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## LAST MINUTE NEWS

### ARABS REPORTED TO HAVE ACCEPTED U.N. TRUCE; NO CONFIRMATION AVAILABLE AT LAKE SUCCESS

LAKE SUCCESS, July 16. (JTA) -- No confirmation could be obtained from U.N. Secretariat sources this evening of several reports originating from Amman, capital of Transjordan, that the Arabs had accepted the Security Council's order for an immediate cessation of hostilities.

Dispatches from Amman attributed the cease-fire order to King Abdullah, who was said to have acted with the consent of the Arab League Political Committee. One report stated that Abdullah set 2 A.M. local time tomorrow as the deadline for the truce in Jerusalem. A late dispatch from Tel Aviv reported that the Israeli Government had agreed to the time set by Abdullah.

### ISRAELI TROOPS CAPTURE NAZARETH AS GUERRILLA UNITS FLEE; TEL AVIV BOMBED AGAIN

TEL AVIV, July 16. (JTA) -- The capture of the Arab city of Nazareth was officially announced here late tonight in an Israeli communique.

The city, which had been converted into a major base by Fawzi el Kaukuji and his "Liberation Army" was entered by a small detachment of Jewish troops immediately after the outflanked guerrilla units withdrew by the last remaining exit. The bulk of the Jewish army remained outside the city because of its religious significance to the Christian world.

Tel Aviv was heavily bombed tonight by Egyptian Dakotas and Spitfires. No report is available of the casualties or damage.

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### ISRAEL ACCEPTS U.N. TRUCE ORDER; SHERTOK SAYS WAR WILL END AS SOON AS ARABS DESIST

TEL AVIV, July 16. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government today accepted--less than 24 hours after its issuance last night--the United Nations Security Council's order to halt the Palestine war by Monday morning, Tel Aviv time. In a message to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, Israeli Minister Moshe Shertok said that the truce order will be carried out as soon as Israel is informed that all Arab governments have issued the necessary order.

The text of Shertok's cable to Lie follows:

"Have honor acknowledge receipt your telegram containing text resolution Security Council and communicate you following resolution adopted by Provisional Government Israel after its consideration:

"Provisional Government of Israel, having taken note of resolution of Security Council of July 15, 1948, decided comply with Council's request for resumption truce in Palestine and for immediate unconditional cease-fire in Jerusalem. Provisional Government is ready issue necessary orders to both effects as soon as it is notified that all Arab Governments and authorities concerned have likewise accepted truce in Palestine and immediate cease-fire in Jerusalem and have issued orders for these arrangements to take effect at respective times laid down in resolution. Provisional Government accepts resumption of truce in accordance with its declared attitude as to conditions to be observed."

"Regarding cease-fire in Jerusalem, have instructed our representative Jerusalem approach consular commission for receipt notification of Arab decision. As to truce, would appreciate earliest possible advice as to procedure whereby we can be notified in time of decision Arab Governments involved in aggression throughout Palestine."

### ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE ASKS U.N. TRUCE COMMISSION TO GET ARAB REPLY ON JERUSALEM TRUCE

JERUSALEM, July 16. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government's representative in Jerusalem today called on the U.N. Truce Commission to "determine by an appointed hour to-night" whether the Arabs are expected to accept the cease-fire which is scheduled to go into effect at dawn tomorrow under the terms of the U.N. Security Council's truce order.

Meanwhile, the fighting continued in this city with the Arabs making an abortive attempt to penetrate the Musrara quarter which is almost completely controlled by the Jews. After the Arabs were driven back the heavy guns of both forces reopened their high explosive duel, outstanding feature of the fighting since the first U.N. truce expired last week. Israeli Army headquarters here reported that the strategic height of Khirbet Deir Amar, 11 miles west of Jerusalem, had been captured.

Jerusalem suffered its first night bombing and the heaviest artillery exchange of the war yesterday. The air raid, carried out by three Egyptian planes which dropped a small number of bombs on a Jewish residential section, was ineffectual.

EGYPTIAN AIR BASE IN SINAI DESERT RAIDED BY ISRAELI BOMBERS; TOWN NEAR HAIFA SEIZED

TEL AVIV, July 16. (JTA) -- Israeli bombers attacked an Egyptian air base at El Arish today, an official communique reported. The airfield, located some 50 miles south of Gaza along the Egyptian-Palestine border in the Sinai Desert, was subjected to a seven-ton bombing raid, the communique added.

Earlier, last night, Israeli aircraft bombed military objectives in Cairo for the first time since the war began. Tel Aviv was subjected to a light Egyptian raid last night. There were no reports of casualties or damage. Two alerts sounded in the Israeli capital today, only one of which was followed by sporadic bombing.

Israeli military headquarters reported that Egyptian troop concentrations along the Palestine border were also attacked by the same squadron that raided the Egyptian capital. Cairo is located some 350 miles from Tel Aviv and is now the third Arab capital to have been attacked by Jewish aircraft. Amman and Damascus were raided last June by Israeli planes.

