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Voters Oppose Use Of U. S. Troops to Enforce Palestine Settlement

Strongly Favor Partition Plan But Think U.N. Should Send Own Forces

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PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 18—American voters strongly favor the United Nations plan for dividing Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states. At the same time they almost unanimously oppose use of United States troops to enforce proposed boundary lines.

Because England refuses to employ her troops for that purpose, it becomes important for top U.N. planners to know that if the American public has its way, the United States will likewise refuse.



Instead, voters feel, some sort of a volunteer army under U.N. banners should be sent to the Holy Land when England's forces withdraw next August.

These opinions were revealed in a nationwide survey of representative voters just completed by the Institute. To determine popular sentiment on partition, this question was asked:

"The U.N. has recommended that Palestine be divided into two states — one for the Arabs and one for the Jews — and that 150,000 Jews be permitted now to enter the Jewish state. Do you favor or oppose this idea?"

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| Favor Plan |65% |
| Oppose Plan |10 |
| No Opinion |25 |

Every section of the population gives substantial support to the proposal. Republicans and Democrats vote exactly the same. College trained voters are a little more inclined to favor the U.N. than are those with less education.

On the vital issue of what kind of troops are to be used to enforce settlement only three out of 100 voters think this nation should send any troops. The Institute asked this question:

"If England pulls her troops out of Palestine and war breaks out between the Arabs and the Jews do you think the U. S. should send Troops to keep the peace or should this be done by a United Nations' volunteer army?"

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| U. S. Troops |3% |
| U. N. Army |65 |
| Neither |18 |
| No Opinion |14 |

Should war break out between Arabs and Jews, only a third of voters now say they would be sympathetic toward either side. The vote of those expressing sympathy with one side or the other is two-to-one in favor of the Jews. This is shown by the following question and table:

"If war breaks out between the Arabs and the Jews in Palestine, which side would you sympathize with?"

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| Jews |24% |
| Arabs |12 |
| Neither |38 |
| No Opinion |26 |

Whether a voter is pro-Jewish or pro-Arab only slightly influences his opposition to sending U. S. soldiers to enforce the peace. This is how those with expressed sympathies for one side or the other vote on that question:

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|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| | U.S. Troops | U.N. Army | Neither | No op. |
| Pro-Arab | 3% | 65% | 27% | 5% |
| Pro-Jewish | 6 | 80 | 9 | 5 |

In view of official Arabian opposition to the partition plan, it is interesting to note that almost six out of ten pro-Arab Americans favor the plan. The following table shows that correlation:

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| | Favor U.N. Plan | Oppose | No Opin. |
| Pro-Arab | 58% | 26% | 16% |
| Pro-Jewish | 36 | 7 | 7 |

Britishers Don't Feel Wedding Plans "Too Fancy"

Most British voters, despite their own austere living conditions, do not believe plans for tomorrow's wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Philip Mountbatten are too elaborate.

Exactly half of them, according to a British Institute of Public Opinion survey, thinks the arrangements are in tune with the times. Another 13 per cent feel that the nuptials could be even fancier.

However, 29 per cent hold the opinion that the ceremonies for the royal couple are going to be too elaborate. Eight per cent express no opinion.