women.
- Although a copy is already on its way to your Federal Member, write to him personally and draw his attention to the article.
- If you cannot mail out the special article, forward a list of people to whom the article should go, and copies will be posted from headquarters.
- Write a letter to your local paper, based on the article.
- Funds are urgently required to meet the financial costs of one of the biggest mailing campaigns undertaken in the history of the movement, and we appeal to supporters to ensure that we are not hampered through lack of funds.

Decisive action may yet stiffen sufficient political backbones to ensure that necessary action is taken in time to protect vital Western interests. And if our future depends upon the military leaders, then every effort must be made to ensure that they understand the issues involved.

"Zionism is something very different to a simple scheme for the return of the Jews to Palestine. That is incidental to the moulding of events and Governments to procure a World Dominion for 'Israel'. The objective involves a perfectly clear, coherent and continuous policy on the part of the Zionists. The conditions for major and successive crises must be created and maintained in the world.... In the past the control of money, gold and credit has been the primary weapon of the Zionist. But the money myth has been exploded; and legal control of raw materials is essential to the pursuit of the policy to a final and successful issue."

C. H. Douglas in *The Brief for the Prosecution*

NEWS SECTION

The Menace of the United Nations — From *The Bulletin*, Sydney, of July 23:

In practice, the United Nations has only provided a manoeuvring-ground for the Communists, and to a much lesser degree, when it has suited their interests, the Americans, both aiming to create new zones of influence and to oust the incumbents in the older ones, the United Kingdom and France.

All their manoeuvres have been in the name of "freedom," but "freedom" has meant little but instability. The only factor that has remained constant has been the ability of the Russians to do what they like, to veto any proceeding which they opposed and to use force whenever they have wanted to use it by virtue of superior strength and belligerence.

As soon as Eastern Europe had been subjugated by Russia, the vast plan of Asian and African conquest began—the great claw movement which was to engulf and crush India and Burma and the oilfields from each side, obliterate Turkey as an independent nation, leaving only Western Europe to be captured on the Russian side of the Atlantic, if it could not be Communised.

The Friends of Lord and Lady Mountbatten—

"Show me a man's friends -----". The tag is too well known to be quoted in full. Undoubtedly it contains much truth. Colonel David Stirling on that account cannot be congratulated on receiving the support—that is, the political friendship—of Mr. Kingsley Martin, editor of the *New Statesman*. Affirming that the Capricorn Africa Society means to supply the missing factor of "patriotism" to bind African races together, Kingsley Martin writes: "I am all for this binding together and support his [Stirling's] idea of starting Colleges of Rhodesian Citizenship at which members of all races could meet to study and develop a sense of 'common nationhood'." This espousal by the Bloomsbury editor of the cause of nationhood seems a little curious. Perhaps he is aware that Stirling, as he explained in his debate with me in Salisbury last year, works for "a nationalism of the human race"!

Another pet of Kingsley Martin is Lord Mountbatten. He wrote that Mr. Randolph Churchill, in a "well-informed" article last week "emphasised Mountbatten's outstanding qualifications as 'Supremo' and then, having thus tried to suggest lack of prejudice, inserted a little poison about

Mountbatten as a Socialist and Lady Mountbatten as a crypto-Communist". Mountbatten a Socialist? What were his motives in feeding King-Edward VIII with regular doses of *The Week*, a Communist sheet? Incidentally, reverting to Randolph Churchill, what were Mountbatten's "outstanding qualifications as 'Supremo' "? Burma was conquered by the Army. The only epic that belongs specifically to Mountbatten was—Dieppe! However, the main question is—how comes it that Kingsley Martin is himself a champion of Mountbatten?

—A. K. Chesterton in *Candour*, July 18.

Victorian Government Furthers Inflation. — If spokesmen for the Victorian Liberal Government had informed the Victorian electors before the last State elections that they proposed to help raise finance capital by increasing charges for gas and electricity to present users of these services, there is little doubt that the A.L.P. would have won the elections. Even a number of D.L.P. voters would have refused to give the Liberal Party their second preferences.

