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The Israeli State



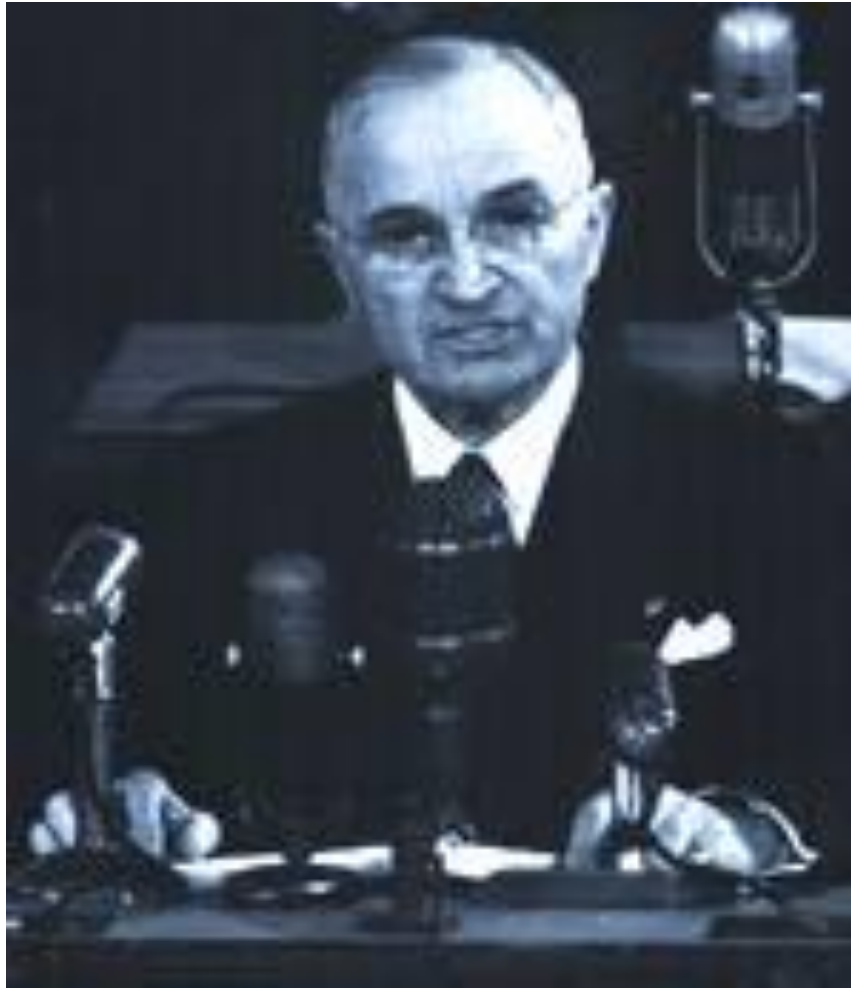
