



THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE AND CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: A CHRONOLOGY

1947

April

Britain announces its intention to end its Mandate for Palestine (established under the defunct League of Nations) no later than August 1948; the United Nations becomes seized of the problem.

Canada's Mr. Justice Ivan Rand participates in the UN Special Committee of Observation on Palestine (UNSCOP), which recommends plan for partition of mandatory Palestine into two states, one Arab and one Jewish, with economic union and Jerusalem as an international zone administered by the UN. Plan is welcomed by Jews of Palestine but opposed by Arabs.

November

Canada votes in favour of UN General Assembly Resolution 181, approving plan for partition of Palestine.

1948

15 May

State of Israel is declared by provisional government amidst first Arab-Israeli War.

December

Canada grants de facto recognition to Israel.

1949

May

Canada votes in favour of admitting Israel as a member to the UN.

October

Canada's Major-General Howard Kennedy is first Director of newly-established UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian refugees in the Near East.

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