It is typical of modern Governments that they wait until they are safely in office before imposing unwanted policies upon the electors. Prior to the elections Mr. Bolte made much of the "financial stability" which he claimed his Government had brought about in Victoria. But in spite of the foolish statement by the Acting Premier, Mr. A. Rylah, that increased gas and electricity charges would not "have a harmful effect on the cost of living," the coming price rises must immediately reduce the purchasing power of those using gas and electricity, and ultimately must increase the prices of industrial products. These price increases must in turn result in greater demands for increased wages, with the Communists spearheading the demands.

Under a realistic financial policy, all new production should be financed out of new financial credits. To impose higher charges upon present users of gas and electricity in order to further capital expansion concerning gas and electricity undertakings is, in fact, the imposition of a form of compulsory levy. Many of the opponents of the price increases have made this point. Victorian electors should protest in the strongest possible terms against the price increases and urge the State Government to consider other ways of obtaining finance capital without attacking Victorian living standards.

Yass Water Test Exposes Fluoridation Claims

The majority of water engineers in Great Britain, the United States, and Australia have opposed fluoridation of public water supplies primarily because they point out it is impossible to ensure that the water at each tap contains the minimum percentage of sodium fluoride. Tests done overseas have proved the water engineers right. Now a similar test has been conducted on the Yass (N.S.W.) water supply, which was secretly fluoridated without the people being informed or given the chance to protest.

One of our supporters visited Yass on Sunday, July 6, and obtained samples of water at three separate points. These were subsequently analysed by a Sydney Biochemist and Bacteriologist, W. H. Black, A.M.T.G. (Chem.), A.R.A.C.I., who found that sample one contained 0.95 P.P.M. fluoride content, sample three contained 4.75, and sample six 1.8. Our supporter still holds three identical samples for control purposes if necessary.

Even the supporters of fluoridation are agreed that water containing the percentage of sodium fluoride contained in sample three would be dangerous to the individual. We will await with interest their reactions to the test of Yass water.

Local Government Campaign

Mr. Eric Butler's recent address to the Federation of Heidelberg Ratepayers' Associations, in which he outlined the growing Local Government Campaign to force a decentralisation of financial control in Australia, was reported extensively in *The News*, Heidelberg, on July 18. A number of copies of this widely-read local paper are available for those who can make use of it in their own Local Government work. Those requesting copies are asked to send a small donation to cover expenses involved.

Book For Dinner And Seminar

We request all those supporters intending to attend this year's Annual Dinner, to be held on Friday, September 19, to let us know immediately in order that organisational arrangements can be made. We would also appreciate it if those attending the dinner would also indicate if they are attending the Seminar on the Saturday. This information is necessary for the arranging of afternoon tea at the afternoon session of the Seminar. The donation to this year's dinner will be 35/- per person. Seminar costs will be covered by a collection at the door.

Special Meeting On Middle East

The Victorian League of Rights has arranged a special meeting on the Middle East crisis, to be held in the Empire Room, 1st Floor, Federal Hotel, on Tuesday, August 5, at 8 p.m. Mr. Eric Butler's address will be tape recorded and made available immediately to all groups and individuals throughout Australia and New Zealand who require it. "New Times" readers are invited to be present and to bring their friends. Invitation cards are available for those who can use them to encourage responsible people to attend this vital meeting. The League of Rights has invited a large number of important Melbourne citizens to be present.

Time For Rebirth Of Social Credit

It used to be said concerning economic affairs that events behaved as if they were in the pay of Douglas. That was during his lifetime; and now, after his death, the same might be said concerning political affairs. Looking through some back numbers of *The Social Crediter* I came across this sentence in a letter from Douglas published on October 15, 1947:

"There is nothing which will suit our common enemies better than the pursuit (by us) of the *ignis fatuus* of Party Politics."

The *ignis fatuus*—the will-o'-the-wisp which lures men to destruction in the bog—could any analogy be more apt?

And now, eleven years after the Alberta S. C. League Convention of 1947 turned its back on Douglas and adopted the slogan, "On to Ottawa", there remains not a single Social Credit member of the Canadian Parliament, or, indeed, of any other Parliament in the World. In New Zealand also a tremendous effort has been devoted to Party Politics, and in two successive elections falling proportion of votes, and not one single seat has been won. Even in Great Britain, some energetic Social Crediters are pursuing this will-o'-the-wisp without the faintest prospect of success. So far as I can see, among the politically active movements for Social Credit, only the Union of Electors has not turned its back on Douglas to follow this will-o'-the-wisp into the bog of wasted energy and failure. The attempt to defeat the Enemy at his own game, to attain centralized Power through the mechanism of Party Politics, has failed utterly, and permanently.

