PALESTINE REGIME PLANNED BY ARABS

League Approves Early Set-Up of Unitary State Assembly With Minority Protection

CAIRO, Egypt, July 9 (Reuters) —The Political Committee of the Arab League has approved a plan for the establishment "as soon as possible" of a provisional government in Palestine, it was disclosed tonight.

The plan provides for a unitary state representing all communities in Palestine in numerical proportions.

The provisional government will work out an electoral law for formation of a constituent assembly.

Basic Principles of Assembly

The basic principles for the constituent assembly are:

(1) Palestine shall be a sovereign, democratic and unitary state.

(2) The constitution must provide for free worship, protection of the Holy City and respect for human rights without distinction of race, religion or language.

(3) Religious bodies shall be entitled to educational institutions.

(4) Hebrew shall be the official language in districts where Jews are in the majority.

(5) Arabs and Jews shall be represented in the legislative authority according to numerical proportion.

(6) The legislative authority may grant local bodies wide powers in connection with education, health and social services.

(7) Guarantees concerning the rights of minorities laid down in the constitution can be modified only with the consent of the minority concerned.

(8) A nationality law shall provide that no one can obtain Palestine nationality unless he has been habitually resident in Palestine for a certain period to be fixed by the Constituent Assembly.

The plan formed the basis of counter-proposals made by the Arab League to Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations mediator, on July 3 following the league's rejection of his original suggestions as the basis of discussion for a final settlement in Palestine.

It was based on proposals advanced by the Arabs during the abortive 1946 London Conference on Palestine.

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