

U. S., France Offer Police For Palestine

Each Will Send 335 If Truce Continues

Bernadotte Asks U. N. Plea to Jews and Arabs; Reds Say He Exceeds Powers

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LAKE SUCCESS, July 6.—The United States and France, it was disclosed tonight, each have agreed to supply the United Nations with 335 men as part of a special force to patrol Haifa and Jerusalem if a Holy Land truce extension is negotiated by Count Folke Bernadotte, U. N. Palestine mediator.

Belgium, the third member of the original Security Council Palestine Truce Commission, which also was asked to supply 335 men for Palestine duty for a force of 1,005, has not yet replied to the Bernadotte request that was sent to the truce countries through U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie.

There was variation in the manner in which the United States and France agreed to send fresh contingents to Palestine providing the Holy Land's uneasy four-week truce can be extended by Jewish-Arab agreement past its deadline Friday.

Contingent Upon Renewal

France simply agreed to supply the men from France. The United States, in an agreement all of whose details were not clear, said it would authorize the United Nations to recruit 335 Americans and put them into U. N. service for the projected Palestine duty.

If the truce is not renewed—and apparently Count Bernadotte will not get his final and official Jewish and Arab answers until tomorrow night or Thursday morning—then the new U. N. force will not go to Palestine, according to word here tonight.

While Count Bernadotte continues to fly about the Middle East, there were indications today that he is going to come in for strong criticism tomorrow when the Security Council meets to consider adding its voice in appeal to Arabs and Jews to renew the truce.

Message From Bernadotte

When the Council met today, on the Indonesian question, it was confronted with a message from Count Bernadotte which closed with this plea:

"In order that the efforts toward mediation of the dispute may continue, and in the interests of the peaceful settlement of the problem by means of patient and tolerant effort and reciprocal good will, I ask the U. N. . . . to urgently appeal to the interested parties (Arabs and Jews) to accept in principle the prolongation of the truce for such period as may be decided upon in consultation with the mediator."

Great Britain, Belgium, France and the United States favored giving immediate and urgent priority to the Bernadotte message, with the Council going on record in support of a truce renewal plea in the hope that it might strengthen Count Bernadotte's hand during tomorrow's critical period in which the issue of truce or more war may be settled.

Syria saw no need for taking the matter up today. Her delegate, Faris El Knouri, said the

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Council needed more time to study documents, including some previous messages from Count Bernadotte which had not even been circulated among the Council members.

Soviet Criticism Forecast

Then came the forecast of sharp criticism for Count Bernadotte, and the source of it was separate speeches by Russian delegate Andrei A. Gromyko and Ukraine delegate Dmitri Z. Manuilsky, who is the July president of the Council.

Both wanted the Bernadotte request put over until tomorrow and both said that a simple item of truce renewal could not be discussed quickly and independently of the entire Palestine question because the existing four-week truce had been used as a camouflage for maneuvers and jockeying for position.

"Under the truce banner, various maneuvers and all kinds of business is being cooked up so that at least some members of the Security Council are dismayed," Mr. Manuilsky said.

Count Bernadotte, he went on, was sent Palestine to do a definite truce job, but now it develops that he has exceeded his authority and has tried to revoke previous Palestine resolutions of the U. N. General Assembly.

Refers to Tentative Proposals

By this reference the Ukraine Foreign Minister was hitting at the Bernadotte tentative proposals for Palestine settlement — proposals which aimed at revamping the U. N. partition plan by re-allocating areas among Arabs and Jews and by turning Jerusalem over to the Arab area.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, of Great Britain, hit back sharply at Mr. Manuilsky. There might be several opinions on the Council, he said, as to whether Count Bernadotte had exceeded his powers. Sir Alexander said he couldn't sit silent and let it seem that he agreed with Mr. Manuilsky.

And he said that it would be unfortunate if in the present tense stage of the Bernadotte negotiations to renew a Palestine truce, anything would occur which would make it appear that the

port and confidence of the Security Council.

Since Russia, Ukraine, China and Syria all favored putting the Bernadotte request over until tomorrow, it had to be settled that way, according to Council custom. At the request of Great Britain, however, the meeting was set for 11 a. m. tomorrow, rather than in the afternoon.

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