

Peace in Palestine Depends On Unity Among Big Powers; United States, Britain Split

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The failure of the United Nations thus far to achieve a truce in the Arab-Jewish war is tragic for the Holy Land and it's tragic for the peace organization, since it points to disunity within the U. N. itself.

The Arabs, while playing for time by calling on the U. N. to lay down exact terms for a political settlement, wouldn't agree to the truce called for except on conditions which included the demand that recognition of the new Jewish state of Israel be abandoned. This, of course, the Jews wouldn't accept.

So the conflict continues. It swirls about the birthplace of the Prince of Peace. It rages by the Mount of Olives, which stands for much that is cherished in Christian history—the place where Christ taught the disciples the Lord's Prayer. It is proceeding within the walls of ancient Jerusalem, where a small wish force has been stubbornly clinging to its hazardous position. Shells from Arab guns continue to batter the Holy City.

The war is still too young to disclose its trend. Not so the affairs of the United Nations—a house divided against itself. It is clear that if it cannot find a method of halting this new outbreak, its influence in the eyes of the world may drop so low as to render it impotent.

One of the greatest obstacles to peace lies in the fact that America and Britain are lined up on opposite sides. British Foreign Secretary Bevin told the House of Commons yesterday that England

will continue to fulfill treaty obligations to furnish officers for the Trans-Jordan Arab Legion unless this becomes "inconsistent with our obligations to the United Nations." On the other hand, observers figured that the Arab rejection of the truce was likely to harden the American stand favoring the Jewish state.

The clash between America is further seen in the question and Britain is further seen in the question of an American loan to Israel.

As things stand, the fate of the Holy Land depends on how long it takes the great powers to compose their own diogenes and bring the full weight of the United Nations to bear against the rupture of peace in Palestine.

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Turkey Worried By Obvious Aims Of Soviet Union

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The Turks, who are men of action but few words, are doing some quiet worrying for fear the Jewish-Arab conflict may result in Russian troops being sent into the Middle East as part of a United Nations force to establish peace.

The advent of Bolshevik fighting men under such circumstances in that strategic area isn't very likely, since American, British and France would be dead against it. Still, Turkey's anxiety is understandable because, with Muscovites on her south and Russian dominated Bulgaria on her northern frontier, she would be in a powerful red vise. And the Turks regard Russia as unfriendly, which is rather a euphemistic understatement of a harsh truth.

As a Moslem nation Turkey opposed the United Nations plan for a partition of Palestine between the Arabs and the Jews. Since then the Turkish government has sat tight until just now when foreign minister Sadak declared during a speech:

"We wish with all our heart that without bloodshed, without setting up in this region a continuous element of disorder and insecurity, a lasting solution could be found leaving the Arabs masters of their rights."

Then Sadak shot an arrow which observers thought was aimed at Moscow:

"Our purest objective is that threats of aggression, designs aimed at domination and conquest, be eliminated between peo-

ples, X X X X."

The foreign minister didn't inter-pret this statement, but its significance is clear enough when you know the background. Soviet Tries New Method

Russia is bent on establishing herself as a Mediterranean power. In order to achieve this she seeks domination of the Dardanelles Strait, which now is controlled by Turkey. The Turks decline to surrender any part of their rights over this strategic waterway between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, and the issue is a burning one which could easily become acutely dangerous.

That brings us to a new angle. The Muscovites use devious methods in applying pressure to their intended victims. Thus it was that recently the Soviet union sent a new ambassador to Turkey—Alexander Lavrishev. His Excellency has the reputation of being a tough guy and his appointment brought from observers the comment that Russia might be getting ready to put the screws on Ankara.

Two Roseburg Students Awarded Tuition Fees

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 27. (Special)—State tuition fee scholarships in the University of Oregon have been granted to 150 university students and high school students for the year 1948-49 by the high school relations committee of the State Board of Higher Education. Tuition fees for one academic year in the university have been awarded to Marian Slattery, daughter of Oriana Slattery, 229 S. Main St., Roseburg, and a junior major in business administration at the university; and to James Sanders, 133 N. Parrott St., Roseburg, who is a sophomore student in liberal arts at the university.

Amateur Fighters Offered Chance To Try for Olympics

The cream of the crop of amateur fighters from Oregon and Southwestern Washington will participate in a two-night elimination tournament at Portland City Auditorium June 3 and 4 in sub-regional tryouts for selection of the boxing team to represent the United States in the Olympic Games at London this summer.

Mitt welders from the Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce, Chemawa Indian School, Vanport Boxing Club, Ramblers Club, P.A.L. Vancouver Recreation Club and Multnomah Athletic Club, along with high school, college and university boxers from Oregon and Southwestern Washington, will compete in the pre-Olympics contest.

Winners in the eight weight brackets will be sent with all expenses paid to regional tryouts in San Francisco June 16 and 17. Regional winners will go on to Boston for the final tryouts to determine the 16-man Olympic games boxing team.

Any boxer who has never competed professionally and who is a citizen of the United States may obtain entry blanks and A. A. U. registration blanks from A. A. U. headquarters, 1849 S. W. Salmon street, Portland.

A beautiful Olympic games certificate will be awarded by the U. S. Olympic Committee to every contestant in the sub-regional trials, according to James

J. Richardson, Portland, member of the U. S. Olympic boxing committee.

Continued Rain Adds to Garden Nitrogen Needs

Blame the weatherman for garden crops that have an anemic appearance for this time of the year, because chances are good that continual rain has leached away the nitrogen supply, states Arthur S. King, O. S. C. soils specialist.

Continued rains wash the available nitrogen supply from the soil and cold weather prevents soil bacteria from manufacturing new nitrogen, King explains. Consequently, many gardens can be "pepped up" with a side dressing of nitrogen fertilizer.

For a row crop, apply one-half to one pound of ammonium sulphate per 100 feet of row. Ammonium sulphate or any other form of nitrogen fertilizer will serve the purpose. If straight nitrogen fertilizers are not available, however, use a complete fertilizer stepping up the application.

King states that fertilizer side-dressings should be placed in a shallow trench that is dug so the fertilizer material will lie within two or three inches of the plants.

Most obvious signs of a shortage of nitrogen, according to King, are the absence of vigorous plant growth and poor color. Suspect a shortage of nitrogen, King advises, in gardens where growth is poor but where in other years bumper crops have grown. Leaf

yellowing is also an indicator of nitrogen lack.

To tell the nitrogen content of a fertilizer, King offers this suggestion: Commercial fertilizers are frequently spoken of, for example, as 6-10-4. The first number in all cases is the percentage of nitrogen contained in the mixture. The second and third numbers are phosphate and potash content, respectively. Oregon fertilizer labeling laws require that the amounts of all three ingre-

dients be plainly marked on all bags.

Late planted gardens may also be disappointing on soil that is naturally fertile and which ordinarily produces good gardens without fertilizer. The natural supply of nitrogen has not had a chance to become available in many of these cases. A dose of fertilizer at planting time in addition to a side-dressing later will prove helpful.

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