

# CALL TO ALL ARAB SOLDIERS

*We are glad to fill in a little the almost complete vacuum of news of progressive Arab activities in the present crisis with the following manifesto issued by the Arab League of National Liberation in Palestine.—Eds.*

**S***OLDIERS of Egypt and other neighboring countries! Return to your countries and aim your weapons against the imperialists and their flunkys!*

Brother soldiers! On whose behalf have your governments sent you to be killed on the battlefields of Palestine? Has it really been for the liberation of Palestine—as these reactionary governments claim? Are we really to believe the deceitful claims of these treacherous, reactionary governments which have sold their countries and their peoples to the Anglo-American imperialists? Why don't these reac-

tionary governments allow you to liberate Egypt, Sudan, Transjordan, Iraq and Lybia from the British occupation forces? Aren't these the self-same governments which at all times give orders to open fire on workers' and students' demonstrations, and even on the masses of the people when it demonstrates for liberty and evacuation? Have not hundreds of victims, native sons of Iraq, Egypt and Sudan fallen while demonstrating against the British occupation?

These very reactionary governments, who claim to have sent you to liberate Palestine, are not they the ones that opened wide the gates of the Arab countries to the imperialist brigands? Who robs Egypt and the entire Arab world of its resources? Who is it that is stealing the oil, the cotton, the gold, the dates and the other products of the Arab world and of Egypt? Who, if not these British and American imperialists?

\*These very treacherous governments, who claim to have sent you to liberate Palestine, have not they themselves served as the watchdogs of imperialist firms and interests?

For thirty years the British suppressed Palestine. Why didn't the governments of the Arab countries think then of sending you to liberate Palestine, before the 15th

of May, and not promptly after the British mandate had come to an end?

To these reactionary governments, the problem is not one of liberating Palestine. It is, above all else, a question of carrying out those base imperialist designs which aim to withhold from Palestine that independence which the United Nations decided upon. It is nothing but a brazen effort to annex the Arab part of Palestine to Abdullah's kingdom, Abdullah, the flunkey of British imperialism.

Brother soldiers! You are serving as fuel on the fires of this evil plot and you are its innocent victims. The freedom of Palestine will not be attained save through a joint struggle of both its peoples, the Arabs and the Jews, against imperialism. It will not be attained through mutual extermination.

Brother soldiers! You are getting killed here, far from your homelands and your families, for the interests of traitorous feudal Arabs who themselves sold their lands and fled the country. Your governments are sending you to Palestine only to divert from themselves your just anger against them and the imperialists who have occupied and ravaged your countries. They are sending you away from your countries in order to direct your just revolutionary indignation into racial channels

in which there is certainly no hope for liberation.

Your reactionary governments persecute their workers, fellaheen, students and all lovers of freedom. Now they have armed themselves with advantages of martial law and turned your countries into a veritable hell of terror and starvation no longer endurable.

Brother soldiers! Your presence in Palestine benefits none but the imperialists and reactionaries. We appeal to you: return to your countries—they need you! Return to your countries and point your weapons at the hearts of the imperialists and their vassals. Liberate Egypt and the Arab world from the blight of imperialism and its followers!

Long live the solidarity of Egypt with the other Arab peoples in their common struggle against Anglo-American imperialism!

For liberation and independence!

For the overthrow of reaction!

For the establishment of democratic peoples' governments!

Long live free, united and independent Palestine!

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