

20,000 Demonstrate in Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 5 (AP)

—Twenty thousand Egyptians shouted today for a holy war to prevent the partitioning of Palestine and broke through police lines before the Al Azhar Mosque.

The Egyptians refrained, however, from engaging in disorders such as had marked demonstrations of the previous four days.

At a meeting inside the 1,000-year-old mosque, two priests of the Coptic Church, the principal Christian sect in Egypt, joined Moslem speakers in denouncing the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to divide Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states.

Shouts of "Palestine for the Arabs" and "down with the American, British and Russian traitors," interrupted the speakers.

"You will get weapons when you are trained," Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary general of the Arab League, declared. "Egypt will lead the Arab countries in the struggle."

Drawing a pistol, Saleh Harb Pasha, former Defense Minister and now president of the Young Men's Moslem Association, declared: "There is nothing left except this."

Sheik Hassan el Banna, leader of the Moslem Brotherhood Association, inveighed against the Jews and said that "Palestine has been irrigated with the blood of our martyrs."

Using a loud speaker, a priest of the mosque told the meeting that Al Azhar was taking the lead in a Jihad (holy war) by calling for the training of volunteers.

Mounted police wielding clubs attempted to disperse the overflow crowd outside the mosque and the throng emerging from the meeting. The police line did not hold, however. Moslem Brotherhood leaders, bowing to the Government's ban on demonstrations, then persuaded the police not to pursue the crowd which departed in an orderly fashion.