

Egyptians Reported in Full Attack; Israeli Spokesman Says War Is On

Bernadotte Declares Arabs Reject Truce —U. N. Personnel Being Pulled Out of Palestine.

Cairo, July 8 (A. P.).—The Israeli High Command announced today that the Egyptian forces opened an offensive in the waning hours of the four weeks' truce in Palestine, and were hurling air, artillery and armored-car attacks against Beer Tuva, twenty-three miles south of Tel Aviv.

The Egyptians were attacking in the direction of Isdud, the communique added.

"The war is on," a Jewish spokesman declared.

Arabs Reject New Truce.

From his headquarters on Rhodes, Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations mediator, announced that the Arabs had rejected his plea to extend the truce, which runs out tomorrow at 6 A. M. Greenwich time (2 A. M., New York time). The Jews agreed to a thirty days' extension if the conditions "be substantially the same," Bernadotte asserted. He added: "The Arab reply . . . states that the Arabs are not prepared to accept a prolongation of the truce under present conditions in view of their experience of the last four weeks."

"I am disappointed that hostilities are to be resumed in Palestine."

Israel appealed to the United Nations for emergency action to halt a renewal of the war. The Israeli Foreign Minister, Moshe Shertok, told the U. N. in a message that the Egyptians attacked at 1 A. M., Greenwich time (8 o'clock last night). The force, he said, consisted of two armored columns and infantry.

On both sides, however, renewed war on a full scale was expected tomorrow.

Air Raid Alarm Sounded.

In Tel Aviv the air raid sirens were sounded shortly after noon today. There was no immediate sign of planes over the city.

At the same time today there was scattered firing from gunposts in the heart of Jerusalem. On the Arab side a grim determination to resume the battle was apparent there, and foreign Consular personnel said that Jerusalem Jews were publicly boasting of their military prowess.

U. N. Withdrawing Staff.

Bernadotte's announcement said that the Arabs apparently turned down even a three-day truce extension, but that "all necessary steps are being taken immediately for the safe evacuation of United Nations observers, personnel and their equipment." The Jews, he said, indicated willingness to accept a temporary cease-fire in Jerusalem during continued demilitarization negotiations. He has asked the Arabs to clarify their reply on this point.

Bernadotte said that he would now concentrate his efforts on obtaining a cease-fire in Jerusalem. "I will do my utmost to save Jerusalem and holy places from further destruction," he continued. He would also, he said, continue working "with a view to

EX-CORPORAL TRIES ON GENERAL'S SUIT

Prague, July 8 (A. P.). — Klement Gottwald, Communist President of Czechoslovakia, tried on his new uniform as commander-in-chief of Czechoslovakia's army today. The former Imperial Austrian Army corporal was to receive an oath of loyalty ending the Sokol festival.

U. N. Council Meets on Crisis

Emergency Talks Set After Israel's Plea to Bar War and Report of Egyptian Attack.

The United Nations Security Council was called into emergency session today at Lake Success on the Palestine crisis after a telegram was received from the state of Israel asking the council to take action to prevent a renewal of the fighting. The council, which had met yesterday, was in recess today.

GRIFFIS IS NAMED ENVOY TO EGYPT

Washington, July 8 (A. P.).—President Truman today appointed Stanton Griffis, now Ambassador to Poland, to be Ambassador to Egypt, and named Waldemar J. Gallman of New York, a career diplomat, to be Ambassador to Poland, succeeding Griffis.

Both appointments are recess ones and are subject to Senate confirmation when Congress meets. The two men can take their posts in the meantime.

Griffis now is in New York.

Griffis was a New York and Los Angeles financier and investment banker before he was appointed Ambassador to Poland by President Truman in May, 1947.

Born in Boston on May 2, 1887, Griffis was graduated from Cornell University in 1910. During world war I he was a captain in the United States Army. In world war II he performed missions for the United States Government in England, Spain and Portugal. In the latter stages of the war he was Red Cross Commissioner in the Pacific.

