

Partition Plan for Palestine Debated

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Pros and cons of the partition plan as a solution to the Palestine problem, were debated Tuesday evening in 3 Fenton, by a faculty-student panel, in the second of the "Town Meeting of the Air" series, under the sponsorship of the International Relations club.

Dr. Charles Schleicher, professor of political science and international relations, acted as moderator during the discussion and gave the opening remarks to speakers and to the audience.

First speaker on the affirmative side was Dr. Paul Means, head of the religion department, who stressed the right of the Jews to a national home.

Team Discusses Cost of Living

Causes, effects, and solutions of the current high cost of living problem were discussed by three members of the symposium team at the Kiwanis club meeting this week at the Osburn hotel.

Speakers include Bill Byrd, moderator, Jim Harrang, and Bill Boyer. The group was presented by Ray Nichols, assistant professor of speech and drama.

Harrang spoke on the economic approaches to the problem of high costs. He blamed the war and the present government policy for the high cost of living, and suggested a restoration of the traditional free exchange economy; a reduction in government expenditures; and a revised plan of foreign aid by which the government would send food overseas, but would not make gifts or loans except on the basis of repayment from future production.

Boyer, who spoke on the causes and problems of inflation, said that the cost of living has increased 70 per cent since 1939. He pictures the present situation as too much demand, too little supply, and an increase of money supply per capita.

"Any action taken on the part of congress should be taken with the knowledge of its long range effect," Boyer said.

He reviewed some of the legal aspects concerning the territory of Palestine which included mention of the mandate system which has been under the supervision of Great Britain since World War I. He cited the valuable work performed by the Jews in colonizing the area. Means presented the latter point as one right of the Jews for a separate state in Palestine, at least proportionate to the state proposed for the Arabs.

Professor R. W. Smith, of the history department, emphasized in his talk on the negative side of the issue, that the partition plan was not founded in justice to the Arabs, and that it was not a practicable scheme.

In elaborating on his statements, Smith told of the Arab fears that the Jews would try to swallow more than just a portion to be allotted to them. Also, he reminded his opponents that the partition plan did not have favor with the majority of the inhabitants of the region. The main reason for its impracticability is that it will require force to carry it out," he continued.

Partition Plan Adopted

"The partition plan is not considered the best possible plan that could be adopted for Palestine," Glen Morgan, junior in political science, pointed out for the affirmative side, "but at present, it seems to be the only possible solution open."

He reviewed the work of the delegation sent to Palestine in the summer of 1947 by the United Nations organization. In their report to the assembly of the U.N. in the fall of '47, the Palestine delegates recommended the partition plan, and it was adopted at this time by the assembly, Morgan explained. He stated that the other considered plans for Palestine were: the federal state system, and a unitarian state under Arab rule.

Ivan Makinster, graduate student in political science, based his negative discussion of the plan, on the economical, political, and legal

considerations against the partition plan in Palestine.

He mentioned the fact of natural resources in that country a hindrance in building modern societies for the two proposed independent states. The possibility of disagreement between the Russian and the United States forces, that would be among the troops called upon to participate in the international police force, to keep order in the area, was another point against partition, according to Makinster.

During the cross-questioning period, Professor Smith suggested that the United States open its doors to Jewish immigration, when asked of a solution to the issue being discussed. Both speakers on the negative side said that they felt the necessity of prompt action on the Jewish problem, but they did not feel that the partition plan was the best means to that end.

Preceding the debate, Bob Allen, president of the International club, welcomed the audience to the meeting and announced that the next one would be held February 24.

The discussion was tape-recorded and will be broadcast over station KORE at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Dicken to Give

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It was believed at the time that fanatic bands of German army and SS men might use these cave areas as fortresses from which to continue the resistance against American troops.

Members of Sigma Xi have scheduled a closed meeting at 7:30 on Tuesday evening, following which Dr. Dickens will present his talk to the honorary and to the general public.

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Colloids Chosen As Text Subject

"Modern Colloids," a textbook outlining the behavior of colloids written by Dr. Robert B. Dean of the chemistry department has been published by D. Van Nostrand company.

Colloids are large molecules too small to be observed with an optical microscope. Paper, rubber and paint are common colloids.

Main purpose of the textbook, which is on the senior and graduate level, is to present newer concepts of colloids as composed of molecules having definite shapes and structures.

Dr. Dean may teach a one-year course in colloid chemistry next fall.

Dean Invited to Symposium

He has been invited by the American chemical society to prepare a paper concerning the contents of textbooks of colloid chemistry for a symposium on the teaching of the subject. It will be held in Chicago this April.

Before coming to the University

Senior to Discuss Math of Insurance

Fred Howatt, senior in mathematics, will discuss the "Mathematics of Life Insurance" at the Mathematics club meeting today at 4 p.m.

National officers will be elected at the meeting, which is open to other interested persons.

Heart Hoppers to Meet

All Heart Hop committee chairmen are asked to attend a meeting at 4 p.m. at the YWCA, announced Sally Mueller, chairman.

last February, Dr. Dean taught at the University of Hawaii. He received his AB from the University of California, and his PhD from Cambridge university in England.

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