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Higher Committee Spokesman Calls Talk of Exchange With Israel 'Irresponsible'

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LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., July 23 —Isa Nakleh, representative of the Palestinian Arab Higher Committee, today denounced "irresponsible talk" regarding the possibility of an exchange of minorities between Israel and the Arab states, including the Arab area of Palestine.

Arthur Lourie, head of the Israeli United Nations office, disclosed yesterday that Israeli Government circles were considering the possibility that Jews in surrounding Arab countries also might be exchanged, but Mr. Nakleh said that Israel had no right to speak for these Jews.

The Arab countries regard Jews resident in their territory as loyal citizens "except for a few who have been contaminated by Zionists," Mr. Nakleh said.

Gives Discussion Terms

The committee spokesman, declaring that the Palestinian Arabs would fight 100 years if necessary to destroy Israel, said the Arabs were always ready to negotiate a peaceful settlement through the United Nations, but would "only negotiate with the Jews about the position of a Jewish minority within a Palestine state."

Mr. Nakleh today made public a thirteen-page memorandum accusing the Palestinaian Jews of massacring Arab women and children; defiling the holy places, and using both dum-dum bullets and bacteriological warfare. The memorandum has been sent to most United Nations delegations here and the committee plans to distribute 15,000 copies in most countries of the world, said Mr. Nakleh. He added:

"When the Fascists and Nazis persecuted the Jews of Europe, Jews everywhere saw to it that the civilized world learned all the details of these atrocities through their powerful and world-wide propaganda machine. Paradoxically, none the less, the Jews of Eastern Europe who suffered so much at the hands of their persecutors have been good pupils. They have now established for themselves a record for savagery in Palestine."

The memorandum contrasted the "chivalrous Arab policy" with the "massacres, indiscriminate killing and savage acts, maltreatment and humiliation of prisoners, indecent acts against women and girls, looting of property, destruction of property, and destruction and desecration of holy places," allegedly committed by the Israeli forces.

"According to reliable reports from accredited doctors among Arab patients treated by them were ones struck by dum-dum bullets," the memorandum said.

"For several years the Zionists have planned and prepared for the use of bacteriological warfare," it added. "To that end they set up laboratories in Palestine. The Jews plan to use this inhuman weapon against the Arabs in the Middle East in their war of extermination."

Suggests Cholera Link

The memorandum said that there was "some" evidence, though it was not conclusive, that Zionists were responsible for the outbreaks of cholera in Egypt in November, 1947, and in Syrian villages on the Palestine-Syrian borders "about February, 1948."

It then quoted from a communiqué by the Egyptian Ministry of Defense on May 29, 1948, saying that four "Zionists" had been caught trying to infect artesian wells around Gaza with "a liquid which was discovered to contain the germs of dysentery and typhoid."

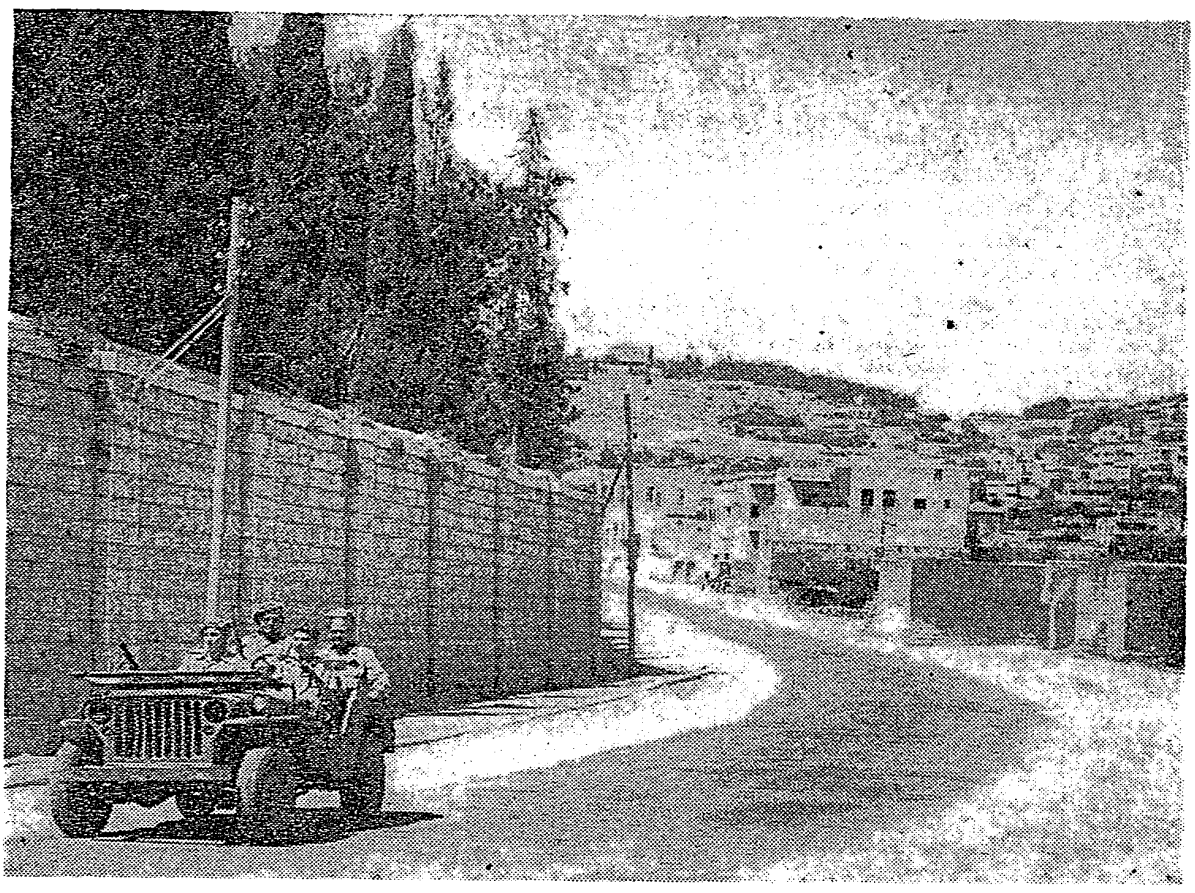
The Egyptian Government obtained a confession from one of them, it was charged, and planned to communicate the facts to the International Red Cross.