His hobbies are tennis and yachting. He has been married twice and has two children.

REDS SUFFER LOSS IN DUTCH ELECTION

Amsterdam, July 8 (A. P.).—Complete returns from yesterday's election revealed today that the Communists have lost strength in Holland and Rightists have gained. The Communists were deprived of two of their ten seats in the lower chamber of Parliament. In Rotterdam they polled 30 per cent fewer votes than at the last election two years ago.

The (Centrist) Catholic People's party retained its thirty-two seats. The Catholics polled 1,531,326 of the 4,933,735 votes cast, maintaining their position as the nation's No. 1 political group. But the Catholic-Labor party coalition which makes up the present Government, lost

The Israeli Government told U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie that Egyptian forces had launched an offensive and said that a battle was now raging in south Palestine.

The telegram asked what the Security Council was prepared to do to halt the Egyptian attack. The message was signed by Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok. He said at the same time that Israel forces were ready "for most determined action on all fronts."

Shertok notified Lie that the State of Israel had agreed to an extension of the Holy Land truce, but said the Arabs had refused to accept either a thirty-day extension or an emergency three-day prolongation to allow the withdrawal of U. N. personnel, which Count Bernadotte, the mediator, had asked.

He said the Egyptian attack began at 9 P. M. last night, New York time.

Two Armored Columns.

The telegram said that the Egyptian forces, consisting of two armored columns and infantry, launched an offensive against Jewish positions in South Palestine. "Battle now in progress," the message said. "While its armed forces are ready for most determined action on all fronts, provisional government of Israel is most interested to learn what Security Council will decide in present emergency."

Copies of the telegrams were given at once to all members of the council.

Most delegates were not prepared to say what the council was likely to do. But one big Power spokesman said it could be assumed that a move be made to invoke the U. N. charter's most potent provisions against the Arabs.

Preparations were being made by U. N. officials to withdraw their personnel from Palestine if the Jewish-Arab truce is not extended. It was reported in informed quarters that Bernadotte has already completed plans to evacuate the staff if his efforts to prolong the armistice fail.

In addition to the ninety-three military observers provided by the United States, France and Belgium, more than 100 members of the U. N. secretariat, about half of whom are Americans, are now in Palestine, Cairo and Rhodes.

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DEWEY NAMES THREE

Pawling, N. Y., July 8 (A. P.).—Gov. Dewey today reappointed Elmer A. Carter of New York to the State Commission Against Discrimination.

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attaining at the earliest possible day the peaceful adjustment of the future situation in Palestine."

United Nations truce observers were hastily evacuated from Tel Aviv this morning. All United Nations military personnel left by road convoy for Haifa.

Dispatches from Amman, the capital of Trans-Jordan, said that the two U. N. truce observers based there had received orders to leave immediately.

Report Jews Heavily Armed.

The United States naval carrier Palau arrived at Haifa to evacuate the U. N. staff. The United States naval tankship Marquette is in Haifa Bay to remove personnel and equipment, and the destroyers, Putnam, Henley and Owen are standing by at Haifa, subject to U. N. orders. It was also stated that the U. N. secretariat and guards, mostly Americans, would leave Haifa by air for Beirut today and that the American observers would fly home from Beirut on American planes. A small party of U. N. field observers may remain in Jerusalem, pending possible developments in the Bernadotte proposal to demilitarize the Holy City, Haifa dispatches said.

In Jerusalem today officers of the Trans-Jordan Arab Legion reported that the Jews have heavily increased their armaments in the Holy City. At the beginning of the truce the Arabs held the Old City and the Jews most of the modern city. The legion officers said they expected the Jews to launch a heavy mortar attack on the Old City, the scene of many holy shrines. The Jews are now also equipped with medium and heavy bombers, principally from United States war surpluses, and air attacks on Damascus and Amman can be expected, these officers added.