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### LAST MINUTE NEWS

#### ARAB LEAGUE STATES ACCEPT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL'S TRUCE ORDER, KING ABDULLAH ANNOUNCES

RHODES, July 18. (JTA) -- The Arab League states have accepted the United Nations Security Council order to cease hostilities in Palestine "with certain reservations," United Nations truce headquarters was informed here today in a message from King Abdullah's headquarters in Amman.

Earlier, the U.N. announced the receipt of the Egyptian and Transjordan Governments' acceptance of the cease-fire order. A U.N. spokesman said an acceptance message from Iraq was still awaited.

#### PEACE RETURNS TO JERUSALEM AFTER TRUCE IS BROKEN; NEW CEASE-FIRE DEADLINE OBEYED

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- Peace returned to Jerusalem late today after the 10-hour truce had been broken and the modern Jewish quarter of the city, where 100,000 Jews reside, was shelled by Arab Legion artillery from the Old City. The truce was resumed after the issuance of a new deadline by the consular truce commission. (See earlier story on page 1.)

#### ISRAELI TROOPS TO CEASE FIRE AS SOON AS ISRAEL IS NOTIFIED OF ARABS' ACCEPTANCE OF TRUCE

TEL AVIV, July 18. (JTA) -- An Israeli Government spokesman said late today that Israeli troops in the field will be ordered to withhold their fire on all fronts as soon as the Israel Government is officially notified of the Arabs' acceptance of the U.N. Security Council's truce order.

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### JERUSALEM TRUCE BROKEN; MANY JEWS REPORTED KILLED BY RENEWED ARAB ARTILLERY SHELLING

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- The truce which has prevailed here since yesterday morning was broken today and the consular truce commission was compelled to call for a new cease-fire agreement effective at 3 P.M. this afternoon, Jerusalem time.

Both Jews and Arabs accused each other of breaking the truce. In the Jewish sector of the city, dozens of Jews were reportedly killed when Arab artillery in the Old City opened a fierce barrage on the Jewish section. Israeli mortars replied with equally heavy fire against the Arab positions in the ancient walled quarter.

The Israeli Government's representative here, Dr. Bernard Joseph, is in constant touch with the consular truce commission and has notified the commission of each Arab breach of the truce. Amid a welter of confusing reports, it has been established that Arab Legion forces at noon today attacked the Sheik Jarrach quarter of northern Jerusalem, but were repulsed by Jewish units.

In the absence of U.N. truce observer teams, it is held likely that fighting will continue in Jerusalem until the country-wide truce is imposed. Jewish authorities here have not yet received any direct notification from the Israel Government that the Arabs have accepted the United Nations order to cease fire. The deadline when the Security Council's order must be complied with is 7:00 P.M., Palestine time.

Outside the truce area of Jerusalem's municipal boundaries, Israeli troops today consolidated their lines southwest of Jerusalem by capturing the historic village of John the Baptist, Ein Kurem. The village was taken after a show of only token resistance and none of its buildings were harmed. Correspondents who visited Ein Kurem after occupation by the Jews reported that the Franciscan monks and nuns were unharmed in the Biblical buildings. With the capture of the village, the Israelis now hold a five-mile-wide corridor all the way from Jerusalem to the coastal plain, except for Arab positions athwart the highway at Latrun.

The International Red Cross will evacuate Jerusalem this week, it was reported today. The agency will close down two refugee centers and will move the camps' inmates to the former Mandatory Power's Government House.

In one of the greatest battles the Jerusalem population has witnessed in the present conflict, the combined forces of the Defense Army of Israel, Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern Group pounded at the ancient walls of the Old City for eight hours prior to the truce deadline yesterday. Six Jews were killed and 31 wounded in the operation. Irgun shock troops stormed through two dynamited sections of the wall and engaged in an hour-and-a-half bitter exchange of fire. Many actions were fought from house to house. At 5:45 A.M. the Israeli Army announced, it received orders to suspend all fighting.

The assault, apparently designed to wrest the entire Old City from its Arab Legion defenders within a few hours before the truce began, was described by correspondents who observed the battle as "one of the most concentrated" of the war. Heavy shelling and incessant fire could be heard throughout the city during the engagement.

TEL AVIV RAIDED SIX TIMES BY EGYPTIANS BEFORE TRUCE DEADLINE; SIX KILLED, 20 WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, July 18. (JTA) -- Six Jews were killed and at least 20 wounded yesterday when Tel Aviv was subjected to six Egyptian air raids, it was officially announced. A direct hit on the Strauss Medical Center--which was clearly marked with a Red Cross--accounted for several casualties, an Israeli communique said. One Egyptian Dakota was shot down by Jewish anti-aircraft fire.

