

### Holy Land Peace Chances Upset By British Decision

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The gravity of the Palestine situation is emphasized by Britain's emphatic reaffirmation, delivered in Foreign Secretary Bevin's blunt language, that she is determined to withdraw from the Holy Land officially by May 15.

That smashes any hopes still held in United Nations circles that England might be persuaded to continue sitting on the lid. Some of the more optimistic have kept in mind that last October Britain said she would be prepared, under certain conditions, to continue administration of Palestine until independence was achieved if the Jews and Arabs settled their differences. However, Secretary Bevin himself referred to this in his statement to the House of Commons and added:

"But there has been no agreement between the Jews and the Arabs and, moreover, withdrawal of British administrative personnel has begun and is proceeding rapidly and we cannot reverse the process at this late hour."

**Truce Now Sole Hope**

Thus the position is grim, since Arabs and Jews are deploying their troops for battle which seemingly must eventuate unless there is armed intervention from outside, or unless a truce can be arranged. The time between now and May 15 is regarded in U.N. quarters as too short for the movement of suitable forces to the middle east to prevent war.

Therefore the peace organization has been concentrating on a truce. Certainly the time is short between now and May 15, but one wonders whether, after all, it really is too short to provide a force to keep the peace. There surely would be time to move aircraft carriers, with fighter planes and light bombers, and they would constitute a mighty persuasive force, lying off the coast of Palestine. Should such an operation be undertaken under the auspices of the U.N., it presumably would involve the United States and Britain, as the major operators of flat-tops.

If that isn't feasible, then apparently the remaining hope must rest in the truce for which the U.N. is pressing. Indeed, a truce would be by far the better solution, since out of that might grow a permanent settlement.

Pending the outcome of the negotiations the world at large will get vast satisfaction from the agreement reached by Arab and Jewish representatives to the

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THE WHITE LIES

By J. R. Williams

### Oregon Veterans Urged Not to Sign Bonus Petitions

PORTLAND (Special)—Terminating the efforts of Yank Legion, a veterans organization with headquarters in Portland, to secure a \$500 bonus for veterans of the last war as "premature," Francis G. Gates, Bend, state commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, said here that VFW members throughout the state are being asked not to sign bonus petitions soon to be circulated.

The petition was filed with the state elections bureau by Roland C. Bartlett, Portland, national commander of Yank Legion. Signatures of 18,969 registered voters must be filed by July 1 to place an initiative measure on the ballot in November.

Gates said that VFW is taking the stand that legislation pertaining to veterans affairs should emanate from the state legislature and then be referred to voters. "Many states have provided bonuses for veterans of the last war. VFW believes that the state legislators are best qualified to study the question, determine how large a bonus should be paid and a source of funds for a bonus," Gates said.

Bernard Mansfield, Portland, state legislative chairman of VFW, said "putting the question of a bonus before the voters this fall would be injurious to a chance of having a bonus approved at a more opportune election." Mansfield also pointed out

that Yank Legion is not nationally chartered by congress and is not recognized as a veterans organization by VFW.

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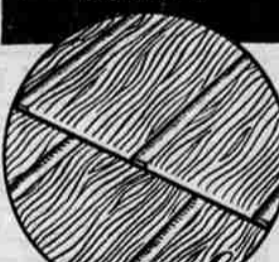
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