Jewish forces overran the strategic Arab town of Tira at dawn, thus removing the last important Arab threat to the Tel Aviv-Haifa coastal road. The town is situated five miles south of Haifa. A small Israeli naval vessel and several planes participated in the operation which resulted in the surrender of between 700 and 1,000 Iraqi and Syrian troops.

At least 1,000 Egyptians were killed, wounded or captured in engagements this week on the southern front, a communique said. The announcement also reported that Israeli troops in the north central area were continuing to tighten their circle around Nazareth and had captured two additional villages near Shaffa Amr.

Late this afternoon, an Army spokesman announced that Jewish troops on the tense Latrun front had captured four Arab villages. He listed them as Salbit, Barfiliya, Virmain and Alburg. The spokesman told correspondents that fighting was continuing near Mishmar Hayarden in Eastern Galilee, while there was "little change" in the southern area.

JOSEPH SPRINZAK, HISTADRUTH LEADER, ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF ISRAELI STATE COUNCIL

TEL AVIV, July 16. (JTA) -- Joseph Sprinzak, Histadruth leader and member of the Labor Party, was last night elected chairman of the Israeli State Council, it was revealed here this morning. Sprinzak became a member of the Council only yesterday, replacing Goldie Meirson who was appointed Minister to the Soviet Union.

Dr. Abraham Granovsky, managing director of the Jewish National Fund and a General Zionist, was named deputy chairman, as was Nahum Nir of the United Labor Party. A third deputy chairman, assigned to the Mizrahi, has not yet been appointed. A move to give the Revisionists a deputy chairmanship was defeated 14-12.

Military expenditures will be passed upon by the Finance Commission but will not be published, it was learned here. Since May 15 the government has granted import licenses to bring in goods valued at nearly \$8,000,000, despite the fact that most of its currency assets are frozen in London.

The Israeli Supreme Court today began hearings on a habeas corpus proceeding brought by attorney Max Seligman in behalf of Peter Bergson, chairman of the American Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, and Jacob Meridor, deputy chief of the Irgun,

who are being held on charges of responsibility for the recent Irgun clash with the army when the government halted an attempt by the dissidents to land arms near Tel Aviv in defiance of the U.N. truce.

The order obtained by Seligman demanded the appearance in court of Premier David Ben Gurion, in the capacity of Defense Minister. When the chief of staff of the army arrived instead, Seligman challenged the legality of the action and the hearing was postponed until the court decided the point.

Yesterday, for the first time, Seligman was permitted to visit his clients at a detention camp in the Afuleh district. Bergson complained to Seligman against the fact that he was confined to a single cell and disclosed that he had been moved a number of times within this camp and another, in which he was imprisoned earlier. He insisted that he was not informed of the charges against him until three weeks after he was arrested.

Meridor showed Seligman a copy of an agreement between the army commander and himself which granted immunity to all Irgunists involved in the Kfar Vitkin battle when the first arms landing was attempted. Meridor insisted that he was arrested in violation of this pact.

#### ARABS SILENT ON TRUCE AS MEDIATOR WITHHOLDS CEASE-FIRE ORDER PENDING THEIR ACCEPTANCE

LAKE SUCCESS, July 16. (JTA) -- Although the Israeli Government today replied promptly to the U.N. Security Council's order for an immediate cease-fire in Palestine, no word was received at the U.N. headquarters today from the Arab League states. Under the terms of the American-sponsored resolution adopted late last night by the Council the Arabs face economic, diplomatic and military sanctions if they refuse to obey the truce order.

U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte will not issue a cease-fire order for Palestine until the Arab states have indicated their acceptance in principle of the Security Council order that the war be stopped, a U.N. spokesman indicated today. The Council resolution specifically authorizes Bernadotte to determine the time when the cease-fire will take effect. However, Bernadotte will not issue such an order at a time which would place the Jewish forces at a disadvantage, the spokesman said.

Since the Israeli Government has accepted the truce but only on condition that the Arabs do the same, it would be futile and confusing for Bernadotte to set an arbitrary deadline until he has received replies from both parties that they agree to stop fighting.

#### JOSEPH C. SATTERTHWAITE APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF STATE DEPARTMENT NEAR EASTERN OFFICE

WASHINGTON, July 16. (JTA) -- Joseph C. Satterthwaite has been appointed director of the State Department's Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs, Secretary of State George C. Marshall announced today. Formerly deputy director of the office, Satterthwaite now moves up to the position made vacant by the appointment of Loy Henderson as Ambassador to India. Satterthwaite has held consular posts in Mexico City, Buenos Aires, Baghdad, Ankara and Damascus.

Presidential press-secretary Charles G. Ross told a news conference here today that he had "nothing on it," relative to a report, circulating at Lake Success, that President Truman would lift the Middle East arms embargo shortly.

THREE NAZI OFFICIALS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY POLISH COURT; TO SET UP CEMETERY AT TREBLINKA

WARSAW, July 16. (JTA) -- Friedrich Gerhard, one of the top officials of the notorious Maidanek death camp who also participated in the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto, was sentenced to death today by a Lublin district court.

