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Palestine Mess Puts U. N. On Trial For Its Existence

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The United Nations Security Council finally is face to face with the necessity of answering its Palestine commission's report that the partition of the Holy Land can't be carried out without force.

It's a difficult and dangerous problem. And it's unwelcome, for the U. N. must either produce a judgment of Solomon or the peace organization may come a cropper from which it never will recover. In short, the U. N. is on trial in a big way—maybe for its life.

The Palestine commission not only says force is a requisite for the carrying out of instructions, but it warns that quick action is imperative. To my mind that warning is one of the most vital points of the report, as should be clear to anyone who reads the headlines recording the bloody warfare between the Jews and the Arabs, and the preparations by both sides for all-out war.

The world has been looking to the United States for a lead in dealing with the Palestine issue—one of the most controversial of these troublesome times. This week Chief U. S. Delegate Warren R. Austin went before the Security Council and made a declaration. It was a most carefully worded statement—so guarded, indeed, that we await further enlightenment.

More Talk Proposed

Austin's main points would seem to be these: America proposes that the Big Five Powers (the U. S. A., Britain, France, Russia and China) begin immediate talks with the Arabs and Jews in an effort to settle the problem, but the exact nature of the talks isn't clear. The United States pledges that its policy "will conform to and be in support of United Nations action on Palestine." Austin said the council must act to restore peace but declared that it had no legal authority to enforce a political settlement, that is, partitioning of the Holy Land.

"The council's action," he said, "is directed to keeping the peace and not to enforcing partition."

Austin added that the United States is ready to enter consultations on the creation of an international force to keep peace in Palestine if the council decides such a course is necessary.

Outside Force Needed

Well, now, where does that leave us? The U. N. has decreed that the Holy Land shall be divided between the Jews and the Arabs. The Jews want partition and the Arabs don't. Both are arming to the teeth to maintain their viewpoints.

With the present temper of the Jews and Arabs, partition can't be carried out without the employment of outside force to keep the peace. Therefore if the Security Council doesn't provide a force to maintain peace the Arabs and Jews will fight it out to a terrible finish.

On the other hand, if the council does provide a peace force, it will be creating a situation which also facts will permit the Jews to establish their government against the wishes of the Arabs. In other words, any effective peace force will implement partition.

Try and figure out that one! That's what the Security Council has to struggle with. And the essence of the situation is speed.

State Press Comment

FROZEN TAX FUNDS (Oregon Journal)

If Attorney General Neuner had his way, the state's tax muddle wouldn't be a muddle at all. The \$35 million "surplus" in income and corporate excise would be placed in the general fund. The state board of control could draw upon it to pay off the state's general fund deficit (now \$7 million and growing like everything). The next legislature could appropriate from it for general state purposes. And the people wouldn't have to vote on that \$8 million property tax levy or on the grange-labor initiative to make corporate excise taxes available for general fund purposes. Everything would be just dandy.

But it isn't simple as that. The late Governor Snell found that out when he made some what the same proposal, that is, the transfer of \$7 million in corporate excise taxes to the general fund to meet the state deficit. The legislature found it out when it thoroughly explored the same possibility then turned in desperation to its sales tax proposal.

The state constitution is quite explicit about the whole matter of nailing down tax funds for specific purposes. Stripped of legal gobbledygook, it says you can't

spend tax funds set aside for a specific purpose for any other purpose whatever. Period. And both the state income tax act and the corporate excise tax laws state quite clearly that these moneys shall be used to offset state property taxes.

There are those who go along with Attorney General Neuner. They base their arguments on Section 6, Article IX of the state constitution which says: "When ever the expenses of any fiscal year shall exceed the income, the legislative assembly shall provide for levying a tax for the ensuing year, sufficient WITH OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME, to pay the deficiency," etc. But members of the legislature wouldn't gamble on it and the state board of control won't gamble on it, unless and until the supreme court has said OK.

So there we are—still in a tax muddle. And we'll continue to be in a tax muddle, with an ever-mounting general fund deficit, until the people approve a constitutional amendment that will unfreeze all frozen income tax and corporate excise tax funds. Anything short of that is pure makeshift.

It has been estimated that 16 million housing units in the United States in 1940 were in such poor condition that they needed to be replaced or rebuilt.

Poison Evidence Introduced At Widower's Trial

CLINTON, Ark., Feb. 25.—(AP)

—Charles Kincannon testified here yesterday in the trial of Lonnie A. Roberts on a charge of fatally poisoning his bride that there was strychnine in a farm home near Scotland, Ark., when he sold the home to Robbins last April.

It was at this home that Mrs. Robbins, a bride of less than a week, died last New Year's Eve of strychnine poisoning.

Kincannon, now of Yakima,

Wash., testified in the second day of the 49-year-old defendant's trial on a charge of first degree murder that the strychnine, in a small vial, was in a brown paper bag hanging on a wall.

Kincannon said a vial which the state contends contained the fatal poison "looks like" the one he had at his home but that he could not be certain.

The witness said he had obtained the strychnine from a neighbor, Herman Acton, to use in killing cows.

Hule Tucker, Abilene, Tex., postal clerk, testified that the 52-year-old Mrs. Robbins withdrew her postal savings of more than \$1,800 shortly before she and Robbins left Abilene, where they had been married Christmas day.

California Leads in Hunting Casualties

SACRAMENTO — (AP) — Cal-

ifornia broke its own record and led all states in 1947 with 18 killed and 32 wounded in hunting accidents.

This is according to the Division of Fish and Game. The division says the accident causes parallel a list of "don'ts" for safety around a gun.

Nimrods got shot by others who mistook them for deer, a turkey, and in one case, a rabbit. Hunters killed or wounded themselves while carrying a loaded gun on a streetcar, pulling a gun from an auto, resting a gun butt on the shoe while lighting a cigarette, crawling through a fence, fall-

ing, and—yes—looking down the muzzle.

Director Emil Ott, Jr., says hunting casualties for 1948 may be even higher unless hunters are more careful.

He says education is the answer. He notes only one veteran of World War II was on the 1947 list.

Fire-arms in mediaeval days were named after birds and beasts. The word "musketeer," for instance, is derived from the Italian word for a sparrowhawk.

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