

Egyptians Drive Toward Tel Aviv

U. S. TO MAKE POLICY CLEAR ON INVASION

U. N. Waits Declaration to Determine Move Against Holy Land Fighting

Lake Success, May 17 —(AP)— The United States is expected to make an important policy declaration today on the Arab invasion of Palestine.

There is no indication what the policy will be. It is agreed in United Nations circles, however, that the U. S. position may determine whether the Security Council can act effectively to stop the fighting in the Holy Land.

As the Council arranged to meet, Warren R. Austin, the chief U. S. delegate, kept close contact with Washington, where the Palestine problem was considered on the highest levels over the weekend.

Yesterday, the new State of Israel applied for membership in the United Nations, while King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan filed formal notice that his troops had invaded Palestine. Abdel Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary general of the seven-state Arab League, advised the United Nations that Arab intervention in the Holy Land was undertaken "for the sole purpose of restoring peace and security and establishing law and order."

Repeats Arab Demands

He repeated demands of the Arab League states—Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Trans-Jordan and Yemen—for an Arab state covering all of Palestine.

Abdullah said the invasion by his forces was necessary "to protect unarmed Arabs against massacres.... Be sure that we shall be very considerate in connection with the Jews in Palestine, while maintaining at (Please Turn to Page Two)

Haganah Gun Crew In Jerusalem Action



A Haganah commando officer (foreground) checks terrain before giving the order to his men to fire a three-inch mortar at an Arab position in the Bab El Wad area during fighting for control of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway. (AP)

Atomic Group Reports End Of Eniwetok Test

Truman Informed of Results by Lilienthal Who Calls

ARABS REPORT 30-MILE THRUST BY INVADERS

Capital of Israel Bombed for Third Day—Jews Say Acre About to Fall

By The Associated Press

The Egyptian Army was reported by Arabs today to have driven 30 miles into Palestine, more than halfway to Tel Aviv.

On the east of the new Jewish state of Israel, other forces of the five Arab nations invading Palestine were said to have captured the important Rutenburg power station, where the Yarmuk River joins the Jordan.

The Jews said the capture of Arab Acre, an old crusaders' port 12 miles south of Lebanon, is imminent. Haganah forces were declared to have struck seven miles into Lebanon and wrecked a strategic bridge.

Tel Aviv, government seat of the State of Israel, was bombed for the third straight day. The Egyptians declared they destroyed important dock works there yesterday. The Jews said they destroyed one or two planes.

Weizmann Elected

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, 73, elected president of Israel. British subject, he is now ill.

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"When any such notification reaches us, the Egyptian Government will base its reply on international law," he said.

Acre's Fall Likely

Tel Aviv, Israel, May 17—(AP)—Israel's Army said today it has struck seven miles into Lebanon and destroyed a strategic bridge. It declared also that the Arab city of Acre, 12 miles south of the Lebanese-Palestine frontier, "is expected to surrender at any moment."

Planes bombed Tel Aviv for the third successive day. Haganah, said several bombs were dropped at 5 A. M. The attack appeared aimed at the port area by a light or medium bomber and one other plane. At least 10 persons were killed from the air on Saturday and Sunday.

Moshe Shertok, foreign minister, acknowledged heavy Arab pressure in the northeast and south. The Egyptians were pressing into the Negeb, or southern desert, and the Iraqi Army was striking in the northern Jordan Valley, he said.

Haganah issued this communique at noon:

"Police station Nebu Yusha, Upper Galilee, was captured by our forces.

"In the Semakh area, Lake Galilee, heavy attacks were made on our positions yesterday. Three enemy armored cars were hit and put out of action. Two attempts by enemy infantry to attack our positions were repulsed, each time with enemy casualties.

"Enemy armored cars, artillery and infantry yesterday attacked Gesher, on the Trans-Jordan frontier. Heavy guns fired from the Irbid Road and Wadi Bara. Two enemy armored cars were put out of action and an infantry attack was repulsed.