

# ARABS ARE GOADED FOR WAR ON JEWS

## Injunction to Kill Inflames Meeting—Excommunication for Land Sales Threatened

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**JERUSALEM, July 6**—In a series of speeches in Haifa that were more inflammatory than any others heard in Palestine since the Arab revolt a decade ago, Arabs sounded today a virtual "call to arms." There were threats of another revolt unless the United Nations met their demands of sovereignty. Further steps were taken to end land sales to Jews and to strengthen the boycott against Zionist goods.

[Moslem and Christian Arabs at the meeting adopted a resolution excommunicating any Arab who would sell land to a Jew, the United Press reported. The convention decreed that a new interpretation of the Bible and the Koran showed that such action was against the principles of the Moslem and Christian religions and would therefore be punished by excommunication.]

More than 5,000 Arabs, including mayors, mukhtars (headmen) sheiks and tribal chiefs, gathered in the Moslem Brotherhood building at the first of a series of meetings intended to impress on Arabs the seriousness with which their leaders view the situation and to incite them to action. Feelings ran high and reached a climax when the name of the Mufti, Haj Amin el Husseini, who is in exile in Egypt, was mentioned. Excited tribesmen fired into the air outside the building while thousands cheered.

### Speaks for Mufti

The highlight of the meeting was provided by Jamal el Husseini, acting chairman of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, who prefaced his remarks by saying "this is not my speech but actually the Mufti's." The Mufti is still the head of the committee.

The acting chairman told the crowd that "revolution is something that cannot be avoided unless Great Britain proclaims our independence." He went on: "If trespassing on our rights continues and our just demands are ignored, revolt is inevitable. It is inevitable unless the Arab struggle succeeds and the United Nations gives us justice."

He said the Arabs would "gain back every inch of land" already sold.

"The Jews are dreaming of conquering our country, but later they will find out that we shall fight them for it more than our grandfathers did," Jamal el Husseini said.

### Vows Death of "Enemy"

Further inciting remarks came from Sheik Sabri Aabdin, land secretary of the committee. "We shall kill every single enemy who will try to prevent us from reaching our aims," he said. "We are now in a real war. Jews are coming to us from all parts and by land, sea and later probably by air," he declared. "We must prove to the world that we are ready to stick to our Palestine more than at any other time in our history."

"We are the nephews of the martyrs who died before, and we shall not seed our land or harvest until we have pushed the enemy back."

He admonished the Arabs that "selling land to Jews is like an Arab selling the Mosque of Omar in Jerusalem."

Sheikh Mohammed Nimer el Khatib, secretary of the Moslem Committee of Haifa went into graphic detail about those killed in the 1936-39 Arab rising. He ended by saying, "we go south to Cairo to see the Mufti, who is sure not to die before he sees Palestine free from her present rulers." At this point more shots were heard outside.