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### 8 DEAD, 17 WOUNDED IN BATTLE BETWEEN IRGUN AND ISRAELI ARMY; IRGUNISTS SURRENDER

TEL AVIV, June 22. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government today announced that a battle between its troops and Irgunists on a beach at Kfar Vitkin, some five miles north of Nathanya, which broke out yesterday, when the dissidents attempted to land a cargo of war materiel in violation of the U.N. truce, had ended.

The announcement revealed that the Irgunists, who were attempting to unload the 1,200-ton "Jabotinsky," which is believed to have left a French port more than a week ago with arms and some immigrants, had surrendered after the battle which cost them six dead and fourteen wounded. The Israel Defense Army suffered two killed and three wounded. The final surrender was preceded by a 45-minute truce during which the Irgunists turned their wounded over to the government troops for attention.

The surrender terms included giving up all arms except those aboard the ship, giving up all transport used by the Irgunists on the beach and the signing of a statement by each Irgunist that he will place himself under the command of the government army and obey its orders. The vessel will be kept in Tel Aviv where it will be placed under control of the army which will decide how to dispose of her cargo without infringing on the terms of the four-week truce.

### J.T.A. Correspondent Watches Battle; Describes Developments

A Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent this morning watched, from a distance of several hundred yards, a short battle between the Irgun vessel and a Palmach barge. The Palmach crew opened fire with heavy machine guns and the Irgunists soon replied. After a short but heavy exchange, the ship's captain, a woman, radioed the Palmach commander: "Do not fire on the ship. Children are still aboard, also large quantities of ammunition and arms."

The inhabitants of Tel Aviv were shocked last night to hear an Irgun broadcast announce that "a fratricidal battle" was taking place between the Israel Defense Army and the Irgun, which recently merged with the army in all areas except Jerusalem. The announcer warned that unless the army called off its attack, the fighting might spread to all parts of the country.

A Sternist statement issued later announced that the Stern Group was placing itself alongside the Irgun. The statement said: "If this continues we will have to draw the consequences, as we see that Israel's army is behaving like a party force not a national army."

The government's communique last night on the situation declared that it was aware that a ship carrying arms for the Irgun was due to arrive in Palestine and that it had been decided to take all measures to prevent its unloading. "The government has in this arms traffic by a dissident group and particularly during the truce

period a serious violation of Israel's international obligations as well as a violation of the agreement with Irgun soldiers concluded recently." When the Irgunists refused to obey a command to cease unloading the vessel, the statement said, government troops concentrated in the area were ordered to quell the revolt against the government's authority.

The vessel was originally spotted approaching the Palestine coast yesterday by a U.N. patrol plane and its position and course were radioed to Tel Aviv. During the entire operation U.N. observers were watching the vessel and attempts to unload it and were in regular contact with U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte over their own radio network. It was unofficially reported that the ship landed 800 immigrants.

#### JERUSALEM JEWS GET INCREASED FOOD RATIONS; COMMUNAL INSTITUTIONS MOVING TO TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, June 22. (JTA) -- Increased rations of fresh fruits and vegetables were today made available to inhabitants of Jewish Jerusalem as several more food convoys entered the city. The supply situation has improved considerably and even American cigarettes, extremely rare during the siege, dropped in price to \$2.00 per pack.

With the conversion of Tel Aviv to Israel's capital and the transfer and concentration there of all ministries and military headquarters, Jerusalem is rapidly assuming the position of secondary city, from a political point of view. All communal institutions, with the exception of the religious institutions, are being transferred to Tel Aviv at a swift pace.

For the benefit of those government employees who must remain in Jerusalem either temporarily or permanently, a special inter-Cabinet committee has been established to direct policy and keep the administration running smoothly. The government, meanwhile, is attempting to arrange the departure to Tel Aviv of about 1,000 civilian employees who are needed in the newly established and rapidly expanding government offices.

To prevent a large-scale exodus of rabbinical personnel, a special conference has been called by the Chief Rabbi. Two meetings have already been held on the subject, but nothing is known about the decisions adopted.

