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National Conference for Palestine, 1947.

We were eagerly awaiting the answer to three questions which have been posed by the recent developments in connection with the discussion of the Palestine problem at the United Nations.

Will the United Nations discuss and act upon the report of its own committee on Palestine judiciously and objectively in consonance with its very high principles or will it permit itself to be intimidated and terrorized by the war threats of the few Arab states who are themselves members of the United Nations and who have pledged themselves to observe its principles which demand that no nation shall resort to the use of threat or force to gain its objectives?

The manner in which the United Nations will react to this outrageous panic-propaganda of the Arab States will enhance or destroy the future effectiveness of the United Nations as an instrumentality for the solution of international problems and for the maintenance of peace.

The second question whose answer we were eagerly awaiting was: What will be the attitude of the United States to the report of the Committee? Will the United States Government throw the weight of its influence behind the report and thereby uphold the hands of the United Nations? Will it, in this decisive hour, speak up for the majority report? The reply was given today by the United States delegation to the UN. It was a clear, forthright, affirmative. It was American statesmanship at its best and noblest. It is a tribute to President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall as well as to the members of the U.S. delegation.

There is a third question, the answer to which we are eagerly

awaiting: Will Great Britain cooperate in the implementation of the decision which will be reached by the United Nations? Will it assume along with others its proper share of responsibility during the brief transition period to insure as far as possible a peaceful transition from the present mandatory status of the country to the setting up of two independent states in Palestine? In the very process of withdrawing, and by the manner of its withdrawal, Great Britain can assist vitally the two states which the United Nations report would like to see established, will strengthen the hands of the United Nations and will restore the friendly relationship between Great Britain and the Jewish people, which most regrettably has deteriorated so sadly in the last few years.

The Palestine question offers the prospect of one issue on which the great powers can all agree. Everyone realizes and profoundly regrets the deterioration which has set in in the relationship between the great powers. There seems to be no basic question on which they can agree. The position of the United Nations is being seriously shaken by this continuing and lamentable discord. Here is one issue on which the great powers can agree. Their previous declarations seem to indicate a tentative acceptance of the principle of partition as a solution of the Palestine. The President of the United States made that clear in his statement of October 1946. Mr. Andre Gromyko speaking for the Soviet Union also indicated the readiness of his great country to subscribe to the partition solution if the bi-national solution is found to be inapplicable. The formal statement of His Majesty's Government, made by Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, leaves the door open for such a solution and of course the very idea of partition was first advocated by the all-British Commission of 1937.

Should these three great powers agree on this solution, the United Nations will score its first major success which will enormously increase its prestige, and the great powers may find their way to agreement on other issues.



the rose. Surely this great international body, surveying this faithful and fruitful work, will wish to see that work continued, that undertaking advanced, that hope of the centuries consummated. It will be a noble achievement which will redound to the everlasting glory of this world organization. It will be a supreme act of international justice.

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