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CAIRO, Egypt, July 3—Seven pages of Arab League counter-proposals were handed to Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Mediator for Palestine, this afternoon in reply to his suggestions for a Palestine settlement.

Abdel Moneim Mustapha Bey, chief of the Arab League Political Department, presented the counter-proposals to Count Bernadotte at the United Nations offices in Shepheard's Hotel at 3 P. M. shortly after the Mediator had arrived by plane.

The essential points in the reply were understood to be that the Arabs would not accept the existence or sovereignty of the State of Israel and were not satisfied with the vague restrictions of Israeli immigration suggested by Count Bernadotte.

[In Amman, King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan announced that the Palestine peace proposals of Count Bernadotte had been rejected and that the Arabs were "going to resume the fighting and rely on our arms," Reuters reported. "We are in Palestine for one of two things—either permanent glory or honored martyrdom," Abdullah was quoted as having said.]

Replying to a question, the Arab League official appeared anxious to avoid the term "rejection," insisting on the fact that he had presented counter-proposals. This meant that the League was willing to continue the discussions and that there was still some hope of avoiding a resumption of hostilities.

Although the Egyptian press predicted that fighting would resume next Friday at the latest, neutral United Nations circles thought that Count Bernadotte had scored something of a success. They discerned a developing willingness among the Arab League representatives to call off the fighting if Israel would make concessions sufficient to preserve the dignity of the Arab states.

In this connection it was pointed

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out that much depended on the results of King Abdullah's conversations with King Farouk of Egypt, King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia and the Iraqi Government and also the future intentions of the Arab Legion which were not yet clear here.

Count Bernadotte parried questions by pointing out that the Egyptian press "seems to know all about my suggestions." He referred to the disclosures of the newspaper Al Misri two days ago. He said that the texts of his suggestions and the Arab reply would be released tomorrow.

This evening he and Pablo Azcarate of Spain conferred at Arab League headquarters with the League liaison committee consisting of Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary general of the League; Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha, Prime Minister of Egypt; Riad Es-Solh, Premier of Lebanon, and Tewfik Abul Huda, Premier of Trans-Jordan.

Count Bernadotte was understood to have proposed an extension of the truce so as not to interfere with the discussions.

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