Gromyko Urges Speed In Palestine Solution

The partition of Palestine is in "full conformity with the national interests of both the Jews and Arabs" and corresponds to "our common interests of maintaining peace and security," Andrei A. Gromyko said here last night.

Gromyko, deputy foreign minister of the USSR and representative to the United Nations, was guest of honor at a U. S. A.-U. S. S. R. Palestine Friendship Dinner at Hotel Commodore attended by 1,000 leaders of Zionist and other Jewish groups. The dinner was sponsored by the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists.

Demanding that the partition be put into practice "effectively and expeditiously," Gromyko urged that in the "nearest future normal conditions should be created for the cooperation between the new Arab and Jewish states as well as for their cooperation with other nations on the basis of sovereign equality and mutual respect for their interests."

The dinner received greetings from Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Albert Einstein, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Sholem Asch and Solomon Kaplancky of the Palestinian League for Friendship with the USSR.

SEES TURNING POINT

Dr. Emanuel Neuman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, told the gathering that without the cooperation of the United States and the Soviet Union "the issue might never have been resolved as decisively and constructively as it was."

The Zionist leader said he was thankful the Palestine issue provided the chance for the United States and USSR to collaborate with success.

Moshe Shertok, head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, said the partition decision was a "turning point in Jewish history and in the shaping of a commonly agreed world policy based on equality and justice."

"I believe it will also prove a landmark in the evolution of the United Nations itself," he said in a statement read by E. Epstein of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Shertok left the country on an unexpected trip to Palestine.

"Mr. Gromyko's remarkable address at the special session of the Assembly last April," said Shertok, "and his part in the final stage of the discussion at the November session will go down in history as highlights of the memorable international debate on the future of Palestine and the Jewish people."

BEAR WISE'S MESSAGE

Herschel Johnson, United States representative to the United Nations, who was to have been the other guest of honor, was unable to attend because of illness. A resolution of thanks was sent to him for his work in behalf of Palestinian Jews.

Other scheduled speakers included authors Pierre van Passen, and Arthur Miller, and Meyer Levin, chairman of the American Committee for Birobidjan.

Dr. Wise's message expressed the wish for "peace and friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union."

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