This is not the time for recriminations, but for sympathy, for humility, and for a re-birth and rethinking of Social Credit, starting with a return to the steady light which Douglas shed, and to the firm ground which it has illuminated.

The Social Credit movement arose in the first place out of the tremendous outburst of interest, enthusiasms, thought, discussion and controversy which centred about Douglas' economic analysis and proposals, at a time when the world was being put to financial torture and was obsessed with its economic agony. This original impulse

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Fourth Social Credit Seminar On Leisure Theme

The fourth Social Credit Seminar will be held in the Collins Room, Federal Hotel, Collins Street, on Saturday, September 20. The following are the Papers to be presented:

THE PHYSICAL BASIS OF LEISURE

By John Fitzgerald, at 2.15 p.m.

The individual and the Social Credit — The unearned increment of association and the social dividend — The true cost of production is consumption — Inheritance and the contingency of past, present and future — The delusion of super-production — The just price and the consumption-production ratio — The principles of association and the dividend of the machine — The lever of real capital — The nature of money and the true law of supply and demand — The conflict between automation and full employment — The inevitability of leisure status.

LEISURE IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

By Dave Purcell, at 4.15 p.m.

Man's true vocation the basis of leisure — The ancient Tower of Babel — Leisure in the Gospels — The attitude of the Christian Saints — The effects of Jansenism — The Calvinist and Puritan heritage — The exaggeration of the importance of work — The false alternatives to work — The idolatry of efficiency — The modern Tower of Babel — A glimpse of Heaven.

THE FEAR OF LEISURE

By Eric D. Butler, at 8 p.m.

The importance of defining the meaning of the terms "Leisure" and "Work" — Leisure is not mere passive idleness — Normal man is creatively active — Psychological barriers to the acceptance of leisure as a desirable objective — The fear of scarcity — The moral associations of work — The "something-for-nothing" phobia — Class hatred — The conviction that man is not meant to be happy — Opposition from those who seek power over others — The fear of any change whatever — The lack of faith in the individual to use increased freedom — The spiritual issue — Why the Christian Church should support the objective of financial dividends and expanding leisure for the individual.

TIME FOR REBIRTH OF SOCIAL CREDIT

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has largely died down, not because the economic problems have been solved, but because the financial torture has been somewhat alleviated by the drug of inflation, and the financial aspect of our troubles has been cleverly overlaid with politics, beginning with a second World War, and proceeding to the establishment in different countries of various forms of the Managerial State, so that nowadays people see their difficulties in political rather than in economic terms.

What so few people, however, even Social Crediters, seem to realize is that Douglas was well aware of this change of emphasis, and in his later years gave us a second, political, analysis and proposals, every whit as deserving as was the first of study, thought, discussion, enthusiasm and action.

Just as Douglas alone has made proposals which would give *integrity* to the financial system, so he alone has made others which would give *integrity* to the political system through the restoration of responsibility to the elector. The "Responsible Vote" is a conception as vital to the survival of any real democracy in the face of the Communist and the other forms of Monopolistic threat, as is the National Dividend; indeed, at the present time it is more urgent; it takes priority. Communism possesses the integrity of a policy carried to its logical extreme; it has the power as well as the weakness of insanity. We cannot hope to prevail against it with mere pretence and propaganda, but only by a still greater integrity applied to a sane and realistic policy. Social Crediters have a heavy responsibility to the rest of the World because they alone at present are the possessors and guardians of a means of political and economic salvation. With this brilliant new political doctrine of Douglas still barely launched upon the World, it is pitiful to read in the press that the "Social Credit" of Western Canada is now scarcely distinguishable from Conservatism, that the "Welfare" proposals of the New Zealand S. C. League are scarcely distinguishable (if one is not interested in finance) from those of the Labor Party, even that the word "Douglasite" is used by some of these people as a term of opprobrium. Such an attitude earns only the contempt even of the indifferent elector.

