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LAST MINUTE NEWS

ARABS SHELLING JEWISH QUARTER IN JERUSALEM; TWENTY SHELLS FALL IN REHAVIA

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- Arabs opened a mortar attack this afternoon on Jerusalem's Jewish residential district of Rehavia hours before the expiration of the truce. Twenty shells fell in the center of Rehavia and a number of Jews were reported injured.

Shortly before the attack Bernard Joseph, chairman of the Jewish Emergency Committee, announced that a sufficient quantity of food and fuel is available for distribution to the city's 100,000 Jews should hostilities resume tomorrow, but added that the water supply situation is not promising.

(The Arab League today announced in Cairo that it has ordered Arab forces in Jerusalem to observe the cease-fire only in the Old City which is populated now almost entirely by Arabs.)

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS EMERGENCY SESSION ON PALESTINE; TRUCE EXPIRES TODAY

LAKE SUCCESS, July 8. (JTA) -- Following the indication given by U.S. delegate Philip Jessup that the United States may demand the imposition of sanctions against the Arab states should they refuse to prolong the truce which expires at 11 A.M. tomorrow, the U.N. Security Council adjourned its emergency meeting pending the receipt of additional information on the Arabs' intentions.

Council president Dmitri Z. Manuilsky told the members to stand by for another emergency session over the week-end. He expressed the hope that more definitive information would be received tomorrow. (Details of the emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council are on Pages 1-2.)

Israeli representative to the United Nations Aubrey S. Eban made a long, eloquent appeal to the Council members for the imposition of sanctions against the peace violators. He asked the U.N. to note that the Israeli Government had faithfully complied with the U.N.'s truce appeals. If Israel must fight, he said, it should be permitted to fight "free and unfettered." Such a war, he declared, would not only be in defense of Israel, but in defense of the principles of the United Nations Charter.

FLASH

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- Israel troops stormed the King David Hotel late today following the evacuation of the building by U.N. personnel. The building has served as U.N. headquarters in Jerusalem.

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U.S. THREATENS ARAB STATES WITH SANCTIONS; DEMANDS ARABS ACCEPT EXTENSION OF TRUCE

LAKE SUCCESS, July 8. (JTA) -- The United States today warned the Arab states that unless they reconsider their rejection of the U.N. Palestine mediator's appeal for a prolongation of the Palestine truce which expires tomorrow, the Security Council will have no choice but to take punitive action against them under Chapter VII of the U.N. Charter which deals with threats to the peace and acts of aggression.

The warning was voiced by U.S. delegate Philip C. Jessup at an emergency session of the Security Council at which a report was read from mediator Folke Bernadotte, informing the Council that the Jews were ready to accept an extension of the truce, but the Arab states have rejected such an extension.

Emphasizing that the United States welcomes Israel's acceptance of the U.N. appeal for a continuation of the truce, Jessup said that in view of this acceptance, the Arabs would not be able to claim that they are resorting to war in self-defense, which is the only extenuating circumstance permitted in the U.N. Charter. It is hard to believe, he added, that the Arab states, members of the United Nations, "would contemplate resorting to war in violation of the Charter."

The U.S. Government is fully prepared to shoulder its responsibility as one of the Council's five permanent members in the event that sanctions are applied, Jessup stated. Such action, he added, would have to await a more complete account of the Arab decision. The U.N. mediator's report to the Council merely said that while the Jews agreed to an extension of the truce, the Arabs notified him that they "are not prepared to accept a prolongation of the truce under present conditions in view of their experience of the past four weeks."

U.N. Mediator Seeks Cease-Fire Extension at Least for Jerusalem

Expressing his "disappointment" over the fact that "hostilities are to be resumed in Palestine" as a result of the Arab stand, the U.N. mediator reported to the Council that he informed the Arab representatives of his willingness to meet with them in Cairo on Saturday to discuss a temporary cease-fire at least for all of Jerusalem and that he also notified the Israeli Government of his desire to carry on similar discussions in Tel Aviv.

In opening today's session of the Council, the president, Dmitri Z. Manuilsky, of the Ukraine, said he had convened this emergency meeting because of a cable from the Israeli Government reporting that an attack had been made on Israeli positions in southern Palestine by Egyptian forces. Declaring that "the battle is now in progress," the cable ended: "While its armed forces are ready for most determined action on all fronts, the Provisional Government of Israel is most interested to learn what the Security Council will decide in the present emergency."

