

Confidence in the great powers by the Arab leaders, already shaken by a long chain of broken promises and pledges finally was lost by the decision of the supreme council at St. Remo in 1920, which placed all the Arab territory between the Mediterranean and Persia under mandate to Great Britain and France.

In 1922 the United States congress passed the following resolution:

That the United States favours the establishment in Palestine of a national home for Jewish people, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of Christians and all other non-Jewish communities in Palestine shall be adequately protected.

Since 1921, there have been from time to time serious troubles in Palestine which have resulted in the publishing of general white papers, the most important of which was issued in May, 1939. In this the British government proposed that within ten years an independent state be created in Palestine, but it limited Jewish immigration into Palestine to 75,000 for the next five years. After that date Arab consent would be necessary for further immigration; and it provided that land purchased by Jews would be prohibited in some districts and restricted in others.

Zionists and their henchmen in Great Britain, Canada and the United States have maintained terrific propaganda and political pressure to open the doors of Palestine to the fullest possible extent, so that ultimately it may become a free Jewish commonwealth.

In 1920 the Jews formed eight per cent of the people of Palestine. In 1943 they comprised thirty-three per cent, while the rapid development of political Zionism and its growing power naturally increased the anxiety of the Arab people.

To sum up:

1. The Zionists claim Palestine is their own, on historical and religious grounds. So do the Arabs, who have been there for many centuries, while the Jews left in A.D. 71. To three hundred millions of Moslems Palestine is a holy land. A Moslem family has been entrusted with the keys of the holy sepulchre for several generations.

2. Zionists claim that the Arabs benefit from the colonization of Palestine. Sir John Hope Simpson's report states:

It ceases to be land from which the Arab can gain any advantage whether now or at any other time in the future. He is deprived forever from employment on that land, nor can any one help him by buying the land and restoring it to common use. The land is in mortmain and inalienable.

3. Zionists claim they brought the benefits of civilization to the Arabs of Palestine.

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Arabs have not benefited from Jewish education, since the language in Jewish schools is Hebrew. And as to medical facilities, Arabs do not frequent Zionist hospitals. According to the latest report to the league of nations, out of 12,000 patients admitted to Zionist hospitals, only four were Moslems; seven were Christians; nearly 12,000 were Jews.

4. Zionists claim that by industrialization Palestine can support a large Jewish population. Facts are that industry in Palestine is supported by charity and discriminatory tariffs. But the real issue cannot be settled on a material basis. The fundamental question is one of freedom. According to the Atlantic charter we agreed, first, to seek no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned and, second, to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them. It may be replied that the Atlantic charter does not apply to Palestine, but in a letter to King Ibn Saud, dated April 5, 1945, President Roosevelt stated:

Your Majesty will also doubtless recall that during our recent conversation I assured you that I would take no action in my capacity as chief of the executive branch of this government which might prove hostile to the Arab people.

President Truman, in his speech on navy day, October 27, 1945, said:

We believe that all peoples who are prepared for self-government should be permitted to choose their own form of government by their own freely expressed choice, without interference from any foreign source. That is true in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, as well as in the western hemisphere.

The story of Palestine is one of broken promises and secret agreements by the great powers—of power politics. The late Colonel T. E. Lawrence—Lawrence of Arabia—whose actions and writings prove him to have been a very great and brilliant Englishman, and an honourable man, led the Arab revolt against the Turks in the first great war. When he heard of the broken pledges to the Arabs he refused all the honours offered by his country, enlisted in the ranks and finally committed suicide.

I submit that the *Pax Britannica* was maintained by faith in British pledges and that Palestine is a graveyard of that peace. Certainly those who are working hardest for Britain's downfall are to be found among the Zionists, their agents and communist cousins.

Mr. WARREN: I submit that on other occasions it has been ruled that members are not permitted to read speeches.

Mr. JAMES: I stated at the beginning that I was dealing with a thorny subject. If