#### LAST BRITISH SOLDIER IN HAIFA TO WITHDRAW SATURDAY; MILITARY CAMPS EVACUATED

TEL AVIV, June 22. (JTA) -- The last British soldier in Haifa will be evacuated Saturday, it was learned here today. Several military camps were abandoned yesterday by the British. Twelve Jews still held by the British here are expected to be freed over the week-end.

A resolution calling for the setting up of a "territorial link" between Israel and Jewish Jerusalem was adopted here today at the closing session of the Mapai-Jewish Labor Party conference. The meeting called for an "uncuttable" link which would "protect Jerusalem's political future."

In another resolution, the conference said that the people of Israel will not accept any immigration control, and explained that the Jewish state agreed to the four-weeks truce, which includes immigration restrictions, only because of the short period of time involved.

Declaring that "we have to use the truce period to organize our armed forces", the Mapai party also called for a unified national army. The imposition of a Progressive emergency tax was also urged by the conference.

REPUBLICANS ADOPT STRONG ISRAEL PLATFORM; TAFT SUPPORTERS UPSET VANDENBERG POLICY

PHILADELPHIA, June 22. (JTA) -- A dispute in the Resolutions Committee of the Republican National Convention last night resulted in a strongly-worded statement on Israel, backed by the "nationalist" wing of the party, which was substituted for the "internationalists'" cautious and cool version. The text of the Palestine plank, as finally adopted, reads:

"We welcome Israel into the family of nations and take pride in the fact that the Republican Party was the first to call for the establishment of a free and independent Jewish Commonwealth. The vacillation of the Democratic Administration on this question has undermined the prestige of the United Nations. Subject to the letter and spirit of the United Nations Charter, we pledge to Israel full recognition, with its boundaries as sanctioned by the United Nations, and aid in developing its economy."

The earlier version as recommended by a sub-committee was a non-committal sentence containing much less fervor than the plank of the 1944 Republican platform. The "internationalists'" statement read: "We greet the new state of Israel and pledge it our friendly cooperation to the end that it may have a future commensurate with the proven greatness of its people, who have suffered so much." The 1944 plank called for the opening up of Palestine to immigration by persecuted European Jews and the fulfillment of the Balfour Declaration.

The sub-committee submitted the original vague Palestine plank even though representatives of the American Zionist Emergency Council appeared before it last week with a plea that the "convention greet the new state of Israel with a pledge of friendship, of full recognition, of assistance in rebuilding its economy," and that the convention "support Israel's political and territorial integrity within the boundaries defined by the United Nations."

The substitute plank grew out of a successful revolt behind closed doors here in the Resolutions Committee. The drafting group, headed by Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, originally accepted the views of the "internationalist" group, led by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, it was reported. Its phrasing indicated State Department influence.

Committee members identified with the Presidential aspirations of Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey made strong protests over the content of the proposed plank and succeeded in rewriting it. Sen. Irving M. Ives, a Dewey leader, was reported to have made the strongest plea for a forthright, clear statement of the Republican position. He was supported by Senators known to be backing Taft for President. Sens. Eugene D. Millikin and Wayland Brooks, it was learned, were among the ardent proponents of a strong plank.

Zionist Emergency Council Hails Resolution as Triumph for Zionists

PHILADELPHIA, June 22. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Emergency Council issued a statement here today following the adoption of the Palestine resolution by the Republican National Convention asserting that the plank "represents a triumph for American Zionism inasmuch as it embraces the full program presented to the Resolutions Committee by the Council.

"Dr. Abba Hillel Silver," the statement continued, "once again directed the effort to obtain a declaration which would meet the current situation regarding Israel." The statement pointed out that "four years ago Dr. Silver's leadership brought about the adoption of the now-historic planks on Palestine in the 1944 Republican and Democratic Party platforms."

CEASE-FIRE SUCCESSFUL IN PALESTINE, MEDIATOR BERNADOTTE INFORMS UNITED NATIONS

**LAKE SUCCESS, June 22. (JTA) --** Count Folke Bernadotte, U.N. Palestine mediator, today advised Secretary-General Trygve Lie that the truce is "holding up well on the whole." Bernadotte added that he would now turn his full attention to the mediation aspect of the problem and predicted that by the beginning of next week he would have certain concrete suggestions relating to basic questions in the hoped-for settlement for submission to the state of Israel and the Arab countries.