Manuilsky then urged the Council to discuss "the situation which has arisen as a result of the violation of the truce by Egyptian forces." Egyptian delegate

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Mahmoud Bey Fawzi denied that any such violation had taken place. He said he could not accept such an accusation leveled at his government "based only on the Jewish statement."

Syrian delegate Faris el Khoury, in a 20-minute speech against the Jews and the United States, said, "there is no other way for the Arabs but to fight." He claimed that the Arab states had scrupulously observed the truce and that repeated Jewish violation had been "glossed over" by Count Bernadotte.

U.S. delegate Jessup expressed the hope that a complete report from the U.N. mediator would show that the "apparent rejection" by the Arab states of the prolongation of the truce had been only a misunderstanding, and that this anticipated threat to peace had not occurred. If the truce is rejected, there will be nothing left for the Security Council but to reconsider the Palestine situation with a view to action under Chapter VII of the Charter.

U.N. Gets Report on Withdrawal of Its Personnel from Palestine

The U.N. Secretariat was informed today by cable from Haifa that with the announcement by the U.N. mediator, of the conclusion of the truce and of the failure of his extension efforts, United Nations headquarters in Haifa began an orderly withdrawal of equipment and personnel to points outside Palestine.

At the request of Count Bernadotte, the U.S. Navy sent one carrier, "Palau," and one tank cargo ship, "Marquette," to evacuate equipment and personnel from Haifa, the cable said. Three destroyers--"Putnam," "Henley" and "Owen"--previously assigned to the mediator for coastal patrol service, are remaining, subject to his orders, in Haifa harbor.

The mediator has asked the belligerent governments to withhold any military action in Haifa and Beirut until the United Nations have fully withdrawn. With few exceptions, the United Nations Secretariat, including guards, are proceeding to Beirut today and tomorrow. They will go on as soon as possible to Rhodes or other destinations yet to be determined.

Military observers and personnel of all three countries will also be flown to Beirut by the U.S. Army today and tomorrow. The mediator's plane will return from Rhodes tomorrow, bearing Dr. Ralph Bunch, chief of the Secretariat who, with Col. Thorde Bonde and Carey Seward, will proceed to Beirut to supervise the removal of personnel.

Gen. Frank Stoner, U.N. communications officer, and press officer George Barnes, are going to Rhodes via carrier with all the files and records of the entire truce supervision. A small party of U.N. guards may remain in Jerusalem, pending further developments of the demilitarization of Mt. Scopus and the city.

ISRAELI MINISTER TO U.S. CONFERS WITH LOVETT ON EGYPTIAN VIOLATION OF TRUCE

WASHINGTON, July 8. (JTA) -- Eliahu Epstein, Israeli representative in Washington, talked with Under-Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett today for more than an hour in an urgent meeting to discuss the Egyptian violation of the U.N. truce in Palestine.

The Israeli representative assured the Under-Secretary of Israel's hopes for peace. (See Page 5 for State Department's reaction.)

U.N. OBSERVERS LEAVE PALESTINE; BERNADOTTE "DISAPPOINTED" AT FAILURE TO EXTEND TRUCE

TEL AVIV, July 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations truce observers in Israel left here today for Haifa from where they will return to various points in Europe. At the same time it was reported that another group of U.N. observers, who have been stationed among the Arab forces, flew to Beirut en route to Europe.

(In Cairo, the Arab League announced that the Arabs will resume fighting in Palestine tomorrow at 2 A.M., New York time, when the truce officially expires.)

Several hours earlier, a statement released by U.N. headquarters in Haifa said that the Jews had agreed to a 30-day extension of the truce, but the Arabs refused. The announcement, issued by mediator Count Folke Bernadotte, said that the entire U.N. mission would be withdrawn from Palestine tomorrow.

"I am disappointed that hostilities are to be resumed in Palestine," Bernadotte's statement said. "Since it appears quite impossible to obtain the agreement of the two parties not to resume hostilities, I will now concentrate on obtaining a cease-fire in Jerusalem and its ultimate demilitarization." The announcement said that although the Israelis had agreed to prolong the truce for a minimum of three days in order to enable U.N. personnel to be evacuated, the Arabs had apparently turned this proposal down.