After the death of a great man there is usually a period of disillusion, of disunity, and of mutual distrust among his followers; but Douglas has now been dead over five years, and it is time that we arose from the ashes of our mourning and of our false hopes, and took up again the enormous and thrilling adventure into which he leads us.

— Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs in *The Union of Electors*
(Canada), May, 1958

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THE BASIC CAUSE OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

By Eric D. Butler, Director of The Victorian League of Rights

"Western ignorance of the Palestine issues, which has given the Russians their golden opportunity, threatens to wreak even greater damage. Public opinion, already completely sympathetic to the Israeli cause, has solidified in the face of Communist aid to the Arabs. From the beginning of the Eisenhower administration, Israel has been protected by America's anti-Communism.

"Because the media of information refuse to relate cause to effect, no one knows why American chickens in the Middle East have been coming home to roost and are laying red eggs. And each day it becomes more probable that, unless the grave injustice to the Palestinian Arabs is immediately mitigated, the entire Middle East will be lost to the free world."

— Mr. Alfred Lilienthal, American-Jewish expert on the Middle East, and former official with the American State Department, in *There Goes The Middle East*. (1957).

The most alarming aspect of the current Middle East crisis is the persistent refusal of Western politicians to face the basic causes of a situation which progressively favours the Communist strategy of defeating Western Europe, not by force of arms, but by furthering any activities which can deprive the nations of Western Europe of the oil without which there would be industrial chaos and a revolutionary situation. *One of the major basic causes of the Middle East crisis is the existence of the Zionist State of Israel.* As pointed out so clearly by Rabbi Elmer Berger, Executive Director of the American Council for Judaism, in his first hand report on the Middle East, *Who Knows Better Must Say So!*, so long as the Israel issue and the problem of the Arab refugees from Palestine are ignored by the West, Communist penetration of the whole Arab world cannot be stopped. Events since Rabbi Berger provided his report in 1955 have confirmed his fears.

Another expert examination of the situation was provided by Lord Strang, former British Permanent Undersecretary for State for Foreign Affairs, in a special article in *The Sunday Times* of November 18, 1956, at the time of the Suez crisis, Lord Strang pointed out that Israel was the seat of the trouble in the Middle East and that the Western world was paying the price of supporting Zionist penetration in opposition to Arab resistance. He also warned that the position must worsen unless the Israel question was solved.

Immediately following the revolutionary coup in Irak, Sir John Glubb, former Commander-in-Chief of Jordan's Arab Legion, in a special statement published in the Melbourne *Sun* of July 16, pointed out that "all revolutionary movements in Arab countries are inspired by the spirit of nationalism rather than by affection for Communism. He then stated: —

"Further cause of friction between the Arabs and the West is, it must be recognised, a belief that Britain, France and America are committed to supporting Israel.

Fear of further Israeli expansion is an ever-present anxiety, particularly in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. The impression that the Western Powers are more likely to support than to restrain Israel is a powerful incentive to Arabs to seek help from Moscow."

Following his dismissal from his post in Jordan in 1956, Sir John Glubb wrote a series of objective articles in which he explained how the riots in Jordan which preceded his dismissal, although used to their own advantage by the Communists, had been inspired by the denunciations of the Bagdad Pact as a "Zionist plot". King Hussein's dismissal of Glubb was the price he had to pay to prevent the anti-Western upsurge sweeping him away. But King Hussein of Jordan, like all pro-Western and moderate Arab leaders, has found that it is impossible to stem the growing tide of Nasser's influence so long as the West fails to realize that fear and hatred of Israel "is the cement with which Nasser is trying to bind his empire together."

One of the staunchest friends the West, particularly the British, had in the Middle East was the veteran Arab leader, General Nuri es Said, Prime Minister of the Iraqi Government until his recent murder by the pro-Nasser group. After the British and French defeat at Suez, he urged the Iraqis to "resist Communist propaganda spread by Shepilov, Malenkov, and Khrushchev, their Zionist henchmen and their foolish lackeys outside Zionism." He warned that Zionism was "a very real danger", and that Zionism and Communism "were allied and many Communists in the Middle East were Jews." Nuri es Said also drew attention to the fact that the Soviet Union had played a key role in the creation of Israel and had supported it with arms and oil.

