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### U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL DEFERS VOTE UNTIL TODAY ON U.S. RESOLUTION TO HALT PALESTINE WAR

LAKE SUCCESS, July 14. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council this evening deferred a vote on an American resolution calling for the Council to issue an order for an indefinite truce in Palestine to go into effect within three days after its adoption. The Council adjourned for the day when Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko demanded certain important changes in the resolution, although he, too, favored strong measures to halt the Palestine war.

The Council will meet again tomorrow to attempt to iron out the differences between the U.S. and Soviet views. As today's meeting closed the United States had only obtained six votes for its resolution--one short of a minimum of seven required to pass the measure. This places Gromyko in a favorable position for bargaining for changes in the U.S. resolution. The nations which indicated that they will vote for the resolution are: the U.S., United Kingdom, Belgium, France, Canada and Colombia.

In his explanation of the Soviet position Gromyko supported the call for sanctions to enforce obedience to the Council truce order and backed an immediate and unconditional truce. He also placed the blame for the current situation in Palestine on the Arabs.

Gromyko, however, rejected a call to all governments to cooperate with the mediator in enforcing a world-wide ban on Jewish immigration and arms shipments. He rejected the continuation of the mediator in the Palestine truce or his powers to deal with breaches of the cease-fire and the U.S. provision for an indefinite time limit of the truce. The Soviet delegate also took exception to the provision governing Jerusalem and he called for the withdrawal of troops from the ancient city.

### Israel Agrees to All Truce Conditions Except Immigration Controls

At the opening of the afternoon session, Israeli representative Aubrey Eban announced that he had received instructions from his government to advise the Council it will accept a cease-fire in both Palestine and Jerusalem, but reserves the right to remain master of its own immigration policy. Eban said the concessions his government had made on this score were based on a short term truce and not on the indefinite arrangement envisaged in the American resolution.

Palestine mediator Count Folke Bernadotte intervened in this morning's debate to stress a number of conditions which he considered necessary to assure the success of the truce. The Council must make it clear that it will not tolerate the use of force in Palestine, he stressed, adding that the action of Council must be "so strong, so firm" that neither party will dare risk ignoring it. He also emphasized that the truce must remain in force until a peaceful settlement of the issue is achieved.

Bernadotte also asked that the conditions of the previous cease-fire be carried over, but that control of men of military age who reach Israel should be modified. It is unfair, he pleaded, to keep these men in detention for months during an indefinite truce period. He objected to a British amendment to the U.S. proposal dating violations of the truce back to the beginning of the expired four-week truce.

PALESTINE WARFARE SLACKENS AS BOTH SIDES REGROUP FOR MAJOR BATTLES IN LATRUN AREA

TEL AVIV, July 14. (JTA) -- The Palestine war today appeared to have lost some of its intensity, although both Israel and Arab forces were regrouping their forces in preparation for heavy battles, particularly on the Latrun and southern fronts.

An official communique reported today that Shafa Amr, 13 miles northwest of Nazareth, was captured by Israeli troops this morning. Ain Mahil, northeast of Nazareth, was seized last night. The Arabs lost 120 dead in an unsuccessful attempt to overrun Sejera, the Israeli announcement said. Sejera is an Arab village in the Beisan valley now in Jewish hands. The Arab attackers, made up of Fawzi Kauhiki's irregulars, retreated after three costly assaults on the village.

Meanwhile, Syrian troops encamped a short distance across the Syrian border, in the Mishmar Hayarden area, lost 50 dead today when units of the Israeli Army struck at them in a surprise offensive this morning.

Tel Aviv's citizens were alerted against air raids twice today, but no bombs struck the city. After the second alert Egyptian bombers dropped their missiles in the port area, but all missed their targets and exploded harmlessly in the sea. Syrian bombers attacked Haifa again today, but caused no damage.

Military observers here pointed out that the Egyptian air force in Palestine seems to have been reinforced since the truce. Heavier planes and bombs are now being used in the Egyptian attacks, especially against Tel Aviv. Reliable estimates place the number of Egyptian Spitfires engaged in actual operations against the Jews at 60, while prior to the four-week truce they were said to have had no more than a dozen aircraft in the air.

In the south, the Jewish settlements of Doroth and Ruchama were bombed twice yesterday, an Israeli communique said. Little land fighting occurred in the Negev today. An Israeli surprise attack near the Negev Arab village of Baqua resulted in the routing of a force of Egyptians camped nearby. The Jews killed seven of the Arabs and wounded eleven more. During the night Israeli commandoes penetrated the invasion stronghold of Ishdud, north of Gaza on the coast, and blew up an Egyptian troop barracks and a car park. Casualties were believed heavy.

Jewish artillery batteries in Jerusalem shelled Arab concentrations in the city's southern outskirts. Arabs are reported to have begun an exodus out of villages in this sector. Yesterday, an Israeli attempt to get 30 trucks laden with arms and supplies into Jerusalem via the main highway was foiled when Arab Legion artillery laid down a heavy barrage across the road at Bab el Wad.