Israeli aircraft dropped several bombs on Damascus yesterday morning while other Jewish planes attacked Syrian troop concentrations in northern Palestine towards dusk. (A report from Cairo said heavy anti-aircraft fire was heard last night during a one-hour alert in the Egyptian capital. An alert was also sounded in Alexandria.)

In last-minute operations before the U.N. truce order went into effect, Israeli aircraft bombed the strategic Arab town of Tulkarm, easternmost point of the "Arab triangle." Dispatches from Nazareth, which Israeli seized on Friday, reported that all Arab inhabitants of the ancient town are surrendering their arms to the victorious Jews. The town has already returned to normal life and newsmen interviewing civilians said that "they seemed not unhappy" at the turn of events.

The five Britons abducted last week by the Irgun Zvai Leumi on charges of "intelligence with the enemy" were handed over today to the security section of the Defense Army of Israel, it was announced over the week-end. It is expected that they will stand trial shortly, although it is not known whether they will be tried in Tel Aviv.

MEDIATOR RETURNS TO NEAR EAST; HOPES ORIGINAL PARTITION DECISION WILL NOT BE ABANDONED

LAKE SUCCESS, July 18. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that he had the power to suggest to both the Jews and Arabs certain "adjustments" in the Nov. 29 U.N. Palestine partition resolution, U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte said here over the week-end that he hoped that a permanent settlement of the Palestine dispute could be reached without "abandoning" or greatly modifying the original partition decision.

Bernadotte told newsmen, just before taking off for the Near East to supervise the newly-ordered Security Council truce, that he was encouraged by the Council's preparedness to invoke drastic sanctions, if necessary, to ensure the cessation of hostilities in Palestine. He said he was "delighted" at the "first stage" which achieved a truce in Jerusalem.

Replying to a question about his previously-announced advocacy of a plebiscite for Palestine to settle the conflict, the U.N. mediator said: "I think a plebiscite is the most democratic way to solve questions like this--to go to the people. I have it in mind, but I don't know if this is practicable at present."

He revealed that he will attempt to obtain a "base" on which both parties could agree in time for submission to the next session of the U.N. General Assembly which is scheduled to open in Paris on September 21.

Meanwhile, the Provisional Government of Israel made public a copy of its July 16 White Paper charging that the British Government "decided in April to impose oil sanctions on the Jews of Palestine, while at the same time decided to give to the Arab states, which were already fighting, all the fighting facilities for the forthcoming major operations." The charges were immediately denied by the British delegation here.

U.S. MARINES ORDERED TO JERUSALEM TO GUARD AMERICAN CONSULATE, NAVY DEPT. ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- A squad of 13 U.S. Marines has been ordered to Jerusalem to guard the U.S. consulate there, the Navy Department announced here.

ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVES REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY

BUCHAREST, July 18. (JTA) -- Mordecai Namir, Israeli Foreign Ministry representative who is now in Rumania on a special mission, was received by Foreign Minister Anna Pauker today, it was announced here. The meeting marks the first official contact between the Rumanian and Israeli Governments since the former recognized the Jewish state last month.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES REAFFIRMS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL'S STAND TO MEDIATOR'S "PEACE SUGGESTIONS"

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews at a meeting today solemnly proclaimed British Jewry's support for the Provisional Government of Israel in rejecting U.N. Palestine mediator Count Folke Bernadotte's "peace suggestions" for Palestine when, by acclamation, it approved a statement by acting chairman of its Palestine Committee, B. Lieberman, reaffirming a resolution adopted last month which declared that further discussions on the present Palestine dispute are possible only on the "basis of recognition of Israel's sovereignty, which includes full control of immigration."

The Deputies also approved a statement rejecting Bernadotte's proposal to place Jerusalem under Arab rule, stressing that the original U.N. partition decision constituted a tremendous sacrifice for the Jews "beyond which Israel cannot go." The meeting also "regretted" the British Government's opposition at the U.N. Security Council to branding the Arab states aggressors in the Palestine war. "Peace can come only when this country and the other Great Powers view the Palestine problem not from the angle of imperialist interests, power politics or oil, but as a great international issue and a challenge to the soul of mankind," the statement added.

Thirty-five surplus U.S. Army scout cars which were to have been shipped to Israel over the week-end from a Wales port were held there today by British authorities on the grounds that the vehicles might be converted to military use.

