

Jewish Artillery Opens Counterfire in Jerusalem

(The following is a pooled dispatch from American correspondents in Jerusalem.)

JERUSALEM, July 11 (AP)—It was officially announced today that Jewish artillery had opened a counter-battery fire against Arab guns which are mauling 100,000 besieged Jews in the Holy City.

An Egyptian Spitfire fighter plane added a new peril this morning by dropping two bombs on New Montefiore. (The New York Times said two planes divebombed Jerusalem.)

The Israeli guns—"of various calibers, some British-made"—were concentrating on Egyptian artillery positions at the Monastery of Mar Elias, three miles south of Jerusalem on the Bethlehem road, and on Arab Legion gun posts in the vital suburb of Sheikh Jarrah which commands the Arab supply road to Nablus and the area of the Tomb of the Prophet.

Jewish gunners scored a direct hit on a Legion gun emplacement at Gordon's Calvary—claimed by some to be the real scene of Christ's final agony—which is on a hill 100 yards from the British Consulate.

Arab mortaring of the five-sixths of Jerusalem held by the Israelis

continued today but on a somewhat reduced scale while the tempo of Jewish mortaring of the Old City mounted in intensity.

"Davidkas," Jewish-built monster mortars which long were a secret weapon, were used in a systematic shelling of "specific areas where there are the largest Arab troop concentrations."

B-17 Trailed to Sea, Believed Israel-Bound

HARRISON, N. Y., July 11 (AP)—A B-17 bomber landed at Westchester County Airport today and later took off with about 10 passengers bound for an undisclosed destination.

One airport spokesman said the plane's pilot, identified only as A. Frederick, refused to file a flight plan.

The New York Herald-Tribune later said its "flying newsroom" plane had followed the B-17 from the field to a point outside the continental limits of the U. S. and far out over the ocean on a course from Cape Ann, Mass.

The paper said "it is believed that the plane is being flown to the Haganah forces in Israel."