The Arab Higher Committee has a seat at all Security Council discussions of the Palestine question. However, it withdrew early in July in protest against the decision to accredit Aubrey S. Eban for Israel, who previously had received a seat at the table as representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

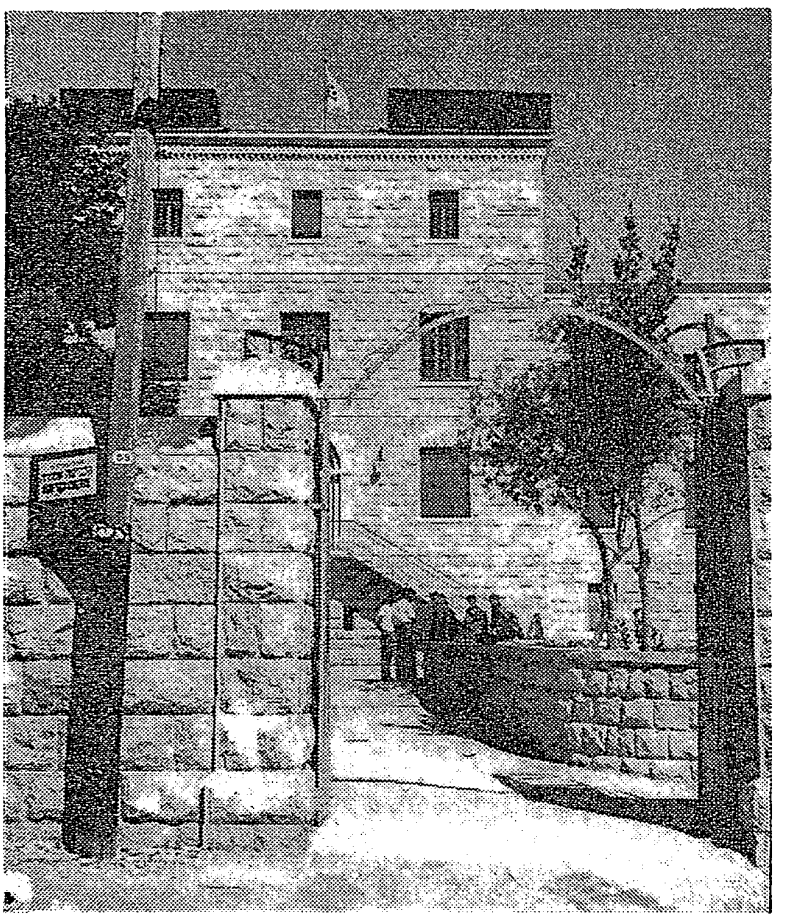
Mr. Nakleh said today that the committee would continue its refusal to participate under such conditions. The Security Council, meeting on the Palestine question for the first time since the new truce went into effect, on Tuesday will take up a Syrian proposal that the World Court be asked for a ruling on the status of Palestine since the end of the British mandate.

British sources indicated today that the British delegation might bring up at that time the kidnapping by the Irgun Zvai Leumi of five employes of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation.

ISRAELI FORCES TAKE POSSESSION OF NAZARETH



An armed Haganah jeep patrols the undamaged city after the Arabs surrendered it without a fight



The Hebrew sign at the left warns the Haganah forces against removing any religious property. The New York Times (by Gossett, Israel)

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