But the West ignored men like Nuri es Said and left them to their ultimate fate. It is not surprising that other pro-Western and moderate Arab leaders feel that they have no future by resisting Nasser when the West has

proved so unreliable. However, even at this late hour the West can still save the situation. Perhaps Nuri es Said's final warning, published in *Life* magazine, U.S.A., just after his death, may spur the West to grasp the last chance to save the Middle East. Nuri es Said wrote:

"Speaking as an Arab and friend of the West, I'm fed up. Most responsible Arabs feel the same. The world seemed utterly indifferent to the fate of a million Arab refugees and neither the U.S. nor any other big Power was even discussing Arab claims against Israel.

"The sense that the West has abandoned us is as strong as it was in 1955, before Nasser electrified the Arab world by his arms deal with Russia, or even stronger.

"We who believe the West warned then of ultimate disaster. We were ignored and the disaster came. Disaster is equally predictable today. If it came once the Nasser way, it could be as a Communist coup next time.

"To speak bluntly, responsible Arab leaders have had a bellyful of American blindness to the problem."

Yes, it is unfortunately true that "disaster is equally predictable today." But only because the West is either unwilling or unable to formulate a clear-cut constructive policy which will remove the basic cause of the trouble, and to make it clear that they will back up this policy with necessary military sanctions without reference to the United Nations, an organisation which has demonstrated time and time again that it is a trap which prevents the West from defending itself while proving unable to prevent Communist aggression and subversion.

There is little doubt that if the British had defeated Nasser decisively in the Suez campaign, Nasser would not be where he is today, and British prestige would have stood higher in the vital Kuwait and other areas from which the biggest part of British and Western European oil is obtained. But it is reliably reported by first-hand observers that pro-Nasser support has increased ever since the Suez debacle, where the British and French were defeated by the threat of economic sanctions from the policy-makers in the U.S.A. and pressure from Communist and "neutral" nations in the United Nations. It may be true that the defeat of the desperate effort by the British to halt Communist penetration of the Middle East via Nasser was merely one more act of "stupidity" by the American policy-makers. But this "stupidity" has been so consistent since the Yalta Conference, which brought Communism right into the heart of Europe, and paved the way for the ultimate Communist conquest of China, and which, together with Communist assistance, established Israel in the heart of the Arab world, that patriotic Americans have asked if American policies are still being influenced by secret Communists like Alger Hiss. Whatever the explanation of this consistent "stupidity," no genuine co-operation is possible between the British and American peoples unless there is a frank recognition of the

fact that the policy, which started with the Roosevelt Government, of attempting to undermine the British and French colonial empires, has been a gift to the Communists.

It was primarily Zionist pressure exercised through the Truman Government, and a terrorist campaign against the British, which forced the British to give up the Palestine mandate in the manner in which it was done. *Present talk about Communist subversion in the Middle East ignores the role of Soviet Russia in helping to create Israel.* The Communists looked sufficiently far ahead to see that, having helped create Israel, they could then appear to desert the Israelites and pose as champions of the Arabs. The West, under pressure from American policy-makers, conveniently help the Communists to develop their strategy and have since been placed in the position where, in the minds of most Arabs, they have been the only supporters of Israel. Not only did the Communists play a decisive role in the creation of Israel by supplying urgently required military equipment to defeat the Arabs as the British withdrew from Palestine, and by ensuring that all Communist countries voted for the recognition of Israel by the United Nations; *open Communist strength is greater in Israel today than in any other country in the Middle East. Israel is the only country in the Middle East in which Communism operates freely, with the sanction of the law.*

The political strength of Communism in Israel is not confined to the orthodox Communist Party. There are two other leftist, fellow-travelling parties, known as the *Mapam* and the *Ahdut Haavoda—Poalei Zion*.

This is the orthodox Communist grouping which follows the usual lines, mouths the usual catchwords, which have become universally familiar through the operations of Communist Parties in various countries. In an official publication of the Israeli Government (*Facts and Figures, 1955*, published by the Israel Office of Information New York) the programme of the Israel Communist Party is authoritatively summed up (in page 19):

Its aim—Socialism. Basing itself on the Marxist theory of class struggle and guided by the theory of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin, the party fights for peace, the real independence of Israel, genuine democracy, civil and national equality of rights, and for the interests of the toiling masses.