A Cracow court imposed the death sentence on Elizabeth Lupka, one of the women guards of the Oswiecim concentration camp. At the same time, Karol Macura was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment for abetting the torture of hundreds of Jews in the camp. Former Gestapo chief of Miechow, Phillip Ridiger, who was found guilty of having 205 Jews shot to death, also received the death sentence by the Cracow court.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the Polish Government would contribute 1,400,000 zlotys towards the erection of a cemetery at Treblinka, site of the infamous Nazi camp where thousands of Jews were murdered. The remains of the victims executed in the camp will be interred in the cemetery.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HOLD COUNTRY-WIDE PARLEY; PLEDGE AID TO ISRAEL

PRAGUE, July 16. (JTA) -- A country-wide conference of Jewish war veterans was held here today with delegates from all parts of the country in attendance. Dr. Manus Rezek, chairman of the Jewish Veterans Organization of Czechoslovakia, presided.

Dr. Rezek, a chaplain in the Czech Army, stressed the importance of providing immediate aid to Israeli's Army. He also led a service honoring the memory of the thousands of Czech Jewish soldiers killed during the war. Messages on behalf of the government were presented by leading Czech officials. Representatives of all Zionist and other Jewish organizations also participated in the conference.

H.G. Elboth, representing the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., addressed the parley. Messages of greetings were sent by the conference to the Provisional Government of Israel, Klement Gottwald, President of Czechoslovakia, and Gen. Ludwig Stroda, Minister of War. A resolution pledging all-out aid to the Israelis was adopted by the meeting.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS HONORING JEWS EXECUTED BY NAZIS HELD THROUGHOUT HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, July 16. (JTA) -- Memorial meetings honoring the thousands of Hungarian Jews who were executed by the Germans during the war were held in various communities throughout the country this week.

A large-sized replica of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem was unveiled in the town of Zala, while in Pecs a statue depicting Jewish martyrs of the late war was dedicated in the presence of high government officials. The fourth anniversary of the deportation of 6,000 Jews from Gyzer to the Oswiecim death camp was also commemorated.

BRITISH DELEGATION LEAVES FOR INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS PARLEY

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- A representative delegation from Britain will leave this week-end for Fribourg, Switzerland, to attend an international conference called by the International Council of Christians and Jews at Fribourg University, it was reported here today.

Methods and techniques for improving inter-group relations through "building bridges of understanding" will be discussed. The conference will be held from July 21 to July 28.

REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR 8,000 JEWS IN RUMANIA AND ITALY ANNOUNCED BY J.D.C.

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) -- Rehabilitation plans to aid some 8,000 Jews in Italy and Rumania attain economic independence were announced here today by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

A total of \$450,000 has been set aside for this project, including a special \$30,000 allocation for establishing a credit cooperative in Milan. The over-all program calls for strengthening existing cooperatives and setting up new ones, particularly for Jewish skilled workers, professional men and merchants.

The major portion of the appropriation will go towards the formation of 35 producers cooperatives in Rumania which will employ 2,500 family heads, most of whom are engaged in shoe-making, tailoring and woodwork. In addition, the cooperatives will offer extensive apprentice training.

MOTION TO INVESTIGATE DP LAW WILL BE INTRODUCED AT SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS

CHICAGO, July 16. (JTA) -- Legislation to investigate the recently-adopted displaced persons immigration law will be introduced at the special session of Congress to convene July 26, Rep. Jacob Javits, of New York, told a Combined United Jewish Appeal meeting here tonight.

The motion will be presented by the House Foreign Affairs Committee's special committee on DP's by Reps. James Fulton and Frank Chelf, Rep. Javits revealed to the meeting. He denounced the present DP law as "calculated, brazen discrimination against Jews and deserving Catholics."

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL, FEDERATION FOR POLISH JEWS URGE TRUMAN TO LIFT ISRAEL ARMS EMBARGO

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) -- Telegrams urging President Truman to issue instructions for the immediate lifting of the arms embargo were sent to President Truman last night by the Synagogue Council of America and the American Federation for Polish Jews.

The telegrams pointed out that the embargo was a U.S. act and that, through Truman, it should be discontinued, and so enable Israel to buy arms in the U.S. Such forthright action would be welcomed by all Americans and citizens of the world, the messages stated.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF JEWISH NATIONAL WORKERS ALLIANCE OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) -- The annual conference of the general executive of the Jewish National Workers Alliance opened here today, with delegates from all sections of the United States and Canada attending. The three-day parley, which will be held at the Hotel Astor, will deal primarily with internal organizational matters.

HENRY MEYERS NAMED NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF NEW J.W.B. PERSONNEL AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) -- Henry Meyers, Detroit communal leader and attorney, has been named national chairman of the newly-created Committee for the Bureau of Personnel and Training of the National Jewish Welfare Board, it was announced here today by Frank L. Weil, J.W.B. president. The new committee will be the policy-making body for J.W.B.'s Bureau of Personnel and Training.