

# Washington's Palestine Policy

The statement by Delegate Austin to the UN Security Council that the U. S. will advocate nothing but "peaceful means" to promote partition has been widely recognized as a death-blow to the UN proposed plan for Palestine.

This sharp reversal of Washington's Palestine position has been brought about by Cabinet and State Department officials who are primarily concerned with preserving friendly relations with Arab leaders and land-owners in order to safeguard the tremendous oil resources leased to American companies.

Truman has been extremely embarrassed by the Zionist pressure for partition. He has had to weigh the Jewish vote in the big cities against Arab support. The superior interests of U. S. imperialism have evidently triumphed over immediate partisan interests. Truman, who first took a step toward satisfying the Zionists by approving partition, now appeases the Arabs by refusing to implement it.

The Zionist leaders are panic-stricken by

Washington's about-face. The Jewish people feel that they have been tricked and betrayed. Actually, Truman's double-cross is an inevitable consequence of Zionist policy, which seeks deals with the great powers in order to win concessions and statehood for the Jews in Palestine.

With the weakening and withdrawal of England, the Zionists transferred their hopes to Washington — only to find them blasted again.

Just as was the case with England, their military and diplomatic aims in the Middle East are far more important to the American imperialists than any promises to the Jews. This latest development provides a fresh lesson on the bankruptcy of the Zionist policy of dependence upon imperialism. Any further trust in any of these big bandits and double-dealers can lead only to more blasted hopes and new catastrophies for the Jewish people.