Interior Minister Announces Local Governmental Set-Up

Interior Minister Isaac Gruenbaum today told newsmen that the Mandatory Power's district administration set-up, including the district commissioners and officers, will be continued for the time being. Most of the officials who served the British will continue under the Israeli regime, Gruenbaum said, but emphasized that a new spirit is now required - a realization that they are now working for their own state."

The Minister promised that the Government of Israel will do everything possible towards the development of local self-government and said that regional governmental institutions will be established soon where they are not yet in operation. Replying to a question, Gruenbaum said that he and Labor Minister Mordecai Bentov would continue to handle all labor disputes on a basis of arbitration rather than enforcement. The press will also come under his supervision, Dr. Gruenbaum said, adding that Israel's newspapers "are being given every assistance."

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BRITISH GOVT. HOPES ARAB LEAGUE LEADERS MEETING WILL ACCEPT U.N. TRUCE, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, July 14. (JTA) -- The British Government hopes that the Arab leaders who will confer within the next few days in Amman will reverse their decision of last week and agree to an extension of the Palestine truce, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Christopher Mayhew told Commons today. He said the government "earnestly hoped" that in view of the Security Council's support of the Palestine mediator's position, the Amman parley will result in an acceptance of an unexpected new cease-fire order.

At the same time, Mayhew cautioned, Britain's support for the renewal of the truce in Palestine does not imply any change in policy. "We have always been strong supporters of a truce and are in no way committed to the terms of any final settlement," he declared.

(A dispatch received here from Transjordan said that the Syrian and Lebanese Prime Ministers conferred today with Transjordan leaders while the Arab League's secretary-general, Abdul Rahman Pasha, reviewed the present military situation in Palestine with King Abdullah. One report said that hundreds of Arab demonstrators in Amman paraded through the city's streets shouting: "Down with British imperialism." The demonstration, described as orderly, was one of several which occurred in the past few days.)

Meanwhile, Under-Secretary for Colonial Affairs Hector McNeill told the House that "Jewish authorities were not responsible" for the abduction of five Britons in Jerusalem last week on charges of "intelligence with the enemy."

The United Nations truce commission will report to the Security Council the "inability of the Jewish authorities to maintain law and order in Jerusalem" if the five Britons are not returned immediately.

Britain Asks Mediator to Ensure Flow of Oil from Haifa Refineries

A Foreign Office spokesman confirmed today that the British Government has asked U.N. Palestine Mediator Count Folke Bernadotte to do his utmost to ensure the continued flow of oil from Haifa and the reopening of the refineries there.

The spokesman said that because Haifa is now in Jewish hands, a political problem might arise since the Iraqi Government, which controls the source of the oil supply, may not be willing to have its oil refined in a city under Israeli control.

FIVE BRITONS TO FACE MILITARY COURT IN ISRAELI ARMY'S FIRST PUBLIC ESPIONAGE TRIAL

TEL AVIV, July 14. (JTA) -- The Israeli army's first major spy trial, expected to be held in public within the next few days, will see five Britons enter the prisoners' box.

The chief among the accused, however, will be tried in Absentia. He is identified only as a Col. Gresham, the manager of a Jerusalem Electrical Company, who recently left Jerusalem for Beirut. The charge against him is that he occupied his post for some time to disguise his activities as an intelligence liaison officer for the Arab Legion.

A spy who cooperated with Gresham was reported arrested last week by the Israeli military police and promptly tried before a military court. He allegedly made a full confession, implicating Gresham and another five Britons, who were kidnapped last week by the Irgun. The arrested spy was immediately found guilty and sentenced to be shot. Whether the sentence has been carried out remains unknown.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION ADOPTS ISRAEL PLANK URGING REVISION OF U.S. ARMS EMBARGO

PHILADELPHIA, July 14. (JTA) -- The Democratic National Convention today adopted an Israeli plank in its 1948 platform calling for the revision of the U.S. embargo on the shipment of arms to the Jewish state and for according Israel the right of self-defense. The resolution also calls for "full recognition of the state of Israel."

A statement issued here by the American Zionist Emergency Council, reviewing its efforts to have the plank approved by the convention resolutions committee, and comparing the approved resolution with a "draft sponsored by the State Department," asserted: "The chairman of the resolutions committee, Sen. Francis F. Myers of Pennsylvania, consistently favored a forthright declaration. The fight to revise the State Department's wording was led by Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York.

"The vigorous campaign for a strong Israel plank," the statement continued, "carried on by New York's Mayor William O'Dwyer, also proved to be one of the chief influences for forthright action by the resolutions committee. The plank which was finally adopted today is generally regarded here as a strong rebuke of the State Department and a major defeat for the anti-Zionist forces in the Administration."

