

The U. N. Yesterday

Monday, May 24, 1948

Israel Orders Cease-Fire, Arabs Get 2-Day Delay; Russia Vetoes Inquiry on Czech Coup

PALESTINE—Israel told the U. N. that it had issued a cease-fire order to Jewish troops in Palestine, effective at noon on Monday, New York time, but the Arab states asked and were granted a two-day extension by the Security Council to allow them to decide whether they will comply with the Council's latest appeal for a truce. Story on page 1.

The United States appealed directly to the Arab nations to comply with the U. N. cease-fire order, instructing its representatives in the Middle East to carry the appeal directly to the chiefs of state or foreign ministers of the seven Arab states. Story on page 1.

Great Britain also urged Arab acceptance, after Ambassador Douglas saw Foreign Secretary Bevin, but asked the Security Council to give the Arabs more time. Criticism of Mr. Bevin's policy was increasing, and early modification of it was forecast. Story on page 13.

The Egyptian army announced that its forces had captured several Jewish strongholds in the southern Palestine coastal sector after nine hours of fighting and that 500 Jewish dead were counted on the battlefield near Deir Suneid. Arabs and Jews remained locked in the struggle for Jerusalem. Story on page 1.



United Nations Events Scheduled for Today

At Lake Success, L. I.

10:30 a. m.—Subcommittee 3 of Interim Committee (Little Assembly) (closed).

11 a. m.—Advisory Committee of Information Experts (open).

2:30 p. m.—Economic and Social Council's Population Commission (open).

3 p. m.—Ad Hoc Committee on Proposed Economic Commission for the Middle East (open).

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

forcibly. The committee is asking the U. N. to ask the three governments for an immediate statement on their intentions to return the children to Greece.

LIBRARIES—With an initial appropriation of \$8,000, the U. N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is assisting in rehabilitation of four libraries in Italy which were German property before and during the recent war. Thousands of volumes of rare archaeological works from the libraries