

The U. N. Yesterday

Wednesday, May 19, 1948

Arab Legion Pushes Into Old City of Jerusalem; British Aloof on Recognition of Israel

PALESTINE — Arab Legion troops captured Jerusalem's northern suburb of Sheikh Jarrah and other Legionnaires advanced in force into the Old City.



Legion forces then effected a junction at the Damascus Gate and started shell-

ing the Sanhedriya quarter, north west of Sheikh Jarrah. Tel Aviv was subjected to further air raids during the day. Story on page 1.

At Washington, Secretary of state George C. Marshall said lifting of the embargo on arms for Palestine is tied up with steps the Security Council might take to halt fighting in the Holy Land, but declined to say whether the decision on the embargo would be held up until the Council acted. Story on page 12.

The British Foreign Office said a request had been received from Moshe Shertok, Israel's Foreign Minister, for recognition of the new state, but continued to maintain official aloofness on this question, as well as on that of armed intervention in Palestine by the British-trained, British-officered and British-financed Trans-Jordan Arab Legion. Story on page 12.

The American proposal for a cease-fire in Palestine by order of the Security Council, backed by a Council threat of economic sanctions or U. N. military intervention, was clearly doomed as it met opposition from Great Britain, Belgium and China. The plan needs seven votes to pass, but it is supported so far only by the United States, Russia and the Ukraine. Story on page 1.

REFUGEES — Giving as a reason the absence of a U. N.-recognized regime in Palestine, the International Refugee Organization preparatory commission suspended its sponsorship of Jewish refugee immigration into the Holy Land. William Hallam Tuck, executive secretary of the commission, announced the decision in Geneva and said the suspension will remain in effect until the commission can negotiate an immigration agreement with "a properly constituted authority set up with the approval of the United Nations."

LEASE—A formal lease for U. N. occupancy of a third of the Sperry Gyroscope plant at Lake Success, L. I., was signed by Secretary General Trygve Lie and John R. Campbell, of the War Assets Administration, which owns the building. The

new lease, replacing a letter agreement, calls for payment by the U. N. of an annual rental of \$202,831.20, retroactive to last July 1, and runs to June 30, 1949, with an option for a two-year renewal. The U. N. has occupied its share of the building as a temporary headquarters since Aug. 16, 1946, when it moved to Lake Success from Hunter College.

DUES — Turkey and Poland have made full payment of the 1948 U. N. contributions, bringing to eight the total of U. N. members that are paid up through the end of this year.

AUSTIN—Warren R. Austin, United States U. N. representative, said Russia has in the U. N. "immediate and continuous opportunities" for demonstrating willingness to collaborate with the United States, and he blamed the "self-imposed isolation" of Russia for failure of

United Nations Events Scheduled for Today

At Lake Success, L. I.

10:30 a. m.—Security Council continues Palestine debate (open).

10:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.—Drafting committee of Economic and Social Council's Human Rights Commission (open); Economic and Social Council Population Commission (open).

10:30 a. m. and 3 p. m.—Commission on Narcotics (open).

3 p. m.—Ad hoc committee on proposed Economic Commission for the Middle East (open).

Reservations for public seating at open meetings should be obtained a day in advance by telephoning Fieldstone 7-1100, Extension 2126 or 2156, after 8:30 a. m.

WNYC Broadcasts

Radio station WNYC (830 kilocycles) will begin at 11:30 a. m. to broadcast today's Security Council session.

U. N. agreement on fundamental issues. Story on page 7.

INFORMATION — A recommendation for compulsory study of the U. N. organization in schools all over the world was adopted in Geneva by a conference of non-governmental organizations. The conference, held under the auspices of the U. N. Department of Public Information, recommended also that the U. N. study development of U. N.-supervised world radio to broadcast impartial information; that schools organize "general assemblies" modeled on the U. N. body, and that summer camps be developed for young people of different nationalities.

Italian Princess Dies in Air

ROME, May 19 (UP).—Princess Gonzaga Meli Lupi di Soragno suffered a heart attack in a plane 5,000 feet above Rome yesterday and died before the plane could land. She was a cousin of the Italian Ambassador to the Holy See.