The relationship of these two parties to Communist doctrine and practice is more subtle than that of the Israel Communist Party. From an ideological standpoint, the *Mapam* and the *Ahdut* are offshoots of one and the same movement. They have at times merged into one party for actions and votes. At other times they have parted company as a result of differences over practical or procedural issues.

Before the establishment of Israel, three independent

groups, known as *Ahdut Haavoda*, *Poalei Zion*, and *Hashomer Hatzair*, merged and formed a single party, to which the name *Mapam* was given. After the establishment of the Zionist state, this new political compound became the second strongest party in Israel. It was described at that time by Dr. Joseph Dunner, an American Zionist, in his book, *The Republic of Israel* (pages 129-130):

The distinguishing feature of *Mapam* since the merger has been its strong pro-Soviet, orientation. It holds that . . . Israel . . . *must* rely on the Soviet Union and the "people's democracies" of Eastern Europe for support, *Mapam* takes credit for the flow of arms and ammunition to Israel from Czechoslovakia.

Israel's foreign policy has also been significant. The first Israeli diplomatic envoy was appointed to Prague, the second to Moscow. Israel was the first country in the Middle East to proclaim a "neutralist" foreign policy and has consistently adhered to that policy. Israel took no part in the Korean War against Communist aggression. In July, 1953, Israel pledged never to join any anti-Soviet alliance or pact. And Israel's trade with the Soviet bloc is, relatively, in excess of Arab-Soviet trade. No realistic assessment of the Middle East crisis can ignore these significant facts. And it is important to note that Communists have a vested interest in the Arab refugees because, as Alfred Lilienthal points out, "*The plight of the Arab refugees lies at the flaming core of Middle East turmoil.*"

The dreadful truth about the Arab refugee problem has been told by a number of objective reporters. The West knows little or nothing about the problems because the Arabs have not been able to match the world-wide propaganda methods of the Zionists and apologists like Dr. Evatt who consistently refers to Israel as "the bastion of democracy" in the Middle East.

Responsible, impartial authorities have pointed out how there is not one single Arab refugee camp near the Israel border. The charge that the Arab States are deliberately exploiting the refugees for political purposes can easily be disposed of by reference to the official reports on the question by Mr. Henry Labouisse, Director of U.N.R.W.A., who has repeatedly told the United Nations that "*the outstanding factor which continues to condition refugee attitudes and to influence the policies of Near East Governments in this matter is the strong desire of the refugees to return to their homeland. This feeling has not diminished during the year, and its strength should not be underestimated.*"

Rabbi Berger, in his tour of the Middle East, personally visited the Arab refugee camps, was greatly shocked by what he saw, and also said that the refugees, many of them cultured, well-educated and Christians, were dominated by a desire to return to their own homes or to obtain adequate compensation. Refugees also point out that they

hope that eventually the United Nations may do something about the resolutions which have been passed every year since 1948, calling upon Israel either to repatriate the Arab refugees or to compensate them. If they allow themselves to be resettled now they fear they may forfeit their claims to adequate compensation.

The Arab attitude to Israel is also influenced by the manner in which the Arab minority still existing in Israel is being treated. Western politicians who visit Israel come back with reports which are as far removed from reality as those which useful innocents bring back from Communist countries. There are still approximately 180,000 Arabs, Christians as well as Moslems, living in Israel, and they are one of the most oppressed minorities in the world. Numerous Jews, some of them supporters of Zionism, have criticised the outrageous treatment of the Arab minority by the Israeli Government. In the "bastion of democracy" Arabs are denied both political and human rights. Rabbi Berger saw for himself what was happening! Judge Sparrow, an American, reports on the situation in his book, *The Sphinx Awakes*. He tells how he took up with an American politician the question of how the Zionists were persecuting the Arabs. And the politician replied: "*Yes, we know, but the truth is dynamite. The press here would tear one to bits if one told it.*" With exceptions, Western politicians are the same everywhere when it comes to criticising Zionist policies.

Under the official policy of the Israeli Government, Arabs are "Class-B" citizens. The Arabs live under military rule, have practically no civil rights. Army authorities can remove Arabs from any area and confiscate their property. Arabs must get permission to move from one village to another, even to see a doctor. Arabs are discriminated against in numerous other ways. It is to the credit of some Jews in Israel that they have protested against official policy. But the steady persecution continues, one of the reasons no doubt being, as Rabbi Berger claims, to impress upon the Arab refugees that it would be unwise for them to try and resettle in Israel.

