

U. S. Consul Dies Of Palestine Wounds

U. N. Orders Jews, Arabs to Cease Fire; British Down 4 Attacking Egyptian Planes

JERUSALEM, May 23.—(Sunday)—(AP)—Consul General Thomas C. Wasson died here at 6 a. m. Sunday (11 p. m. Saturday, EST). Vice Consul William C. Burdett of Macon, Ga., announced. Wasson was shot Saturday returning from trying to arrange an Arab-Jewish truce in the Holy Land.

Egyptian mobile forces Saturday night reached Bethlehem, only five miles from the embattled city of Jerusalem where the Arab legion has Jewish defenders bottled in the old Walled City.

In Jerusalem Jewish troops were prevented by the Arab legion from fighting their way through to their besieged comrades. An estimated 600 Israeli soldiers were beaten off in their three-and-a-half-hour assault at the Zion gate in the south wall.

Then the Arab legionnaires resumed their attack on the defenders in the old city. Hard-pressed and apparently running short of ammunition, the Jewish troops there used ancient underground passages to aid their defense.

The United Nations Security Council, failing to accept Russian and American demands for strong action, issued its second demand on the Jews and Arabs to cease fire. It fixed a deadline of 36 hours after midnight Saturday. The Council had received a report that the fighting in Jerusalem is rapidly destroying the old city.

British military headquarters at Haifa announced that RAF fighter pilots shot down four Egyptian Spitfires which had attacked the British airfield at Ramit David, 14 miles southeast of Haifa.

The Egyptian communique said the Egyptian air force had attacked the field by mistake.

ECA SLOWS UP COTTON TRADE

Heavy Buying Held Upsetting to Market

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WASHINGTON, May 22.—The Economic Co-operation Administration asked the 16 European Recovery Program nations and China Saturday to stop ordering cotton from this country until establishment by the ECA of "a sound procurement plan."

The request does not apply to cotton purchases by foreign countries planning to use their own dollar resources without relying on United States aid.

Paul G. Hoffman, administrator, made the request in letters to the affected nations together with a statement by D. A. Fitzgerald. "In this way," Fitzgerald stated, "it may be possible to avoid more rigid controls on procurement under the ECA that might become necessary later if cotton procurement is conducted in an irregular manner."