"As regards the demilitarization of Haifa," Bernadotte declared, "the replies of the two parties are so divergent as to indicate there is no prospect of agreement." He said, however, he did not consider his mission as mediator over as a result of "this temporary setback." He disclosed that he hopes to meet with Arab leaders in Cairo on Saturday to discuss a temporary cease-fire for Jerusalem.

Egyptians Open Offensive South of Tel Aviv, Israel Says

A U.S. aircraft carrier and three U.S. destroyers were reported to be standing by off Haifa to aid in the evacuation of several hundred United Nations guards, truce observers and other personnel.

An official Israeli communique announced that Egyptian forces "opened an offensive" today--which was reported to be growing in intensity--against the Beer Tuviah settlement, situated some 20 miles south of Tel Aviv. The Egyptians were said to be using planes, artillery and armored cars. The Jewish communique said that the Egyptians were attacking in the Isdud area, where an Egyptian advance column was encircled by Israeli troops before the truce became effective.

At the same time, unconfirmed dispatches from Jerusalem said that scattered firing had broken out in the city's business area. Air raid sirens sounded in Tel Aviv this afternoon, but there were no immediate signs of enemy aircraft. A Jewish civilian plane was shot down over Lydda airport yesterday, killing the pilot and a woman passenger.

A car bearing Jacob Etkes, chairman of the Haifa Emergency Committee, and his wife, was stopped by Arabs on the Haifa highway. Mrs. Etkes was wounded in a skirmish and was later released. She is now in a Haifa hospital. Etkes, an engineer, was taken captive by the Arabs and his fate is unknown.

ISRAELI COURT ISSUES HABEAS CORPUS WRIT AGAINST GOVERNMENT IN PETER BERGSON CASE

TEL AVIV, July 8. (JTA) -- Acting on a plea for a writ of habeas corpus, the Tel Aviv district court today issued an order calling on Minister of Defense David Ben Gurion and other authorities of Israel to show cause why they should not release Peter Bergson, chairman of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, and Jacob Meridor, deputy commander of the Irgun Zvai Leumi.

Both men were arrested in connection with the attempted Irgun landing of a cargo of arms from the Vladimir Jabotinsky recently, and the authorities announced they were to be tried on charges of using arms against the Israeli Army and of inciting to desertion. The place where the men are being detained has not been revealed for "security reasons."

The court rejected a further plea by Max Seligman, attorney for the arrested men, for an intermediate order permitting him to visit the prisoners on the grounds that this was beyond the court's jurisdiction. Cited in the show cause order, in addition to Defense Minister Ben Gurion were the Ministers of Interior and Police, the Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army and the Israeli Attorney-General.

Irgun Zvai Leumi's underground radio today broadcast a strong denial of a report that it has reached an agreement with the Provisional Government of Israel. Meanwhile, it was learned here that Premier David Ben Gurion refused a request by Minister of Interior Isaac Gruenbaum to confirm an agreement with the Irgun and to release Irgunists now detained by the government.

It is understood that Gruenbaum demanded that Ben Gurion appoint a seven-member committee to investigate the entire Irgun problem, reach an agreement with the organization and extend to the Irgunists certain privileges in the Israeli Army.

The Zionist Actions Committee will convene here July 18, it was announced today.

Jewish Authorities Plan to Bring 12,000 Children to Israel This Year

Thirteen thousand refugee children are at present in Youth Aliyah institutions in Palestine, it was announced today by Moshe Kolodny, a member of the Jewish Agency executive and a leader in the Aliyah program. He said that the organization hoped to have at least 25,000 children in the country by the end of the year.

In the six weeks prior to the proclamation of Jewish statehood, 9,000 children arrived in Palestine under Youth Aliyah auspices, Kolodny disclosed, of whom 80 percent came from the Cyprus detention camps and the remainder from transit camps in France.

Youth Aliyah's budget for this year was announced as \$10,000,000. Kolodny revealed that new children's centers will be opened in September some 20 miles southeast of Haifa.