Palestine Mandate in 1947



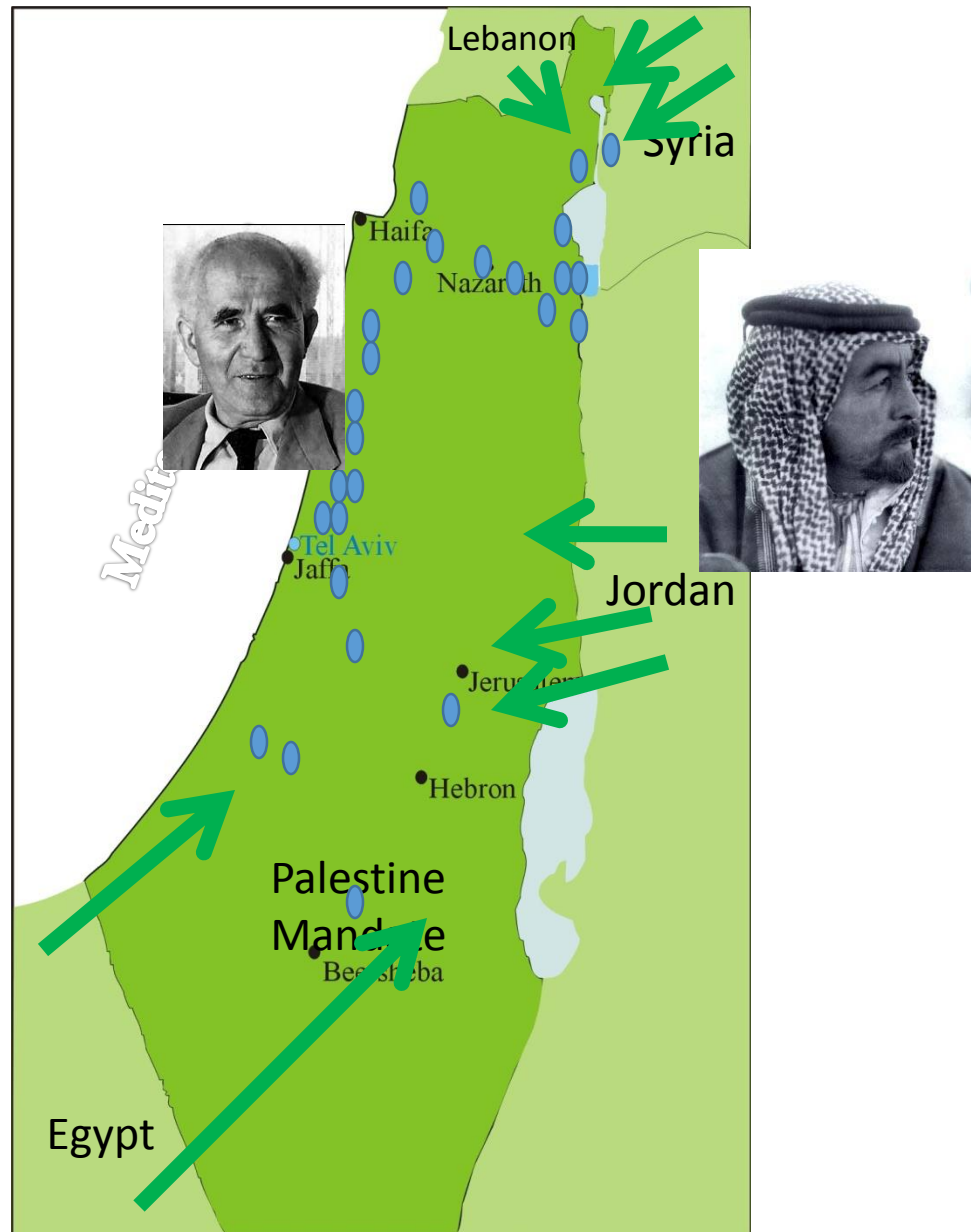
Israeli armored vehicles, 1948



David Ben-Gurion declares the State