

Israeli Officer Speaks On Arab-Jewish Crisis

Egyptians will not start a war they feel they cannot win."

Lt. Col. Netanel Lorch, information officer at the Israeli consulate at Los Angeles, made this statement to his audience at the Student Union Friday night.

"The revolutionary regime in Egypt cannot afford a defeat, and a balance of arms may gain time for two reactions to come to terms."

Israel has demanded arms from the United States to balance arms sent to Egypt by Russia.

Last week was the anniversary of the signing of the Balfour Declaration in 1918 which began the Zionist movement. The declaration established a free state for the Jews in an internationally recognized homeland in Palestine. However, while extermination was going on in Germany, Britain kept the gates of Palestine closed, Lorch said. Following World War II when the Jews of Israel were not invited to the United Nations assembly, two years of revolt between the Jews and Britain broke out. Finally Britain gave the problem to the UN.

"In 1947, three years later, a great majority of the assembly voted to give part of Palestine to the Jews for Israel. It was a compromise we had to accept because of the many persons being held in German detention camps and other places and no other country would take them," he continued.

The day following the resolution, war broke out between the Arabs and the Jews which lasted 20 months. In the middle of May the Jewish people declared Israel the first Jewish state in 2,000 years while five Arab armies invaded the new state.

"We were successful," Lorch commented. "In 1949 we signed an agreement with the Arabs on armistice lines which might have led to peace. However, we haven't come any nearer to peace in seven years, but we have come dangerously close to war. The Arabs have carried on an active blockade against Israel and have announced their attention of wiping us out."

Lorch stated that according to 48-hour-old information no offi-

cial offer of arms for Israel from Russia has been received, but Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion has said that he will not accept such arms even if they are offered.

"We are a small country and small people, but we believe that we have the right to political sovereignty and bare lives. The United States, Britain, France are required to maintain balance in the Middle East as long as there is no peace."

"We want peace. We believe that we can accomplish a great deal together with the Arabs because the region and problems are one," Lorch stated.

In a question and answer period following his speech Lorch said that part of the reason for the hostility is because Israel is a progressive country and has a strong democratic government.

"If we had more opportunities to get together and know each other we would come to a better understanding," he concluded.

Lorch's visit to Eugene was sponsored by Hillel foundation.

Coulter Appointed to Chairmanship Of Oregon State Bar Committee

Raymond C. Coulter, field consultant for the League of Oregon Cities, has recently been appointed chairman of the Oregon State Bar committee on municipal law.

Appointed by the organization's board of governors, Coulter will serve as chairman of the 17 member committee for one year. Membership is composed of Oregon lawyers.

Functions of the committee are to examine the field of municipal law and to make any recommendations which they deem necessary in this field to the bar association.

Special attention will be given this year to legislation of amendatory nature, according to Coulter.

VETS' NEWS

MARRIED VETERANS — If your wife is "expecting," then this column should be read very carefully.

The rate of monthly allowance that you will draw will change from \$135 to \$160. The effective date of change, however, will not be until the VA has received proof of birth. The longer you wait to supply the VA with this proof, the later the effective date of your new rate for allowance will be. It is not retroactive.

It generally takes quite some time to receive such proof from the State Board of Health. This office, however, can be of assistance in securing much needed proof much more quickly.

This also applies to single veterans who are getting married. The new rate of allowance will be effective only as of the date the VA is supplied with proof of marriage.

If you contemplate a change in your dependency status, it is suggested you contact this office.

Inquiries about news in this column and other veterans affairs should be directed to our office at the address below:

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Campus Briefs

• All campus organizations who have not yet contracted for space in the 1956 Oregonian are requested to do so by Wednesday if they want to be assured of space, according to Kathy Dahl, organizations manager.

• Beta Alpha Psi, accounting honorary will meet Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Comm. 370, according to Roger Miller, secretary of the group.

• The Oregonian business office will take yearbook orders from Nov. 7-10, and Nov. 14-17 between 3 and 5 p.m.

Under the Weather

Nancy Kline, Carol Gard, Diane Trease and Nancy Gossett were confined to the infirmary for medical attention Sunday.

Foundation Announces 7th Awards Program

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has announced its seventh consecutive yearly program of cash awards, honor medals, distinguished service scrolls and honor certificates.

Totalling \$100,000 they will be given to authors of almost any phase of American speech or literature which helps to promote the American Way of Life.

All judging is done at Valley Forge by a 30-member awards jury composed of state supreme court jurists and executive offi-

cers of national veterans, patriotic, and service club organizations.

Every American is eligible to submit his own or any other person's, organization's or school's material in the 1955 Freedoms Foundation Awards program.

To be eligible, material must have been written or released after Nov. 11, 1954, and the nomination deadline is Armistice Day.

Material should be mailed to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., before Friday.

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