Meanwhile, U.S. delegate Phillip C. Jessup informed Lie that in accordance with the Security Council's cease-fire resolution of November 29, the United States had taken the following steps: 1. Issued instructions to prevent the embarkation for Palestine of all "fighting personnel." How the U.S. is defining that term was not disclosed; 2. Instructed government agencies and the U.S. Maritime Commission to inform the mediator in advance of all sailings for the Middle East and how many "men of military age" are embarking; 3. Supplied military observers with airplanes, communications equipment and three naval patrol vessels to the mediator; 4. Was maintaining a "rigorous arms embargo covering the shipment of all war materiel from the United States and its possessions to Palestine and the countries of the Middle East."

A documented report, linking James Terry Duce, millionaire vice-president of the Arabian American Oil Company with the British Foreign Office and the Arab League in a new conspiracy to whittle down the state of Israel by amputating the Negev, was laid before President Truman and Lie today by the Nation Associates.

The expose, quoting a confidential report from Duce to W.F. Moore, president of Aramco, revealed an alternative plan, proposed by Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, to create a Jewish ghetto state modelled on the Vatican in the Tel Aviv area. This report, "which in turn was submitted to the State Department, became its bible in sabotaging the U.N. decision with respect to Palestine."

In a memorandum to President Truman, Freda Kirchwey, president of the Nation Associates, charged Loy Henderson's Near Eastern Division of the State Department with "active collusion" to destroy the effectiveness of every act taken by Truman and the U.N. to implement the partition of Palestine. This group, the memorandum added, is largely responsible for the delay in extending de jure recognition to the state of Israel and for holding up a United States loan and arms for Haganah.

REPORT BRITISH GUARDS REPLACE AFRICANS AT KENYA DETENTION CAMPS; JEWS RESTIVE

**LONDON, June 22. (JTA) --** A report from Nairobi, capital of Kenya, said today that British guards have been ordered to replace Africans in the Gilgil detention camp where about 250 Palestinian Jews are being held as political prisoners. The new move was allegedly taken because the Jewish detainees are said to be restive over the fact that their promised repatriation to Palestine has been cancelled for the duration of the truce period.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Office spokesman denied today that the Provisional Government of Israel has informally asked the British Government to grant it de facto recognition.

DR. SAUL LANGAS, JEWISH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE IN WARSAW, NAMED ISRAELI CONSUL

**WARSAW, June 22. (JTA) --** Dr. Saul Langas, director of the Jewish Agency office in Warsaw, has been appointed Israeli consular representative for Poland, it was announced here. He will be authorized to issue visas to persons wishing to go to the Jewish state.

SIX-DAY CONVENTION OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS OPENS IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, June 22. (JTA) -- The 59th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis opened here tonight with some 500 rabbis in attendance. The parley will continue through Sunday.

In his presidential address, Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman expressed approval of the recent Supreme Court decision holding released time religious instruction in the public schools unconstitutional. Asserting that "religious education is a unique prerogative, responsibility and duty of the religious institution," Rabbi Feldman said that religious leaders should welcome the decision because every attempt to take religious education out of the church or synagogue schools "in effect disassociates also the people's identification with the congregation."

He also suggested that councils of religious education be set up in all communities--composed of Christians and Jews--to unite in a program of reaching more people with religious instruction. "Were we to do that," he insisted, "I am confident that we could create a revival which will be all the more blessed because we shall have done it as people of faith, without the aid and embarrassment of such aid from the State, without any entangling alliances and with a demonstration of the meaningfulness of religion, free and uninvolved, each under his own standard and sacred symbol."

Turning specifically to matters of Jewish faith, Dr. Feldman deplored the efforts of secular agencies striving for leadership in the administration of Jewish affairs to relegate the synagogue to pastoral functions. He called for an end to the "half century of debate on the subject of Zionism" now that Israel has been established. Finally, he deplored "an ominous restlessness" among rabbis and congregational leaders and urged that discontent and misunderstandings between the rabbis and congregations be resolved by use of the Conference's arbitration machinery, adoption by congregations of rabbinical tenure systems, as well as other methods.