Revisionists Complain to U.S. Jewish Leaders on "Discrimination" in Israel

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- The world executive of the Zionists-Revisionist published a statement here today urging Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, "to bring an end to the intolerable discrimination" against Revisionist institutions in Israel in the disbursement of funds collected in the United States.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EXERTING ALL POSSIBLE INFLUENCE TO SECURE EXTENSION OF PALESTINE TRUCE

WASHINGTON, July 8. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government is exerting every possible effort to influence both Jews and Arabs to agree to an extension of the Palestine truce which expires tomorrow, it was officially revealed by the State Department today.

Anxious to prevent the possible renewal of war within the next 24 hours, State Department is working feverishly through its diplomatic representatives in Palestine and in the Arab countries to have the interested parties accept the prolongation of the truce for such a period as they may decide upon in consultation with U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte.

Questions concerning the Palestine truce were discussed yesterday by President Truman with Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who called upon the President at the White House. Mr. Morgenthau declined to reveal the results of his visit, but stated that he was "hopeful" about the future peace of Palestine.

High diplomatic officials, U.S. Government officials and prominent members of the Washington Jewish community last night gathered at the Israeli mission's first formal social function--a reception in honor of the new U.S. special representative to Israel, James G. McDonald.

The representative of Israel to the U.S., Eliahu Epstein, and Mrs. Epstein, received the guests. These included the Polish Ambassador, the Yugoslav Ambassador, the Finnish Minister, the Hungarian Charge D'Affaires, and diplomatic officials representing Russia, Bulgaria, Rumania, the Union of South Africa, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela and Uruguay.

Also attending were White House press secretary Charles G. Ross, Assistant Secretary of State Norman Armour, Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannon, several members of the State Department Near Eastern and African affairs division, and Senator and Mrs. Harley Kilgore, and Rep. Adolph Sabath. Major General John H. Hildring, until recently slated to become a special assistant to the Secretary of State for Palestine Affairs, also attended. A movie showing the gradual steps leading to statehood for Israel was shown.

Britain Studies Arms Embargo to Arab States If Truce Is Not Prolonged

LONDON, July 8. (JTA) -- The question of Britain's continuing its embargo on the shipment of arms to the Arab states should the Palestine truce expire tomorrow "would depend on the circumstances in which the fighting would be resumed," a Foreign Office spokesman said today. He added that several days ago, British representatives called on various Arab states to "press on them our strong feeling that the truce should be prolonged."

The Foreign Office representative, in response to a question regarding Cyprus, said that the British interpretation of the truce agreement--that men of military age on the island are potential fighting personnel--has not been challenged by any member state of the United Nations. He admitted that the government's position will have to be "re-assessed" if the truce is not extended.

The British Government today notified U.N. Palestine mediator Count Folke Bernadotte and the U.N. Security Council of the abductions of four British subjects in Jerusalem yesterday by Irgun Zvai Leumi members. At the same time, a Foreign Office spokesman said the Belgian consul in Jerusalem, in his capacity as chairman of the truce commission, protested to Jewish authorities in the city over the kidnappings.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION ALLOCATES \$6,000,000 TO JEWISH AGENCY

GENEVA, July 8. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization announced today that it has allocated \$6,000,000 for the Jewish Agency's refugee resettlement program. Part of the sum has already been turned over to the Agency. Half of the \$6,000,000 will be used for youth immigration to Israel.

The International Red Cross is preparing plans for future work in Palestine. The Lebanese Government has asked the organization to help it remove the equipment and medical supplies of a Lebanese hospital from Acre, in northern Israel, to Lebanon.

BRITISH RETURN 254 JEWISH DETAINEES FROM KENYA TO ISRAEL; ACCOMPANIED BY RED CROSS

LONDON, July 8. (JTA) -- Royal Air Force planes today flew 254 Palestinian Jews, under the protective custody of a British infantry unit and a representative of the International Red Cross, from Kenya to Israel, it was reported here. The repatriated Jews had been detained in Kenya for over a year on charges of terrorism and political offenses in Palestine.

Philip Noel-Baker, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today he was unaware that Pakistan had pledged to send a contingent of troops to aid the Arabs in Palestine.