WORLD ORT PARLEY IN PARIS APPROVES PLANS FOR EXPANDING VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECTS

PARIS, July 18. (JTA) -- The annual meeting of the central board of the World ORT Union, which was attended by delegates from 23 countries in Europe and the Western Hemisphere, concluded here today. Plans for the expansion of the organization's vocational training program to speed up the economic rehabilitation of displaced Jews in Europe were unanimously approved.

The parley also adopted a program for instituting vocational training projects in Israel, North Africa and other areas. The American delegation comprised M. Malwin Fertig, A. Delowitz, Max Herzfeld, Julius Hochman, A.C. Litten, Mrs. Naomi Finkelstein, Mrs. Ludwig Kaplan and Joseph Backin, general secretary of the Workmen's Circle, who was elected first vice-president of the organization.

EMPLOYEES GROUP ACCUSES A.M.G. OF DISMISSING JEWS; PROTEST TO ARMY SECRETARY ROYALL

MUNICH, July 18. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Employees Association today cabled a protest to Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall in Washington against the dismissal of 12 American Jews employed by the American Military Government in Germany. The message charged that A.M.G. authorities in Bavaria and Berlin had dismissed 12 employees because they are Jews.

Herbert Baker, president of the association, charged that A.M.G. authorities were pursuing a policy of firing employees who are not native American citizens. Referring to the 12 A.M.G. employees fired recently, he said, "by coincidence, all were Jews."

AMERICANS FOR HAGANAH ANNOUNCES DISSOLUTION; AMERICANS UNITED FOR ISRAEL TO REPLACE IT

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- The dissolution soon of Americans for Haganah, Inc., and its replacement by a group now in formation--to be known as Americans United for Israel, Inc.--was announced here today by Rudolf Sonnehorn, Abraham Feinberg, Nahum Bernstein, Charles Gutwirth, Adolf Robinson and Samuel Cherr.

In a press statement released from the office of Americans for Haganah, Inc., the six, declaring that they speak for "a board of directors of 100, including leading Jewish figures from all over the country," said "the new organization plans to incorporate many activities now carried on by other organizations, and to launch a number of new projects involving public relations, publications, collections of materials, speakers bureaus, films and other activities which will serve to rally support for the embattled population of Israel."

Appealing to "all Americans without regard to race, creed or political beliefs," the new group's announcement expressed the hope that "this organization will provide a base on which persons representing all party, political or sectarian views may stand together in their support of Israel." Until Oct. 1, Americans for Haganah will fulfill its contractual obligations, the announcement said, until these functions can be liquidated or be absorbed by the new organization.

Americans United for Israel also announced that Materials for Palestine, which is at present engaged in gathering non-contraband supplies for Israel, will also be absorbed into the new group on or about October 1. The new organization in addition to "its efforts to rally support for the embattled population of Israel," announced that it "intends to make every effort to aid those forces carrying on rehabilitation and immigration of European Jews destined eventually for Israel."

SUPPLIES FOR ISRAEL COLLECTED BY CHICAGO B'NAI B'RITH TO BE TURNED OVER TODAY

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- Eighteen carloads of vital supplies collected by the Chicago Council of B'nai B'rith for the state of Israel will be turned over tomorrow to Eliahu Epstein, Israeli Minister to the United States, who will accept the \$500,000 worth of commodities on behalf of the Provisional Government of Israel.

Morris Alexander, president of the Chicago Council, which collected the supplies in a five-week campaign, pointed out today that "not only members of B'nai B'rith but many other members of the Chicago Jewish community and hundreds of non-Jewish citizens rushed to contribute materials. Church groups, civic organizations, labor organizations, the Youth for Christ movement and others all joined hands," he said.

In addition to Messrs. Epstein and Alexander, Frank Goldman, B'nai B'rith president, and Maurice Bisgier, executive secretary, will also participate in the donation ceremony. Much of the equipment was assembled by Materials for Palestine. The supplies include jeeps, trucks, automotive supplies, hardware, tools, medical supplies, canned goods, surgical instruments, electric motors, radio supplies, cameras, watches, clothing and tents.

Five ambulances were made available over the week-end to the Red Mogen David by the Jewish People's Fraternal Order. They were turned over to Red Mogen David officials in a ceremony at City Hall here.

SOS DRIVE COLLECTED OVER 6,500,000 POUNDS OF SUPPLIES DURING FIRST HALF OF 1948

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA) -- More than 6,561,000 pounds of foodstuffs, clothing, medical supplies and other relief materials were contributed to the SOS (Supplies for Overseas Survivors) collection of the Joint Distribution Committee during the first half of this year, it was announced here today by Mrs. Isaac Gilman, national co-chairman of the drive.

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