of Israel, May 14, 1948



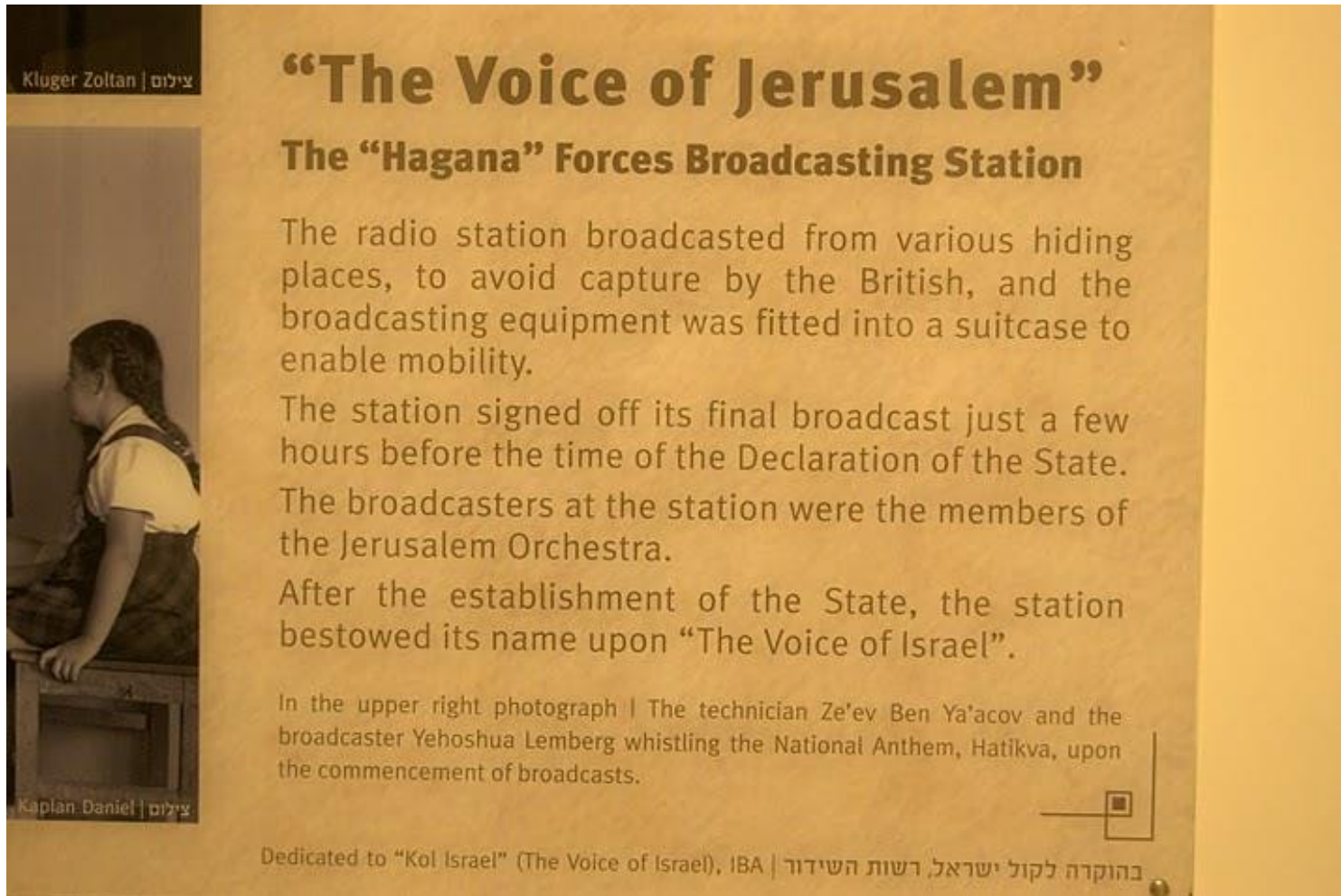
Truman recognizes the new state of Israel, May 15, 1948