The statement pointed out that the 1948 Democratic plank on Israel was the fourth declaration of support obtained from the major U.S. political parties by the American Zionist movement under the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

The full text of the plank follows:

"President Truman, by granting immediate recognition to Israel, led the world in extending friendship and welcome to a people who have long sought and justly deserved freedom and independence. We favor full recognition of the state of Israel. We affirm our pride, too, that the United States, under the leadership of President Truman, played a leading role in the adoption of the resolution of November 29, 1947 by the United Nations General Assembly for the creation of a Jewish state. We approve the claims of the state of Israel to the boundaries set forth in the United Nations Resolution of November 29 and consider that modification thereof should be made only if fully acceptable to the state of Israel.

"We look forward to the admission of the state of Israel to the United Nations and its full participation in the international community of nations. We pledge appropriate aid to the state of Israel in developing its economy and resources. We favor the revision of the arms embargo to accord to the state of Israel the right of self-defense. We pledge ourselves to work for the modification of any Resolution of the United Nations to the extent that it may prevent any such revision. We continue to support within the framework of the United Nations the internationalization of Jerusalem and the protection of the holy places of Palestine."

LOY HENDERSON, ANTI-ZIONIST STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, NAMED MINISTER TO INDIA

WASHINGTON, July 14. (JTA) -- President Truman today announced the appointment of Loy Henderson as Ambassador to India and Minister to Nepal.

Henderson, present chief of the State Department's Division of Near Eastern and African Affairs, has long been under attack by Zionist circles and American liberals for his reportedly pro-Arab, obstructionist views with regard to American policy toward Palestine and the new state of Israel.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall told a press conference later in the day however, that Henderson's appointment to the India post had no significance with regard to this country's policy on Palestine. Secretary Marshall said the matter of giving Henderson a ministerial post had been under consideration for quite some time. He could not say who would be appointed to fill the post vacated by Henderson.

POLISH JEWS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN TO COLLECT BLOOD FOR ISRAELI ARMY; NEW HOSPITAL OPENED

WARSAW, July 14. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee of Poland today announced the launching of a drive to collect blood plasma for the Israeli Army. In cooperation with TOZ, Polish affiliate of the OSE, the Committee has arranged for Jews in cities throughout the country to donate blood in Polish Red Cross centers which in turn will process the donations for immediate air shipment to the Jewish state.

Meanwhile, in Wlabzic, in Lower Silesia, a Jewish hospital named for the late Joint Distribution Committee official David Guzik, who was killed in an air crash in Prague two years ago, was opened today. The hospital has 150 beds and is equipped to handle complex surgical as well as medical cases. A school for nurses has also been set up in conjunction with the hospital.

METHODIST GROUP OPPOSES RACIAL, RELIGIOUS BARS TO IMMIGRATION AT SENATE GROUP HEARING

WASHINGTON, July 14. (JTA) -- A representative of the Methodist Federation for Social Action told the Senate immigration investigation hearing this morning that all racial, religious or national origin bars to immigration should be eliminated from U.S. immigration laws to make them consistent with American and Christian ideals.

The Rev. Alson J. Smith, representing the Methodist group, told committee investigators that the "national origin" basis of our quota law "makes us subscribe to a doctrine of racial difference the best-known exponent of which was the late Adolph Hitler and which we know to be biologically ridiculous as well as ethically outrageous."

ACTIVITIES OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY CONTINUING DESPITE WAR CONDITIONS, OFFICIAL REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- "Despite war conditions, the activities of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem are continuing with great intensity," Dr. Alexander Geiger, chairman of the University's Physiology Department, told a press conference here today upon his arrival from Palestine. He was interviewed at the offices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Dr. Geiger reported that the University, situated on Mt. Scopus, suffered considerable damage following the British evacuation on May 15, but pointed out that a tour of the University's grounds on June 10, after a cease-fire for the Mt. Scopus area had been imposed by the U.N. Truce Commission, disclosed that "the damage can be repaired within a short time." He stressed, however, that damage to equipment in various laboratories was particularly heavy.

DON PINES, TEL AVIV EDITOR, TO TEACH HEBREW COURSE AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- Don Pines, editor of the Tel Aviv daily newspaper, Davar, who is now in New York, will instruct a course in classic and contemporary Hebrew literature at the summer session of the School of Education of New York University, it was announced today by Prof. Abraham I. Katsh, chairman of Hebrew Culture and Education at N.Y.U.

MRS. HATTIE GOODHART, SISTER OF EX-GOVERNOR HERBERT LEHMAN, DIES AT AGE OF 88

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Hattie Goodhart, a sister of former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who died yesterday at her home here at the age of 88. Mrs. Goodhart was the widow of Philip Goodhart, a philanthropist and financial leader, who died four years ago. A native of Montgomery, Alabama, she was a trustee of the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews in this city and also contributed generously to medical research.

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