

U. N. GROUP CLOSING PALESTINIAN STUDY

Tour in North Will Precede Opening of Public Hearings in Jerusalem on Friday

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JERUSALEM, June 29.—Public hearings of the United Nations Special Committee of Inquiry on Palestine will begin Friday morning in the Jerusalem Y. M. C. A., the committee announced today. Limited numbers of the general public will be admitted.

Although the Palestine Arabs are boycotting the committee inquiry, seats will be allocated to the Arab Higher Committee and other Arab organizations and individuals, the Secretariat of the United Nations committee stated.

The Arab Higher Committee has reaffirmed its boycott in a letter to King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan by Jamal El Hussein, vice chairman of the Arab committee. King Abdullah had proposed to the Arab Higher Committee that it change its decision not to collaborate.

The United Nations committee's motorcade, which has been touring Palestine, will leave tomorrow on a three-day trip to towns and Jewish settlements in the north. On its return, the inquiry committee will visit the agricultural district between Jerusalem and the coast; then it will start the hearings.

Today the Australian, Guatemalan, Uruguayan and Netherland delegates went to Rehoboth and had luncheon with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who will testify before the committee.

Early tomorrow morning Palestine's Zionists will give the United Nations committee a demonstration of their pioneering efforts. Between dawn and dusk, the Zionists will establish five new Jewish settlements, one of which will be in the Negeb, the arid southern portion of the country, which the committee visited last week.

The usual procedure will be followed. Flying columns of settlers will move in on land already purchased; and before nightfall, with the aid of neighboring villagers, the pioneers will have put up prefabricated buildings, fenced in the settlements and begun community functions. For security reasons, all preparations of the settlers have been made in secret.

Until two months ago J. W. Abileah of Haifa, who has been listed by the United Nations committee among the witnesses it will hear, was a patient in a mental hospital, he told an interviewer at Haifa during the day. Dr. Kurt Blumenthal, director of the institution in which Mr. Abileah said he had been treated, stated later by tele-

phone that "because of professional reasons" he could not even say whether Mr. Abileah had been a patient there.

Mr. Abileah is scheduled to appear as an advocate of a solution for the Palestine problem that has no other public backing—a union of Palestine and Trans-Jordan under King Abdullah, with the right of free immigration for Jews.