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Azzam Pasha Says Fighting Will Continue Pending Meeting of Political Committee —Israel Accepts Latest Proposal

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CAIRO, Egypt, July 10—Pending such time as the Political Committee of the Arab League meets again, Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, as Secretary General of the League, today rejected the most recent request of Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations Mediator, for a ten-day truce in Palestine beginning at noon, Greenwich Mean Time, today.

[The Associated Press quoted Azzam Pasha as having said that the Arabs could not even agree to a three-day truce extension.

[Israel told the United Nations on Saturday that it was ready to accept Count Bernadotte's appeal for the ten-day truce if the Arabs would also lay down their guns.]

It would be "unreasonable," Azzam Pasha declared to correspondents, to expect the Arab states to accept the proposal until the Political Committee met. Meanwhile, he said, "fighting will continue."

He said that the time and place of the next meeting of the League had "not yet been discussed." No confirmation could be obtained in Cairo of reports that the meeting would take place in Beirut.

Belief that peace might yet be restored persisted in diplomatic circles. Britain was reported to be subjecting the Arab Governments, and particularly King Abdullah of Trans-Jordon, to intense pressure to put an end to the fighting. But it was also generally agreed that it would be impossible, psychologically and politically, for the Arab leaders, who have just proclaimed the reasons for having refused to prolong the former truce to accept another.

According to reliable Arab sources, proposals for the demilitarization of Jerusalem, which Count Bernadotte had made to King Abdullah, had been forward-

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ed to the League secretariat and had been received today.

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Count Folke Bernadotte (center), United Nations mediator in the conflict, talking with newspaper men after his plane landed in Rome, en route to Lake Success, where he will make report.

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