

# Russ Recognize New Hebrew State

Moscow, May 18 (AP)—Russia became the second major world power Tuesday to extend official recognition to the new Hebrew state of Israel.

The United States announced recognition of Israel last week, only minutes after the new state came into existence. Guatemala followed the United States.

Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov sent a note Monday to Moshe Shertok, foreign minister of Israel's provisional government, saying:

"The government of the USSR has decided to recognize officially the state of Israel and its provisional government.

"The Soviet government hopes that the creation by the Jewish peoples of its sovereign state will serve the cause of strengthening peace and security in Palestine and the Near East, and expresses its confidence in the successful development of friendly relations between the USSR and the state of Israel."