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Avraham Rutenberg, managing director of the Palestine Electric Corporation, answers the charges of the alleged statement of the United Nations Jerusalem Truce Commission in a letter to the editor of the Palestine Post dated (?)

The statement attributed to the Commission charged that the "detention of the five British employees of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation has been part of a plot to transfer the concession to the Palestine Electric Corporation."

Terming the report "absolutely false and utterly libellous," Mr. Rutenberg says he learned of the detention of the five men from the newspapers only, and "to come out with such an accusation of complicity by the Palestine Electric Corporation in this connection is defamatory in the highest degree."

Rutenberg recalls that the Palestine Electric Corporation has always aided the Jerusalem Electric Corporation and even last year, when PEC was asked to give the bulk of its electric supply to enable JEC to cope with the demand in its concession area, every effort was made to implement the appeal. This was confirmed by the JEC chairman at the company's last general meeting.

If this report of the Truce Commission was made in the form in which it was locally reported, "it represents a gross abuse of immunity, especially when coming from such sources, and throws serious doubt on the Commission's objectivity -- containing, as it does, such glaring untruth," Mr. Rutenberg writes.