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The Watchman

Punishment

It is one thing to see a man pick up a piece of Nazi cunning and use it, possibly in dim-witted though lilly-white innocence. It is more disquieting, not less, to realize that his wisdom does not stem from the Nazis at all, but that his mind just happens to work along the same lines as theirs, and just happens to arrive at the same conclusions when presented with the same facts. Yet his voice, a very special and infectuous brand of gloom, is powerful enough to be well heeded even in the councils of the righteous.

While at this writing the British forces are still locked in fierce battle some sixty miles off Alexandria and bombs are falling on Jewish towns in Erez Israel, and while nothing short of an all-out effort—a fresh army of fighting Jews, for instance—can really turn the tide, the Colonial Office has finally and categorically refused to reconsider its decision that there shall be no Jewish Army. Yes, some thousand Jews may continue to serve as anonymous colonials, hiding their identity as "Palestinians". But Jews will not be allowed to fight as Jews—*percat mundi*. That is that.

From a purely esthetic viewpoint, there is, no doubt, something impressing in that steadfast and stubborn refusal to do what is warranted by every military, political, economic, and psychological reason—simply for the sake of some time-honored, though bitterly refuted, tenets of British colonial policy. Pray, my Lords, why not frankly and publicly assert this romantic standpoint? It is dead wrong, but perfectly honorable. Why hide behind such often repeated and ever more unconvincing arguments about "the difficulty of equipment?" That is not quite cricket, is it? Surely, you know as well as we do that the problem of equipping a Jewish Army provides no greater difficulties than for all other Free Forces. Why the screen, my noble Lords and Peers?

Take Lord Moyne, for example, a man who only a few months ago was Colonial Secretary and held in his hands the destinies of Palestine and the Jewish people. There is no ambiguity about him, with him you always know where you are at. Recently, he delivered a violent oration against the Zionists for advocating Jewish immigration into "an already overcrowded Palestine" and for "rejecting all schemes to resettle these victims . . . in sparsely populated regions such as Madagascar."

Madagascar! Alas, there is the old Nazi scheme. Let the Jews perish in hell! Madagascar is just good enough for them. And, the other day, the New York Times published a Letter to the Editor praising the climate of Madagascar as ranging from "tropical to semi-tropical," the ample room "for the three to five million human beings who are being driven from Europe," and advising "Zionists insistent on pushing into Palestine and establishing a Jewish army thre to reflect on how much more they could achieve in Madagascar." Even our friend Count Carlos Sforza, former Italian Foreign Minister and the first Italian statesman to break with Mussolini, has declared that, while "the Jewish world wants a 'national home' to show the other peoples . . . that they are not in the least the parasitic types of the anti-Semitic legend," "this cannot possibly ever come off in Palestine." Go to Syria, he tells them. It is a wonderful place, "it might answer all the moral and economic requisites of

a Jewish mass-immigration," says the Count, and he is not kidding either.

Mild you, I am not accusing any of these men of working for the Nazis. Their offence is rather more oppressive. They thought up

the Nazi line all by themselves, miles and miles away, without help.

To Madagascar, to Syria, to the moon. That is your punishment for loyalty, my people. Is that your last word, oh leaders of World Democracy?

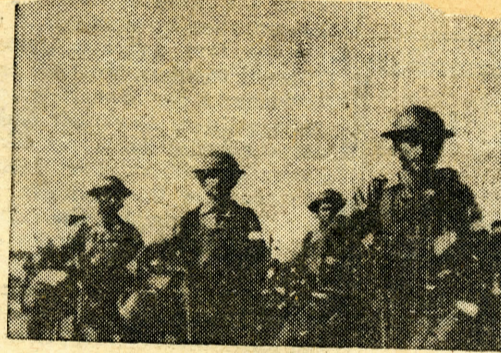
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The serious position of the Allies in Libya and the are being stressed weekly by your paper. It is only their heaviest defeat if the Axis succeeds in breaking t underscore more than ever the need for summoning fo Yet in the face of this eleventh-hour warning that the ically as the front in the Far East, the British Govern Palestinian and stateless Jews—an army of 200,000 men love for their homeland in Palestine could play a signa Only seventy-five miles from the Egyptian border these handed, unarmed, only because a shortsighted policy—a Burma, Malaya and Java—refuses to sanction a Jewish made a reality almost overnight, that army which could because of the stupid political (not military) policy of in Palestine and the Middle East to fight under the Jewi is to betray the very principles for which this war is bei all significance. It also means risking the loss of one because some groups refuse to translate this Roosevelt

We appeal to you as a moulder of American Public in England also—we appeal to you to help us in our ef

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Aufbruch zur Front: Täglich rüc



Courtesy United Palestine Appeal

Vor dem Rekrutierungsbüro der Jewish Agency
Zehntausend junge Juden dienen bereits in den britischen Streitkräften im Vorderen Osten und haben die Feuertaufe in Libyen, Griechenland und Kreta erhalten. 135,000 haben sich für den "National Emergency Service" gemeldet und werden in diesen Wochen der Gefahr eingezogen werden.