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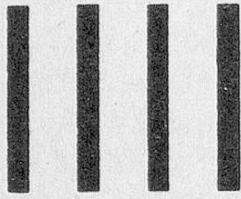
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THE WAR IN ISRAEL



IN 1917 the British Government favoured the creation of a national home for the Jews in Palestine. This was endorsed by the then League of Nations and Palestine became a British Mandate.

However good an idea might be, it must be carried out on a fair basis for all the people concerned and there is no doubt that the rehabilitation of the Palestinians was not put into effect as originally intended and has been the primary cause of unrest and war ever since. Over the years an uneasy peace between Israelis and Arabs brought in the United Nations who decided on a border in 1949. These boundaries, however, proved to be too vulnerable and geographically untenable and led to the six-day war in 1967.

The Jews, once established, did tremendous work and rightly gained the admiration of the world for their achievements. They also introduced compulsory military training on practically the same lines as in Switzerland and have a Citizens' Army.

I cannot help but draw a parallel between the two armies, they have been built and maintained at tremendous cost and sacrifice on the same principle and for the same purpose. As a Swiss and citizen of a small country I cannot stay untouched or undisturbed by the spectacle of another small country fighting for its very existence.

— Arnold Biland.