If the West is to regain prestige with the moderate Arabs, it must insist that Israel play its part in helping to solve the Arab refugee problem. The late Count Bernadotte, who was appointed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948 to "*promote a peaceful adjustment of the future of Palestine,*" reported strongly on the Arab refugee problem and made suggestions concerning the limit of Israel's borders and the resettlement of the refugees. But even these moderate proposals were rejected by the Zionists and Count Bernadotte was murdered. *It is important to note that moderate Arabs are not asking that Israel be destroyed.*

As Alfred Lilienthal states in *There Goes the Middle East*

"Moderate Arabs will tell you that the essential ingredient for peace is an Israeli change of heart. The

present-day Israeli leadership must demonstrate a willingness to become a part of the Middle East milieu and to cease regarding Israel as the headquarters of a new world state, seeking aggrandisement and expansion."

But the statements of Zionist leaders, and the policies of the major Israeli parties, leave no doubt that further expansion and long-range objectives are contemplated. Arab fears concerning further Israel expansion are also assisted by the Communist policy of allowing a number of Jews from Communist countries to migrate to Israel, thus increasing the population. And amongst these migrants there are Communist agents whose task it is to further the Soviet's influence in Israel.

The West must understand the basis of Arab fears concerning Israel's expansionist policies. The second most powerful political party in Israel, the *Herut*, led by the former terrorist Menachem Begin, supports a policy of creating an Israel three times her present size. The spokesmen in Israel claim along with other Zionist leaders, that the one million Arab refugees who have been living under shocking conditions ever since they were driven from their homes ten years ago, should be resettled by the Arab states, who refuse to do so because they desire "to see the refugees remain in camps on Israel's border in order to keep enmity against the New State alive and to have ready recruits for guerrilla warfare against it." The Com-leaders of the *Mapai* Party are dedicated to the Zionist principle of the "ingathering" of all Jews into Israel. David Ben-Gurion has made his position clear in the official *Israeli Year Books* of 1951 and 1952. He states that the present state "has been established in only a part of the land of Israel," that independence has been reached "in a part of our small country," and that "the State of Israel has been restored in the western part" of the "Land of Israel" only. The *Israeli Year Book* of 1955 provides further evidence of the policy of expansion:

The State was established in part of the former British mandated territory (Eretz Israel), and it occupies

most of the historic Western Palestine. The State of Israeli is the fulfilment of Herzl's vision in his book, 'The Jewish State'. It is called the 'State of Israel' because it is part of the land of Israel and not merely a Jewish State. The creation of the new State by no means derogates from the scope of historical Eretz Israel.

While it is clear that the West must at this critical time take decisive action to protect its oil supplies, military intervention without formulating a constructive policy concerning future Arab-Israeli relations must ultimately lead to worse disasters in the future. In an address on November 9 of 1955, Sir Anthony Eden, at that time British Prime Minister, indicated that he realised the danger of Communist exploitation of the Middle East Crisis and the urgent necessity of dealing with the Israel issue. Sir Anthony called for a compromise agreement between the Arabs and the Israelis and a firm settlement concerning Israel's borders. Even the semi-official government newspaper in Egypt hailed the British Prime Minister's proposals "*as the first Western look at the Palestine problem independently.*" It appeared that a solution was in sight. But the American policy-maker's refused to endorse Sir Anthony Eden's suggestions. And the Zionist smear campaign directed against Sir Anthony Eden quickly forced him to attempt a retreat. Communist penetration grew, and the next year his Government made its desperate attempt to avert the effects of the failure to solve the Arab-Israel controversy.

Whatever are the ultimate objectives of the Zionist leaders, it can be predicted with certainty that the West is ultimately going to lose control of the Arab world, and the vital oil, unless moderate Arab leaders are assured that no further Israeli expansion will be permitted, that Israel must help solve the Arab refugee problem, and that she must become a normal small State in the Middle East and cease being the instrument of an international power movement. The West now has perhaps its last chance to save the Middle East—and itself. But there can be no salvation unless basic facts are courageously faced.