

Two French Officers Die In Palestine

U. N. Observers Killed By Gunfire While on Aerial Coast Patrol

Tel Aviv, Israel, Aug. 28.—(AP.)—Gunfire killed two French officers today while on a United Nations aerial coast patrol in the vicinity of Gaza, the Egyptian army base in Palestine, a United Nations announcement said.

A United Nations source said the American pilot of the plane was hurt. His name was not learned here.

The bullet-riddled plane landed at the Gaza Airfield, but it was not known whether it was hit in flight or whether it had made an emergency landing and then was fired upon, the United Nations announcement said.

The victims were Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Queru, 50, and Captain Pierre Jaennel, 28. Queru was shot in the chest. Jaennel, a member of the French Air Force, was hit in the right temple.

Sergeant Noble Brown (home town ungiven), a United States Air Force flight engineer, arrived at the Gaza Air Field in another United Nations plane a few minutes later.

Upon his return to Haifa, Brown told United Nations officials he saw the plane being wheeled from the runway and that it had bullet holes in the fuselage and windows.

Jewish sources here said Israelis in the Gaza area claimed they saw the plane "apparently being shot down." Gaza is in the center of the "Gaza Strip" given the Arabs

under the United Nations partition plan. The nearest Israeli army position is seven miles inland.

United Nations officials will send a team from Haifa to Gaza tomorrow for an on-the-spot inquiry.

(In Jerusalem Israeli sources said a French United Nations observer was wounded in Arab shelling on Mount Zion. There was no United Nations confirmation.)

(The Israelis said Arab gun and mortar fire was directed at various Jewish suburbs and military positions this morning and last night. The Jews returned the Arab fire and injured "at least four Arabs," a communique said.)

Alabama Democrats Hope To Force Truman Vote

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 28.—(AP.)—Alabama Democrats loyal to the national party hope to find a way today to force the state's 11 Democratic electors to vote for President Truman.

State Senator Joseph N. Langan of Mobile, chairman of the pro-Truman forces in Alabama, called today's meeting, the second Truman rally in the state within a month.

Langan said the convention probably will settle on mandamus proceedings to require the elector nominees to follow the national party ticket.

An earlier plan of nominating a new slate of electors probably will be abandoned, he said, in favor of the court action.

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