IN PARIS

CROWDS' WARM

WELCOME

DECORATIONS FROM

PRESIDENT

# BRITISH TASK IN PALESTINE **ENDED**

### NEW JEWISH STATE OF ISRAEL PROCLAIMED

### RECOGNITION BY UNITED STATES

The British mandate for Palestine ended at midnight. Some hours before, the Jewish National Council in Tel Aviv proclaimed a new Jewish State of Israel. The National Council is to act as a provisional Government, and Mr. Ben Gurion has been made Prime Minister.

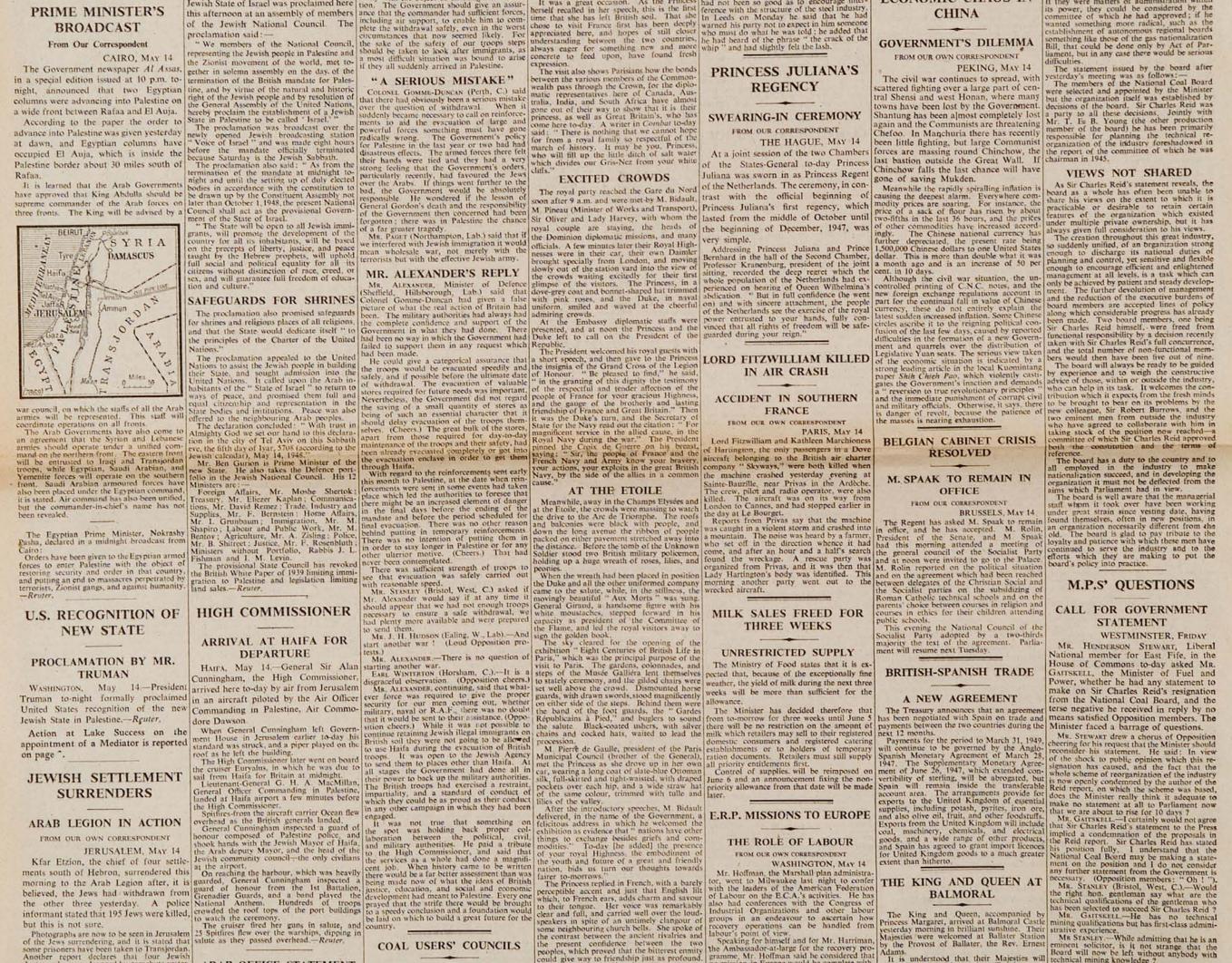
Mr. Alexander, the Minister of Defence, yesterday assured the House of Commons that the evacuation of British troops from Palestine would be carried out speedily and safely and, if possible, before August 1.

## EGYPTIAN FORCES PROVISIONAL COUNCIL

### ADVANCING

### PRIME MINISTER'S BROADCAST

From Our Correspondent



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Photographs are now to be seen in Jerusalem of the Jews surrendering, and it is stated that some prisoners have been taken to Transjordan. Another report declares that four Jewish doctors who were dropped by parachute yesterday and taken prisoner are now in the Old City of Jerusalem.