May 16, 1948, Arab armies attack



Israeli field artillery, 1948



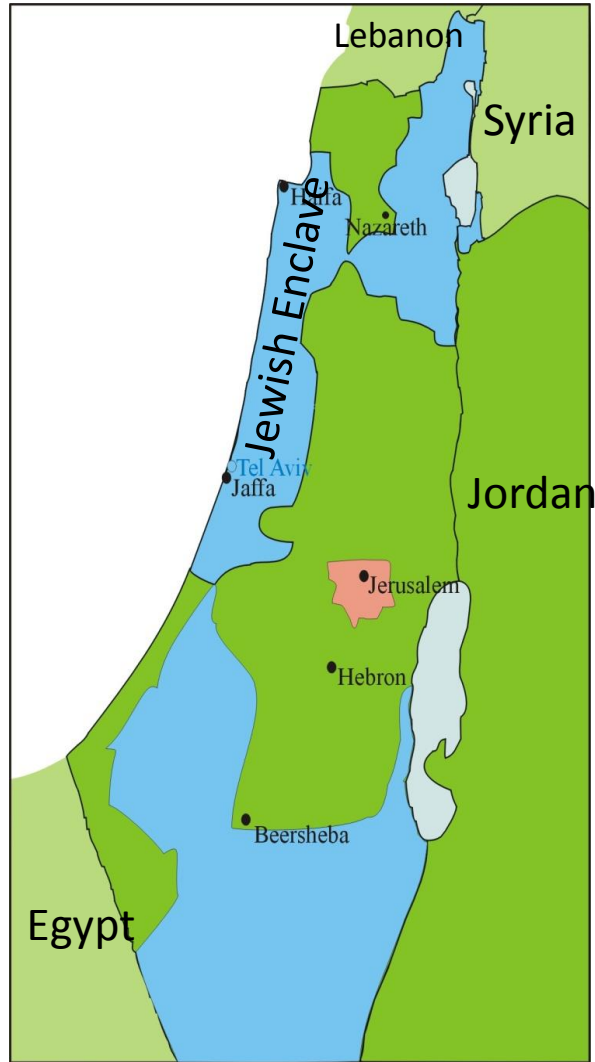
Plaque commemorating “Voice of Jerusalem” radio station



Arab Legion soldier standing in the ruins of Hurva synagogue, Jerusalem



Swedish Count Folke Bernodette



Bernodette's first plan: the 1947 UN plan with Palestine annexed to Jordan, with a Jewish "enclave."

