

# Peace in Palestine

## British Evacuation, Partition Will End Holy Land Strife, Says Rabbi

Enduring peace will come to Palestine after the British get out and the country is divided as recommended by the United Nations.

"The Jews are convinced we shall be able to guard our own borders and that ultimately we shall have nothing to fear from the Arabs and vice versa."

The prediction was made yesterday by Rabbi Franklin Cohn, executive director of the West Coast Palestine Histadrut campaign.

Histadrut is the Palestine Jewish labor organization to which 70 per cent of the Holy Land Jews belong.

The American Histadrut committee is raising funds with which to train farmers and technicians so they can go to Palestine and add their strength to the building of a new state.

**OPTIMISTIC AT OUTCOME**  
Rabbi Cohn is optimistic about the outcome of the Palestine problem, "because," he said, "this is the first time in a year the United States and the Soviet Union have been able to agree on a single major issue."

Other technicalities, which can be ironed out, separate the two powers.

Leans toward the United States plan for the governing of Palestine between the time the British quit it and the two new countries start on their own.

The Soviet Union wants the new mandate to fall under the U. N. Security Council.

The United States wants to guide the land by a committee from the U. N. General Assembly.

The rabbi believes in the United States method because he fears the veto power of the Security Council members. He believes application of

the power may stymie day-to-day decisions in Palestine.

But the important thing he emphasized, was for the British to get out. "The British government," Rabbi Cohn said, "has done nothing to strengthen the economic development of our country or help its colonization."

What's more, he charged, the British have neglected to round up the Jewish terrorist organizations—Irgun and Stern Gang—in order to have disturbances to demonstrate the need for British troops in Palestine.

There are about 3000 terrorists and 120,000 British troops in the Holy Land, he said.

The Jewish and Arab masses, he held, are not unfriendly toward each other. It's just the Arab land holders who are looking for trouble, Rabbi Cohn said.

And they won't move, he explained, because the Arabs do not have a well equipped army.

**OIL INVOLVED**  
Also, Rabbi Cohn added, British and American oil interests pay big money—\$52,000 daily to Ibn Saud of Arabia—for the right to work the oil fields.

A holy war—as some Arab leaders threaten—would disturb the operations and reduce the profits of the oil interests.

Solution—threaten to quit paying the landowners royalties if there is a war and there will be peace.

Rabbi Cohn plugged "Behind the Silken Curtain" the story of Palestine by Attorney Bartley Crum of San Francisco.

"No other book has ever brought the issue so clearly before the people," he said.

# 70,000 European War Dead Will Not Be Returned

## PARIS, Nov. 5 (AP)—The American Graves Registration Command is preparing to bury 70,000 soldier dead of World War II in 10 permanent cemeteries in Europe, Brigadier General Howard Peckham said today.

In a speech before the Anglo-American Press Association, Peckham said the next of kin of others of the 145,000 American soldiers buried in Western Europe were asking that the bodies be sent home to the permanent cemeteries, Peckham said, are Henri Chappelle in Belgium, Cambridge in Britain, Hamm in Luxembourg, Marratten in Holland and St. Laurent, Epinaul, St. James, Neville, St. Avold and Draughton in France.

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**Warring China Armies in Major Battle**  
PEIPING, Nov. 5 (AP)—A major battle between warring Chinese armies in Southwestern Manchuria and an engagement near the capital of that territory were reported in pro-government dispatches today.

The newspaper Shih Chieh Jih Pao reported a 72-hour battle near Ishien, 120 miles west of Mukden, in which 70,000 Chinese Communist troops took part. Its dispatch said the Reds sustained 15,000 casualties in attacks on government positions, but it did not report the outcome of the battle.

Other Nationalist accounts reported an engagement 20 miles south of Changchun, Manchuria's capital, between 10,000 Reds and a government column pushing northward in an attempt to break the Communist cordon around the capital. Communists who had been attacking Kirin, 60 miles east of Changchun, were reported moving southwest through Schwangang and Itung, indicating a major battle was in the making between Changchun and Seepingkan.

Lieutenant General Teng Wen-yi, military spokesman in Nanking, predicted the Manchurian Communists would concentrate their attacks on Changchun and Kirin. He said Communist casualties totaled 100,000 troops in the two months of the new Red offensive.

