

Palestine Fighting Continues

Weizmann Says Israel to Seek Ties With the West

By the Associated Press

PARIS, June 9 —President Chaim Weizmann said today his new state of Israel will seek close ties with Western nations.

He said at a news conference that he meant this to include England. But he did not mention Russia.

The 74-year-old president said "the future of Israel depends on good relations with the Western states."

He parried questions which seemed aimed at getting him to mention Israel's relations with Russia.

Weizmann said the Jewish state would never agree to be part of a Palestinian federation.

ECONOMIC UNION

Meeting the French and foreign press here for the first time in his new position, Weizmann added that Israel would not accept any solutions to the Palestine problem "absorbing part of its sovereignty."

Weizmann said, however: "We are ready to establish an economic union between the state of Israel and the rest of Palestine. That can be a beginning."

Weizmann said Israel can absorb all the 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 Zionist immigrants expected for the next 10 years. The President said 250,000 of these are Jewish displaced persons in Europe. Another 300,000 to 400,000 European Jews in Poland, Germany, Romania and Hungary "stand in need of immediate immigration," he said. The rest are expected mainly from Moslem areas, such as French North Africa.

"The Jews in the Arab countries are in immediate danger," Weizmann said.

IRRIGATION

Israel depends on irrigation developments in the Negeb, or southern desert, to absorb new population. For this reason, Weizmann said Israel could not consider proposals to exchange the Negeb for Western Galilee—a move which might also give the Arabs a majority in Israel.

"I cannot agree that the boundaries of Israel are not fixed," he went on. "Up to now the Arabs have not crossed the limits of the State of Israel, except for the Egyptians in a small corner of the Negeb, and I do not think they will stay very long."

Israel will defend the interests of Christianity in the international city of Jerusalem, he said.

"I do not think British recognition will come very fast, though it will not take more than a month or two," he said.

Weizmann said Israel was not hurrying the French, because of French concern over the Arab reaction in North Africa.

"The Vatican has some hesitation, but I think we will come to an understanding with the Vatican and very soon," he said.

Eight Die in Blast

RECIFE, Brazil, June 9 (UP)—Eight persons were killed and nearly 100 injured today by the explosion of a boiler in a sugar and alcohol mill.

Jews Attack Barrier on Jerusalem Supply Route

By the Associated Press

In the twilight period between acceptance and effectiveness of the Palestine truce, fighting continued in the Holy Land Wednesday.

A Trans-Jordan Arab Legion communique said Jews, 1000 strong attacked at Bab El Wad gorge Tuesday night. The gorge is astride the supply road from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The bulletin said the Jews were repulsed, leaving 56 killed and a large quantity of ammunition on the field. The fighting continued until just before dawn Wednesday.

"Our forces continued shelling and firing at the retreating Jews, causing additional casualties," the Arab Legion bulletin said.

Jewish warplanes attacked Arab positions outside the borders of Palestine.

For the second time since the Arab-Jewish war erupted, Israeli warplanes struck at troop concentrations in an Arab state, bombing forces near the Lebanese town of Benat Ibaal, according to a late communique. Benat Ibaal is about five miles north of the Palestinian-Lebanese border.

Jews still battled Egyptians in the Isdud area on the coastal route to Tel Aviv, and Jews and Arabs fought in the northern Nablus-Tulkarm-Jenin triangle, held by the Arabs.

EGYPTIAN FORCE

The Jews still claimed to have surrounded the Egyptian spearhead at Isdud, 23 miles south of Tel Aviv.

(The truce terms calling for a stand-still in the front lines presumably would leave this Egyptian force of about 1000 surrounded if it does not break out before the truce begins.)

An Iraq communique said another battle lasting three hours was fought in the Jenin area and another Jewish attack on the northern anchor of the Arab triangle was repulsed. The Iraqis said they had recaptured Lajjun, 11 miles northwest of Jenin, throwing the Jews back practically at the starting point of their recent offensive from that direction.

Artillery fire continued in Jerusalem itself. A pooled dispatch from the Holy City said Jewish-held areas of the new city were hit with anti-personnel shelling late Tuesday, and that Tuesday night the Jews staged a swift counterattack against what looked like the beginning of an Arab offensive drive from the Damascus Gate of Arab-held old Jerusalem.

ARAB ARTILLERY

The Arab commander in old Jerusalem said his artillery shelled the fortress-like Jewish Agency building, nerve center of Jerusalem Jewry, and scored 15 shell hits.

The Israeli command said Egyptian guns also shelled western parts of the city from south, and that Arab Legion armored vehicles tried to break into Jewish positions in the Musrara quarter of the city.

(United Press reported Egypt's war communique, issued long after the truce acceptance, said that its naval units demolished port installations at Naharia, on the coast north of Haifa. Ground forces captured Deir Nakh-Khas and Tarqumiya, on the road between El Majdal and Hebron in the south. Artillery shelled the Talpiyoth and Katamon suburbs in southern Jerusalem.)

Egyptian fighter bombers again raided Tel Aviv, dropping sticks of bombs across the town.

Jerusalem Supply Route Is Top Jewish Secret

'Give Me Five Minutes More' (To Die at Nine)

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JERUSALEM, June 8 (Delayed)

—It had seemed incongruous in the first place to hear a little Jewish boy about 9 whistling "Only Five Minutes More."

He strolled along in tennis shoes, shorts and a blue blouse.

An Arab mortar salvo began. Five of them fell 30 yards away and the little boy and I—the only persons on the street—lay flat alongside a high wall. The sixth one fell short and hit the street only 10 yards away from us. Lucky. I thought, only an incendiary.

Then I heard the little boy scream once and go quiet. I sprinted to him and saw a pool of blood.

"Where are you hit?"

He answered calmly: "I am going to die."

There were flecks of blood in the froth which appeared on his lips. A Haganah staff car raced down the street. I stopped it. We loaded the little boy into the car. He didn't cry.

We hurried him to the hospital. The nurses and doctors worked on him but soon stopped.

He was dead.

Early Evacuation Of British Troops Due in Palestine

LONDON, June 9 (AP)—A high government source said today Britain's evacuation of Palestine possibly will be completed by the end of June or in early July.

He said only 5000 or 6000 troops remain in Haifa, north Palestine seaport and Britain's chief remaining toe hold in the Holy Land.

The evacuation deadline announced when Britain gave up her Palestine mandate was August 1.

Planes, Tanks Patrol Camps on Cyprus

NICOSA, Cyprus, June 9 (AP)—British planes and light tanks kept watch today on Jewish internment camps where inmates are on hunger strikes.

About 24,000 Jews are held in Cyprus. They were taken there after trying to enter Palestine without visas during the British mandate. The British ruled Jews of military age would not be allowed to go to Israel while truce negotiations are in effect. The strike resulted.

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