

No U. S. Rift On Palestine, Attlee Says

LONDON, May 21 (U.P.)—Prime Minister Attlee today denied in the House of Commons there was any rift between the United States and Britain over Palestine.

Attlee said Britain was doing its best to get both the Jews and Arabs to accept the United Nations' proposed four-week truce. He appealed to the House not to press Foreign Secretary Bevin for a statement on Palestine now.

"There matters are under consideration by various parties and it would be unfortunate that a statement should be made or questions put which might in any way jeopardize the possibility of acceptance," Attlee said.

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During a question period in Commons, Foreign Undersecretary Christopher Mayhew conceded the Arabs probably are using arms supplied by Britain during the past few years.

However, he said, there was no evidence British war material sent recently to Arab countries had been diverted for the Holy Land struggle.

Mayhew assured Commons the government still was determined not to participate in imposing a Palestine solution not acceptable to both Jews and Arabs.

U. N. TERMS

(Associated Press reported conflicting British and Jewish interpretations of the latest United Nations truce terms threaten the immediate future of nearly 24,000 Zion-seeking Jews in Cyprus.

(A Foreign Office spokesman told news conference questioners the position of the Cyprus internees is under consideration in the light of the U. N. stipulation that Jews and Arabs were to introduce no more fighting personnel into Palestine.

(The Jews have been held in Cyprus for months after having sought vainly to run Britain's naval blockade of the Holy Land without immigration certificates before May 15. Most of them came from displaced persons' camps in Europe. About 500 have been moved to Palestine since Britain gave up her mandate May 15.

(Maurice Rosetti, spokesman for the Jewish Agency, said the agency's interpretation of the U. N. order was that the State of Israel could go ahead with its program of moving immigrants to Palestine.

("The U. S. amendment to the British resolution clearly was intended to keep out soldiers, not immigrants," he said. "The Jewish authorities, if they decide to accept the terms, will abide by that interpretation. And the Jews held in Cyprus are regarded as immigrants and not as soldiers.")