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Confers in Tel Aviv and Cairo —Insists He Get Answers on Extension Tonight

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CAIRO, Egypt, July 6—Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations Mediator, conferred with Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary general of the Arab League, for two hours tonight on the proposed extension of the Palestine truce. He will meet the political committee of the League at 10:30 A. M. tomorrow and probably will return to Rhodes thereafter to await the Arab and Jewish replies.

[Count Bernadotte demanded that the Arabs and Israel state by tonight whether they would agree to an extension of the truce, The United Press reported.]

In United Nations circles it was felt tonight that there was a fifty-fifty chance that the truce would be prolonged. Count Bernadotte was understood to be undecided whether he should continue his mediation efforts if the fighting were resumed.

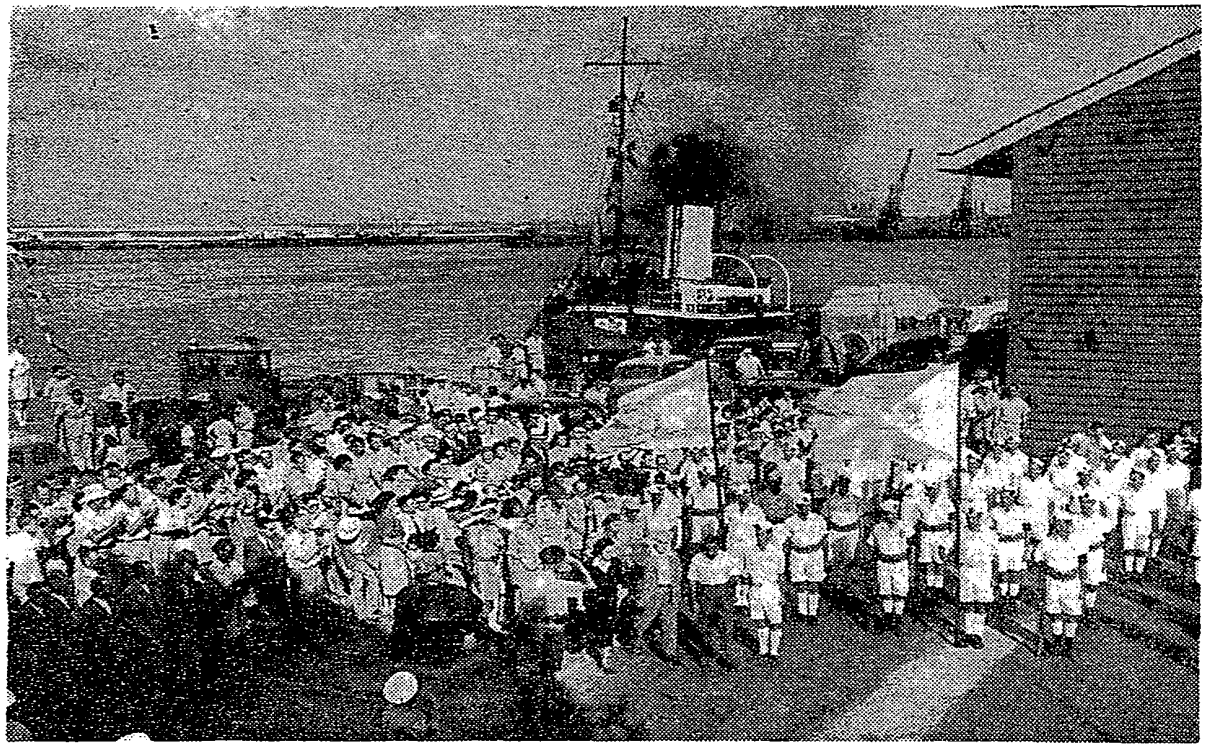
On both sides, United Nations personnel said, public opinion had been fanned to a state of belligerency that would make it difficult for the Governments to explain a continuation of the truce.

Wish to Avoid Aggression

The Governments on both sides, it was pointed out, are, however, eager to avoid being placed in a position of an aggressor. The Zionists, who base their Government's entire existence on the United Nations, would not be likely to defy the Security Council. The Arabs would not like a situation to develop that would favor raising the United States arms embargo or, even worse, direct a Russian intervention in favor of Israel.

Even if they should reject a prolongation of the general truce some Arab quarters believed tonight that there was a possibility of an agreement on the neutralization of Jerusalem and Haifa.

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Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion arrives to preside over the ceremony
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