

Palestine Peace Talks

Arab League Reported Saying No To Israel's Invitation to Confer

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Aug. 10 (AP)—A source close to the Arab League said today it has rejected a Jewish invitation to start peace talks on Palestine.

(United Press reported that Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary general of the League, announced Tuesday night that the Arabs were rejecting the Jewish proposal for a conference.)

Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok of Israel last week requested Count Folke Bernadotte, U. N. mediator for Palestine, to invite the Arab states to enter peace talks. The Arab League, representing the seven states arrayed against Israel in the truce-stilled war, replied to Bernadotte.

The informant said the proposal was rejected on the premise that Arabs did not recognize "any such gang as the pseudo-government of Israel, which has no international status."

In Jerusalem, Bernadotte resumed talks with Jews and Arabs after a night of sniping, machine-gunning and shelling around the Holy City.

Bernadotte said Arab forces had withdrawn from the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway at Latrun. The Arab Legion had controlled this section of the highway for many weeks.

In Tel Aviv, Israel, Hebrew language newspapers hailed the arrival of a Russian diplomatic mission to Israel as a "great event in the life of our young state."

Pawel Ivanovitch Yarshov, Soviet Minister to Israel, and his party arrived at Haifa yesterday.

Truman Denies Rift With Marshall on Israel Policy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—President Truman denied today that Secretary of State Marshall had threatened to resign because of a difference of opinion over the American policy toward Israel.

The New York Star had published a story saying the President and Marshall were split over American policy and that Marshall threatened to quit.

Charles G. Ross, presidential press secretary, early in the day said the report "certainly is news to me" when told of it. Later, after checking with the President, he said the President flatly denied the story.

Michael McDermott, State Department press officer, also said, "I'm sure there's nothing in that, because there is no conflict between the President and Marshall."

The Star had said the President wanted to grant the Jewish state a loan, extend full legal recognition and sponsor Israeli membership in U. N.

McDermott told a news conference the United States is considering a \$100,000,000 Export-Import

Bank loan to Israel. It would be used for economic development.

McDermott said the question of giving full legal recognition to Israel also is under study.

McDermott said the U. S. would "view sympathetically" any application from Israel for membership in the United Nations "under the charter."

No Gas Price Change Following Ethyl Raise

Local oil company officials said no gasoline price rise is likely to result from the 7½ per cent increase in the price of "Ethyl" anti-knock compound, announced yesterday by the Ethyl Corporation.

The determining factor in gasoline prices, they said, is the crude oil market. Other fluctuations, they said, ordinarily can be "absorbed."

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