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ARAB SCOUTS COMMITTEE.

The Arab Scouts Committee held an emergency meeting in Beirut from July 1-3 to discuss consolidation of the Arab stand towards participation in the World Scouts Conference and Jamboree scheduled to be held in the United States from August 1 to 18. The Arab League General Secretariat was represented at the meeting by El Sayed Mohamed Ali Hafez, Youth Welfare Expert and Director of the Arab Scouts Bureau.

A unanimous agreement was reached at the meeting to refrain from participation in the forementioned conference and jamboree. An appeal was also issued to world scouts associations explaining the attitude of Arab scouts societies. It was stated in the appeal that the pressure being exercised on the Arab people to prevent them from removing aggression has made it difficult for these societies to participate in any Scouting activities held in the United States at present.

"It is our duty in these difficult circumstances through which Arab countries are passing to devote all our efforts and potentialities to positive action required at the present stage", the appeal went on.

It said in conclusion that the world scouting movement has an obligation to defend sublime principles, safeguard world peace and stand on the side of justice.