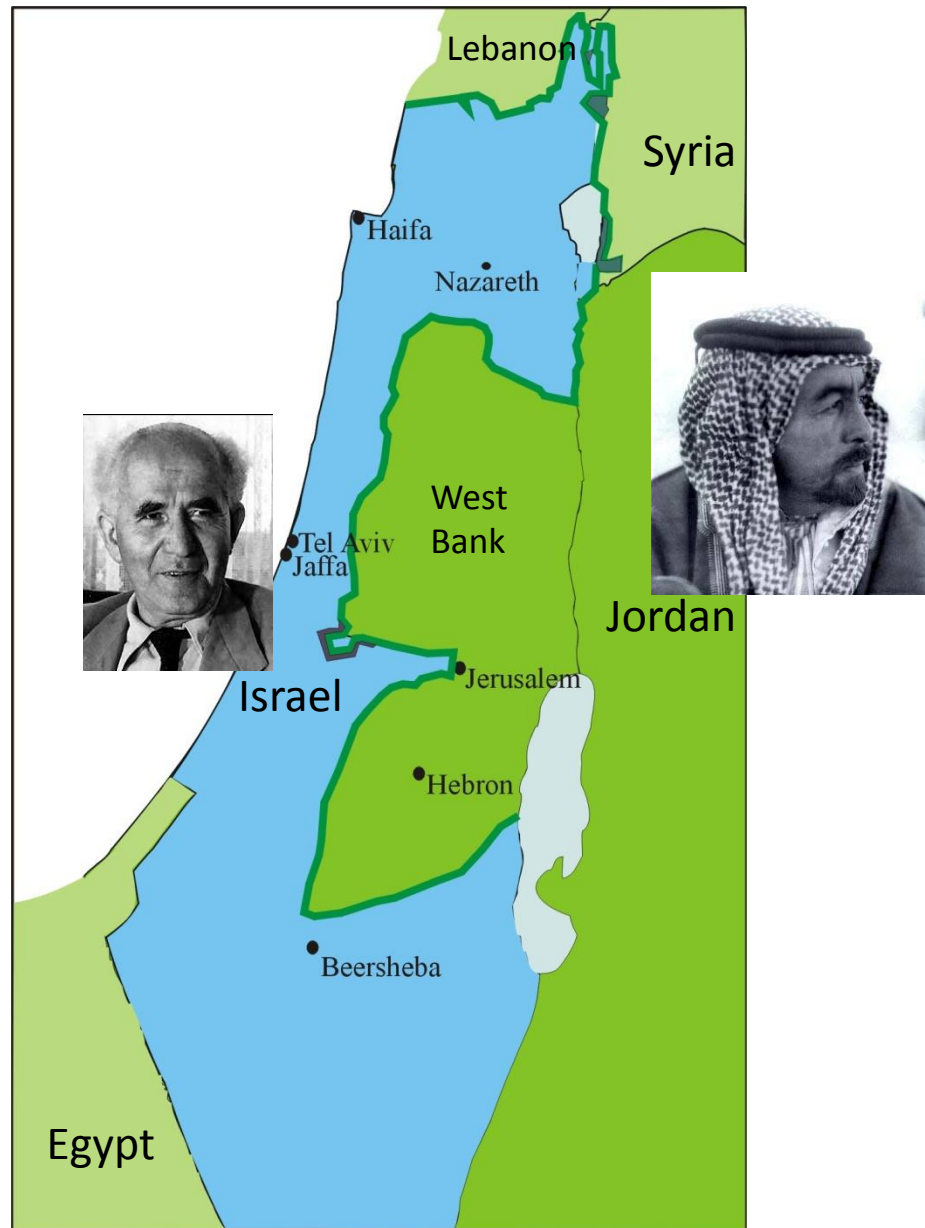


Bernodette's second plan: a Jewish state with the rest of Palestine annexed to Jordan.

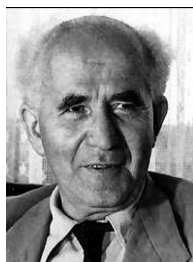


Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte
assassinated by Lehi





The Green Line, drawn in the 1949 Armistice Agreements.



King Abdullah of Jordan,
assassinated in Jerusalem,
7/20/1951 by a cousin of
Mufti Hajj Amin al-Husseini

Palestinian Refugees



Palestinian refugees, 1948



Palestinian refugees, Shuneh camp



Palestinian refugees, Bethlehem camp, 1956



45 UNRWA Palestinian refugee camps by 1950.
(Several are off-map in Lebanon and Syria.)



Entrance to Aida Refugee Camp, Bethlehem, 2010



Jewish family from Baghdad, photographed in Aleppo, Syria,
before immigrating to Israel.

Israeli Governance

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Mizrahi (Ethiopian) Jewish soldier.

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Ultra-Orthodox get special status as religious leaders.
Exempt from military service.
Given stipends to pursue religious studies.



Ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta members protest Zionism

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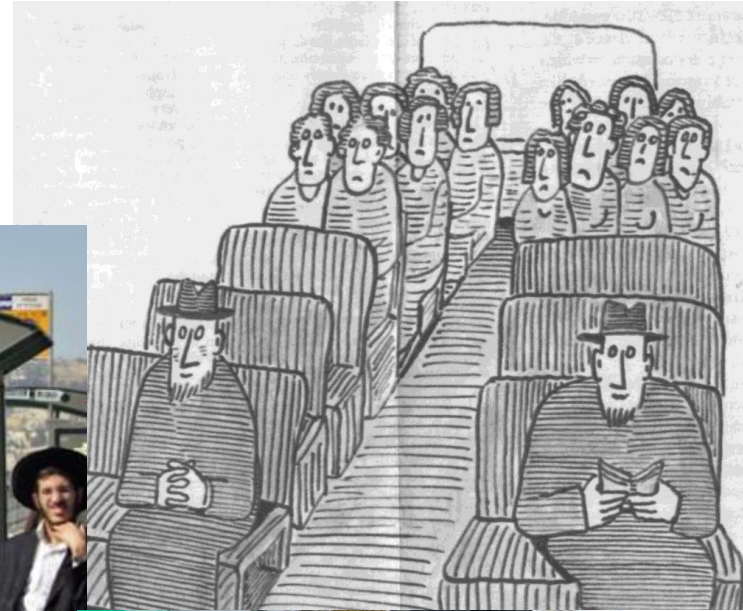
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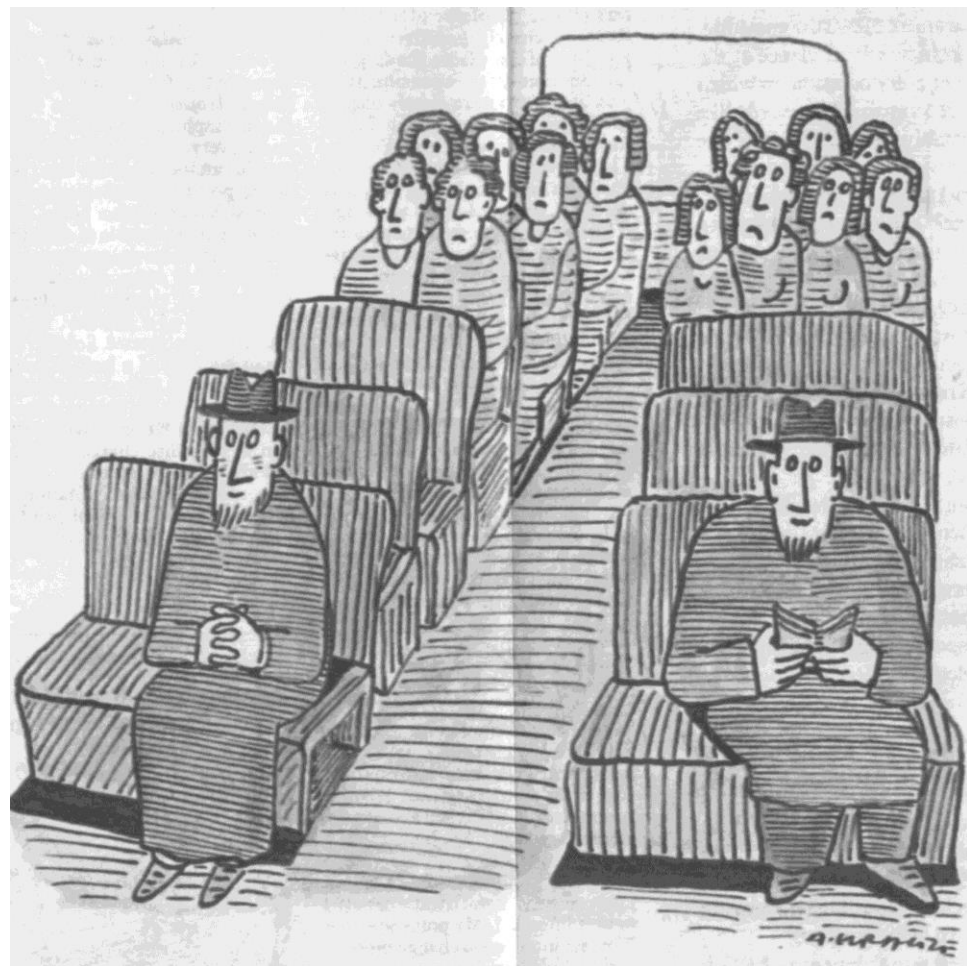
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Israeli Supreme Court has been unable to control Ultra-Orthodox discrimination against women.



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PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY

- Elected President (Head of State).
- Elected Parliament (Knesset).
- Citizens vote for party lists, with percentage thresholds.
- Prime Minister selected by the President (Head of Government).
- Cabinet assembled by the Prime Minister from multiple parties, to form a coalition.
- Failure to maintain a majority in the Knesset results in a new coalition and/or new elections.
- Chief Rabbinate is selected by Jewish religious and civil leaders, not the Israeli citizenry.



Reuven Rivlin,
President



The Knesset in session



Benjamin Netanyahu,
Prime Minister

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Chief Rabbis David Lau (Ashkenazi) and Yitzhak Yosef (Sephardi)

Palestinian governance:

Mufti Haj Amin al-Husseini hiding in Egypt

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Palestinians who live in the West Bank are Jordanian
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Mufti Hajj Amin al-Husseini

Palestinian governance after 1948:

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