General Sir Alan Cunningham, the High Commissioner, left Government House this morning after inspecting a guard of honour from the Highland Light Infantry. He was escorted by Life Guards with police outriders through Jerusalem, and then the 1st Guards Paratroop Battalion. An R.A.F. flight overhead accompanied him to the airport at Kalundia.

As soon as the Army and police left north As soon as the Army and police left north Jerusalem firing began and increased steadily. The Jews began to take the central zone, including the police headquarters, as far as Barclays Bank in Allenby Square. They also hoisted the Zionist flag on the lower of the old Italian hospital, and the city is now our in two along the toad from the Damascus Gate to Princess Mary Avenue. Heavy firing has also been heard belween the Damascus Gate and Sheikh Jarrar.

### MARTIAL LAW IN IRAQ

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT BAGHDAD, May 14

The Government proclaimed martial law throughout Iraq to-night. All civil laws are suspended, and Iraq is divided into four military areas, with a troops commander as the supreme authority in each area. The announcement, which was broadcast, stated that it was a temporary measure in view of the developments in Palestine and in the interests of local security. The Prime Minister's statement prayed "for an Arab victory."

Mr. Beryl Locker, speaking at a Jewish Agency Press conference in London last night, said the Jewish people had waited for 2,000 which was the moment which had now arrived. He said it was due "to historic names in the British Commonwealth, namely—Lord Shaftesbury, Disraeli, and Winston Churchill, and the Holy Land will never forget the good turns which have been done for it by Britain."

# EVACUATION OF TROOPS

### SPEEDY AND SAFE **OPERATION**

### ASSURANCE IN HOUSE

WESTMINSTER, FRIDAY On this day of the surrender of the Palestine mandate the House of Commons, before it adjourned for the Whitsur

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The cruiser fired her guns in salute, and 25 Spitfires flew over the warships, dipping in salute as they passed overhead — Reuter,

ARAB OFFICE STATEMENT

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The entire Palestine tragedy was created by the mandate and by Britain's obstinate attempt to carry out for 30 years the disastrous policy laid down in it. Stripped of all this disingenuous camouflage, the mandate provided for the establishment of a national home for one people in the country of another.

By the mandate the Zionists have been enabled to establish for themselves a position in Palestine—conomic, political and military—which threatened with a deadly menace the very existence of the Arabs. While nothing can undo the full amount of the harm which it has done, its termination will at least give the Arabs the opportunity which they have never had until now of resisting the invaders face to face and without the intervention of the foreign Power which has hitherto given them its protection.

### INVALIDS

LORD GREENWOOD has undergone a minor operation in the private wing of King's College Hospital and his condition is very satisfactory. Washington after operation in the private wing of King's College London. He des Hospital and his condition is very satisfactory.

### PARTY REQUEST TO THE EXECUTIONS THE PRINCESS MR. EDWARDS

### FUTURE POLITICAL CONDUCT

### WRITTEN UNDERTAKING

Phillips, general secretary of the Labour Party, asking for a written undertaking as to his future political conduct.

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# IN GREECE

### SOVIET MEMORANDUM From Our Own Correspondent

The Soviet Chargé d'Affaires, Mr Tehernychev, last night transmitted a memorandum to the Foreign Minister Mr. Alfred Edwards, Labour M.P. for Mr. Tsaldaris, on the subject of the Greek Middlesbrough East, said yesterday that executions. It said that the executions

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# SIR C. REID'S DECISION

### N.C.B. PERPLEXED

### STEPS TO MEET CRITICISMS

After a long meeting yesterday the National Coal Board issued a statement

It felt that it had just taken two important It felt that it had just taken too haps sateps, with which he had appeared to be satisfied, to meet the main lines of his criticism. He had approved both the constitution and the terms of reference of the committee, the composition of which was announced on Thursday, to take stock of the position reached in the development of the board's organization.

with regard to his emphasis of the need for With regard to his emphasis of the need for a strong policy board, divorced from functional duties, it has recently freed Sir Charles Reid and Sir Joseph Hallsworth from functional responsibility, so that the total number of non-functional members would have been five out of nine—the chairman and vice-chairman, Sir Charles Reid, Sir Joseph Hallsworth, and Sir Robert Burrows. When the board was established, only the chairman and vice-chairman were free to concentrate on general policy.

The board felt that Sir Charles Reid had not made clear exactly what changes he desired. If they were matters of administration within its power, they could be considered by the committee of which he had approved; if he wanted something more radical, such as the establishment of autonomous regional boards something like those of the gas nationalization Bill, that could be done only by Act of Parliament, but in any case there would be serious difficulties.