AMERICAN-CHRISTIAN THREE-DAY PARLEY DISCUSSES VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PALESTINE ISSUE

FRENCH LICK, Indiana, June 22. (JTA) -- A three-day conference of the American Christian Palestine Committee, which was attended by more than 100 delegates from 25 states, concluded here today after hearing reports on various aspects of the current Palestine situation.

The delegates--among whom were included college presidents, professors, judges, clergymen and other communal leaders--considered reports by Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, director of the Church Peace Union; Rev. Karl Baehr, executive secretary of the American Christian Palestine Committee; Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, former advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. command in Europe; Maj. Wellensley Aron, of Jerusalem, and others.

PROGRAM TO TRAIN 2,000 PROSPECTIVE ISRAELI IMMIGRANTS LAUNCHED IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, June 22. (JTA) -- A plan to train 2,000 prospective settlers in Israel as skilled agricultural and industrial workers was launched here today by the local office of the Jewish Agency.

In announcing the new program, Arish Chill, Agency representative here, said the plan will be on a non-party basis and will be available to all Zionist groups. Up to now Hachsharoth were organized by individual Jewish organizations. Chill voiced the hope that emigration of Jewish youths from Argentina to the Jewish state will begin within a few months.

B'NAI ZION CONVENTION VOTES TO ESTABLISH LABORATORY IN ISRAEL AS MEMORIAL TO MARCUS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 22. (JTA) -- The erection of a blood-processing laboratory in Israel as a memorial to the late Col. David Marcus was authorized here last night at the concluding session of the 39th annual convention of B'nai Zion.

The convention also adopted a resolution urging the United States to extend immediate de jure recognition of Israel and "support action in the U.N. Security Council for the admission of Israel as a member of the community of free nations in the world." The U.S. was also asked to exchange diplomatic representatives and establish trade relations with the Jewish state.

President Truman and the U.S. and other governments were lauded for their speedy recognition of the new state in another resolution which also pledged unstinted support to Israel and to its President, Dr. Chaim Weizmann. The belief that "Israel will develop into a great, free and democratic nation" was also voiced.

Harry A. Pine, assistant corporation counsel of Newark, N.J., was elected president of B'nai Zion for the coming year, succeeding Abraham A. Redelheim, of Brooklyn, N.Y. The convention also adopted a resolution sharply criticizing the Congressional Bill to admit 205,000 DP's to the U.S. within the next two years as "discriminating against Catholics and Jews, while making it possible for former Hitlerite fifth columnists to enter the U.S."

HAOLEH CONFERENCE CONCLUDES; ADOPTS RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH OWN TRAINING FARM

DETROIT, June 22. (JTA) -- A resolution to establish its own collective training farm was adopted here today at the concluding session of the first annual conference of Haoleh, pioneering arm of the Inter-Collegiate Zionist Federation of America.

The parley formulated a plan to improve the sources of information available in the United States regarding employment opportunities for professional workers who wish to immigrate to Israel. The conference also heard a report on membership increase.

FIRST INSTITUTE ON JEWISH LITURGICAL MUSIC URGES HIGHER STANDARDS IN SYNAGOGUE WORKS

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- The need for cooperation among various Jewish groups in the United States to raise the standards of synagogue music was emphasized at the first Institute on Jewish Liturgical Music held here under the auspices of the Society for the Advancement of Jewish Liturgical Music.

After considering reports on various problems of Jewish hymnal music in this country, the Institute agreed that it was desirable to arrange for the publication of lesser-known synagogue works. The conference also voted to set up a program to encourage the writing and presentation of new religious compositions.

ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE DISCUSSES RECOGNITION OF JEWISH STATE WITH CANADIAN MINISTER

OTTAWA, June 22. (JTA) -- The question of Canada's extending recognition to Israel was discussed here by Minister for External Affairs Louis St. Laurent and Michael S. Comay, member of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Comay later told a press conference that the Canadian Government's recognition of Israel would be a logical step growing out of the Dominion's support of the Nov. 29 U.N. partition resolution.

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