**Nationalist Commander Favors Offensive on Reds**  
CHANGCHUN, Nov. 5 (AP)—General Pan Yu-kun, commander of the famous Nationalist First Army, said today that all Nationalist forces in Manchuria would jump off next spring in an offensive to defeat the Communists, finally and completely.

Pan said in an interview that the Communists would be attacked "wherever they may be found." This would mean a departure from the present Nationalist tactics of sticking close to railroads and roads and going after the Communists in open country.

"Our present aim is not to occupy cities," he said, "but to destroy the main Communist strength. The outcome of the civil war will be decided in Manchuria—the only stronghold remaining to the Communists after their defeat at Yenai. The rest of the problem can be solved accordingly."

# Touring Congressmen Backing Arab Oil Inquiry

## Committeeman Says Group Advised To Beware of Action by Yugoslavs

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# Stork Gives Hospital Premature Baptism

## SISSETON, S. D. (AP)—The stork forced postponement of the grand opening of the new Roberts County community hospital here.

Workers were putting the finishing touches on the new building when Mrs. Frank Westlighter of Lake City, S. D., arrived. Doctors, after delivering an eight-pound boy, decided the hospital had been properly dedicated and postponed the opening.

Brewster said reporters he talked to Forrestal early in the committee's current series of hearings on Arabian oil. He said the former Navy Secretary was interested in the possibility of the Navy's recovering some of the money it paid for Arabian oil if the committee decides there are grounds for such action.

Brewster said that while he was not prepared to make a judgment yet, there might be an opportunity for recovery if the committee could prove "substantial misrepresentation."

The committee today took a second "breather" from its public hearings on charges the Navy lost \$30,000,000 by buying Arabian oil from the Arabian-American Oil Company for \$1.05 a barrel in 1945, when it could have gotten the same oil for 40 cents a barrel in 1941.

During the recess, committee investigators will seek to learn if any Navy "brass" put undue pressure on subordinates to okay the \$1.05 figure, even though the subordinates thought it excessive. Two former Navy officers who approved the contract testified yesterday they felt the price "unfair," but said the company would not come down and their superior insisted they sign because of "war necessity."

**Grand Juror Gets a Break**  
FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)—Gayle Lewis violated the law while trying to enforce it.

Lewis parked his automobile near the court house while the grand jury, of which he was a member, was in session. The jurors deliberated long.

When Lewis returned to his automobile, he found a ticket from the police department, of which his brother-in-law, Henry Morrow, is acting chief.

It required all the eloquence of Circuit Judge William B. Ardrey to persuade Chief Morrow that Lewis should not be punished.

# Fisherman's Luck Pays Off for Cops

## NEWTON, Ia. (AP)—State Senator Fred Maytag, II, paid a \$10 fine in Mayor's Court on charges of driving 40 miles an hour in a 25-mile zone and then presented Newton police with a 14-pound muskallonge.

Maytag said the muskie was a reward for police vigilance in enforcing the speed laws. The fish was served at a police dinner.

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# Churchill Fears Burma 'Blood Welter'

## LONDON, Nov. 5 (AP)—Winston Churchill, opposing a government bill to give Burma complete independence, declared in the House of Commons today the rich, East Asiatic nation would fall into a "blood welter" when it became free.

"We are bound to dissociate ourselves from the policy and method pursued by the government," declared Churchill, wartime Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative opposition.

Preceding Churchill to the floor of the House, Prime Minister Attlee expressed "deep regret" that Burma had decided against becoming a British dominion.

But he urged the House to pass the independence bill because "the elected representatives of Burma chose independence, and, in our view, nations have the right to decide the nature of their own government."

Churchill said about 12,000 murders were reported in Burma in the first seven months of this year.

"It is only a prelude to the blood welter which will soon begin, as it has in India," he said.

Burma has drawn up a constitution and, under the terms of the independence bill—which the government intends to give final approval before Christmas—will become fully independent next January 6.

Churchill said the granting of Burmese independence "falls with particular weight on the Prime Minister himself."

Attlee was considered the architect of both Indian and Burmese independence bills. Freedom for both countries has long been a platform of the Labor party.

"I would be sorry to go down in history with my name bearing the burden resting upon him," Churchill said, because "we stand on the threshold of another scene of ruin."

The Conservatives, he said, "will not be compromised or disgraced by taking part in this."

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