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The Fact of Partition

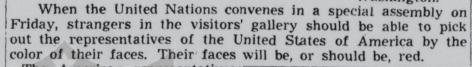
transformed into a solid fact.

difficult to see how any other result could situation as a whole. have been anticipated. The partition resolution of the United Nations fanned to consuming flame the long-held hopes of the Jewish world; it was not to be supposed that Zionists could wait indefinitely upon the hesitations and delays of outside powers. As the Arab opposition to a Jewish state forced upon them the need for military action, so the Western indecision has forced on them the political initiative. Though we dislike to see the international authority by-passed, we cannot as Americans be wholly insensitive to the reasons which impel a people to declare its independence, not wholly unmoved by the courage which makes such a declaration possible.

The rapidly developing situation in Pal-The report of the Palestine Committee of estine calls our policy-makers to a rethe United Nations reveals candidly how examination of their course. They still tend little has been accomplished by this body to act as if partition were something which in implementing the partition resolution of depended on their will, and could be given last Nov. 29. It foresees in Palestine, unless or withdrawn by turns. They talk, if readequate outside help is forthcoming, "ad- ports from Washington are correct, about ministrative chaos, starvation, widespread sending troops to maintain security in the strife, violence and bloodshed." At the same Holy Land only if a truce between Jews and time, in a solemn declaration, the General Arabs has first been achieved—ignoring the Zionist Council has asserted that an inde- fact that the Arabs will make no truce with pendent Jewish state will be established on partition, and that the Jews will not sur-May 16, the day following Britain's de- render the goal they have desired so long parture. The vacuum left by the Palestine and which they have seen coming so near. Commission is thus being filled by the The United States must seek to limit its Zionists themselves; and partition, which involvement in this troubled area and apply has had its setbacks as a theory, is being its force in the most efficient possible way. But the time has come when a course must That the Zionists have been driven to act be laid which accepts our full responsibility without the official blessing of the interna- and is shaped to the unescapable factorstional organization is regrettable; yet it is military and political—of the Palestine

On the Other Hand

By Lowell Mellett=



The American representatives will occupy a humiliating position, humiliating to themselves and to the great country for which they undertake to speak.

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threats and ask the rest of the world to join in the capitulation. To replace the partition plan the American delegation back in November worked day and night, in the Assembly chamber and in hotel rooms, to line up a majority of the nations for the partition plan—the only plan that seemed to contain the elements of justice and practicality. They were completely successful. Even the Soviet Union agreed.

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threats and ask the rest of the world to join in the capitulation. To replace the partition plan the capitulation. To replace the partition plan the capitulation. To replace the partition plan the American government will suggest a trusteeship under the U. N. This is acceptable to neither the Arabs nor the Jews. For one thing, there is no reason to believe that it can be made to work or can even be set up before the date of May 15, when Great Britain is due to relinquish her Palestine mandate. For another, it is flagrant affront to both the Jews and the Arabs.

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constructive jobs thus far accomplished within the U.N. This of
itself would contain no cause for humiliation if anything had happened to reveal that the original action was unwise, unfair or in

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