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THE MIDDLE-EAST CRISIS

During World War II, six million Jews were murdered by the Nazi war criminals in German concentration camps. SNCC understands this tragedy of what happened to the Jews and sympathizes with them since we black people possibly face the same fate here in the United States. Concentration camps set up for the Japanese during World War I in California are now being cleaned and fixed up for the detention of black militants--as are camps in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Oklahoma, and across the nation. We recognize Hitler's massacre of the Jews as one of the worst crimes against humanity. By the same token, we do not see how the Jewish ~~victims~~ refugees and survivors could ever use this tragedy as an excuse to imitate their Nazi oppressors--to take over Palestine, to commit some of the same atrocities against the ~~native~~ native Arab inhabitants, and to completely dispossess the Arabs of their homes, land and livelihood.

Now, gentlemen, let us turn to the undeniable facts of the Palestine Problem which has created the continuing Middle-East crisis, the continuing Arab-Israeli conflict. These facts have been completely hushed up in the United States press and T.V. news media.

Zionism, which is a world-wide nationalistic Jewish movement, supported by the U.S. and British governments, organized and created the State of Israel by sending Jewish immigrants from Europe into Palestine which lies in the heart of the Arab world. This movement dates back to 1897, when the first Zionist congress adopted a program "to create for the Jewish people a home in Palestine secured by public law." They got their chance in 1917, at the end of World War I, when Britain took control of Palestine, and under pressures from European Zionist Jews, such as Lord Rothschild, set forth the Balfour Declaration. This was the Zionist "Public Law" which stated that the British Government was in favor of establishing a National Home for the Jewish people in Palestine, but at the same time contradicted itself and said that nothing should be done to damage the civil and religious rights of the Arabs.

In 1917, more than 90% of the Palestine population were Arabs who owned 97½ per cent of the land. But from 1917 to 1948, the British government brought in Jewish refugees, who as their numbers increased, organized a Jewish army and Jewish terror ganga, which took ~~control~~ over Arab property through pressures on the British rulers of Palestine and total massacres of innocent, unarmed Arab villages. This resulted in almost one million Arab refugees being thrown out of their land who to this day are still homeless, and living on United Nations charity.

In 1947, the American and British governments supported the Zionists in their illegal take over of Palestine by pushing through the United Nations partition plan which was supposed to create a Jewish state and an Arab state in Palestine, which in fact, was not legal under the Charter of the United Nations, and was never approved by any African, Asian or Middle-Eastern country. Even under this illegal plan the Arab state was never established since the Zionists had already seized over 80% of the total land area of Palestine. All attempts by the Arab governments and other Afro-Asian governments to test the legality of this "State of Israel" and to raise the question in the United Nations, have been frustrated by the American and British pressures to keep it quiet.

Gentlemen, the facts are that Israel is and always has been the tool and foot-hold for American and British exploitation in the Middle-East and Africa. America's support of Israel, which also discriminates against dark-skinned Jews in Israel, gives added protection to the American oil companies that exploit Arab oil. As a result of the new hostilities which broke out in June, Israel now has control of the valuable Arab oil deposits in the Sinai ~~peninsula~~ desert.

The famous Rothschilds, who have long controlled the wealth of many European nations, were involved in the original conspiracy to create the State of Israel, and today are still among Israel's chief supporters. The Rothschilds also control much of Africa's mineral wealth.

American Jews who know that Zionism ~~is~~ is used by the American and British exploiters and try to speak out against the Zionist movement, are suppressed and hushed-up in this country. Such was the case of Moshe Menuhin, the father of violinist Yehudi Menuhin, who attempted to expose the distortions the Zionists were making of his Jewish religion. Even such world figures as historian Arnold Toynbee and Winston Churchill have spoken out against the ~~terror~~ terror tactics and wrong doings of this Zionist, American, British conspiracy.

Gentlemen, it is clearly a question of right and wrong. In the Middle-East, America has worked with and used <sup>the</sup> powerful organized Zionist movement to take over another people's home and to ~~put~~ replace these people with a partner who has well served ~~their~~ America's purpose, a partner that can help ~~in~~ the United States and other white western countries to exploit and control the nations of Africa, the Middle-East and Africa!