

# Israel Had Issued Cease-Fire Order

## But Renewed Fighting Is Likely as Arabs Keep Firing After Deadline

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—Israel told the United Nations that it issued a cease-fire order to Jewish troops effective at noon today, New York time, but the Arab states requested and received a two-day extension to give them opportunity to decide whether to comply with the Security Council's latest plea for a Palestine truce.

In granting the Arab states a forty-eight-hour delay, the Security Council agreed that Middle East communication difficulties had prevented the Arabs from arranging a meeting of their Foreign Ministers and reaching a decision in time for submission to the Council by the time of the original deadline—1 p. m. today, New York time.

Speaking for the Arabs before the Council today, Faris el Khouiri, of Syria, said that the meeting of the Arab Foreign Ministers would be held tomorrow morning in Amman, the capital of Trans-Jordan, and that he hoped a reply would be received by Wednesday.

### Arab Conditions

Indications were that the Arab delay would neither help nor hinder the slim chance of success for the Security Council's peace plea. Privately, Arab diplomats said today that their agreement to a cease fire probably would be conditioned with the demand that the Jews abandon their project of a state in the Holy Land. This is condition the Jews will not accept.

Israel's agreement to silence her guns at noon today was based upon the condition that the Arabs stop firing on Jewish positions. Shortly after informing the Council of this, Israel representative Aubrey Eban notified the U. N. that he had just received word that Lebanese troops were shelling northern Palestine from across the border.

Now, with the Arabs granted a two-day delay, it seemed certain that the fighting would start up again for that period at least if, indeed, it ever stopped at all after the Jewish announcement.

Speaking as French government representative, Council President Alexandre Parodi told the Council today that many of Jerusalem's holy places are threatened with complete destruction, and he reasserted France's determination to support any U. N. measure that could tend to save holy places and bring about cessation of fighting.

### Holy Places Endangered

Hospitals, convents, museums and other religious institutions of all orders in Jerusalem are serving as fortresses for one side or another and are being riddled with mortar and artillery fire, Mr. Parodi said.

From its Palestine Truce Commission, meanwhile, the Council received the following message from two rabbis of the walled Old City of Jerusalem, in which the British-operated Arab Legion is menacing the Jewish quarter:

"The population of the Jewish quarter of the Old City is threatened with total massacre. . . . We address a desperate appeal to you. The rolls of the Torah of eight

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