Asked if he could make representations to Pakistan on this matter, Noel-Baker said: "All of us hope that the fighting in Palestine will not be resumed and that therefore this question will not arise at all."

NO DANGER FOR JEWS IN GERMANY, U.S. MILITARY ADVISOR ON JEWISH AFFAIRS DECLARES

FRANKFURT, July 8. (JTA) -- "There is no basis for the fear that anti-Semitic rioting is imminent in the U.S. zone of Germany," Dr. William Haber, U.S. Military Government advisor on Jewish affairs, said here last night. "To my knowledge, Jewish displaced persons do not share that apprehension. They are confident of their security as long as they have the protection of United States occupation forces."

His statement was made in reply to a report issued by the World Jewish Congress convention in Montreux that Germans were expected to start a wave of violence against Jewish displaced persons within a few days. Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian commissioner for racial persecutees, said: "There is a strong and increasing anti-Semitism in Germany." He added, however, that he was not fearful of any general outbreak of rioting at this time.

SO. AFRICAN NATIONALIST ORGAN ALLAYS JEWISH FEARS; CITES PREMIER'S ASSURANCE TO JEWS

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, July 8. (JTA) -- The Nationalist newspaper in Cape-town, "Die Burger," today published an editorial emphasizing that when Premier D.F. Malan recently received a delegation from the South African Board of Jewish Deputies, "he gave assurance to the deputation that the Nationalist Government will not discriminate against the Jewish community."

The paper expressed the hope that this "will clear away any disquiet and uncertainty" which may exist in the Jewish community as a result of the Nationalists coming to power. The Board of Deputies was criticized by the paper for allowing "such feeling to obtain, in view of Premier Malan's statement of October, 1947, denying that the Nationalists are anti-Semitic."

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS TO ACT ON CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM URGED IN APPEAL TO TRUMAN

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today made public messages to President Truman, Senator Arthur Vandenberg and House Speaker Joseph Martin, urging them to reconvene Congress in special session to implement recommendations made by the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

Signed by Rabbi Irving Miller, executive committee chairman, the A.J.C. messages transmitted an analysis of civil rights legislation which showed that not a single major recommendation of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, or of similar recommendations made in the 1944 Republican Party platform, had been adopted by the 80th Congress.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION APPROVES BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY UNDER "G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS"

WALTHAM, Mass. July 8. (JTA) -- Approval of Brandeis University under the Veterans Administration "G.I. Bill of Rights" was announced today by John J. Desmond, Jr., chairman of the Board of Collegiate Authority, Department of Education.

Approval was voted for the full four-year course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts, according to the notification sent to the University by Mr. Desmond. Under the approval, veterans enrolled at Brandeis University will enjoy the full benefits of the government education program.

FILM DEPICTING FLIGHT OF DISPLACED JEWS TO PALESTINE TO OPEN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- "The Illegals," a motion picture depicting the underground journey of displaced Jews in Europe to Palestine, will be premiered in New York on July 14, it was announced here today by Meyer Levin, author and war correspondent, who produced the film.

The movie features the attempt of a Polish Jew and his pregnant wife to reach Palestine via the "Braycha" -- Haganah underground -- route. Practically all of the filming was done at night in several European countries, Levin said. The most difficult part of the project was obtaining first-hand shots of visaless Jews boarding a Palestine-bound Haganah vessel in the dead of night off a south French beach. The showing will be under the sponsorship of Americans for Haganah.

PALESTINE ARTISTS EXHIBITION OPENS ON SCHEDULE IN TEL AVIV DESPITE IMMINENCE OF WAR

TEL AVIV, July 8. (JTA) -- Despite the possibility of the resumption of war between Israel and seven Arab states, the fifth annual exhibition of Jewish artists -- the first in the Jewish state -- opened here today on schedule.

Among those attending the opening ceremonies were Interior Minister Isaac Gruenbaum, Labor Minister Mordecai Bentov and consular representatives of various countries. A \$2,000 prize for the best painting at the exhibit will be awarded, it was announced.

DR. JOSEPH SCHWARTZ COMPLETES MISSION IN U.S.; RETURNS TO HIS POST IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the European Executive Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, left New York today for his post in Paris, after completing a four-week nation-wide speaking tour of major cities in the U.S. for the United Jewish Appeal.