

News Seize Control Of Haifa Port

HAIFA, Palestine, April 22 (AP)—The port of Haifa was virtually seized today by Arab forces after heavy all-night fighting. Arab leaders sued for peace, asking British military authorities to mediate.

"It was a massacre," said one Arab spokesman. "It was another Saladin. We were not prepared." By request of the British, the Jewish military force Hagana issued a cease-fire order shortly after noon.

A Hagana spokesman said terms offered the Arab national committee included:

Disarmament of all Arab forces and surrender of all arms.

Freedom of movement in all parts of Haifa with an end to sniping and roadblocks.

Delivery of all foreign Arab troops to Hagana for immediate deportation.

Surrender of all German Nazis.

A 24-hour curfew during which the Arab disarmament would be carried out.

All persons to return to their normal pursuits.

A guarantee that Arabs could carry on their lives and work as free and equal citizens of Haifa and enjoy all municipal services.

Export Bank Aids Shipping

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)—The government-owned Export-Import bank said Wednesday it will loan three private banks in making a \$60,000,000 loan to finance shipment of American cotton to Japan.

The Export-Import bank will provide \$20,000,000 of the credit. The remaining \$40,000,000 is to be furnished by the Chase National and National City banks of New York and the Bank of America at San Francisco. All three have branches in Japan.

Japanese mills are to make textiles from the cotton. Forty per cent of the cotton cloth produced will be consumed in Japan and the rest sold in Japan's pre-war export markets, the bank said.

Earlier, the bank gave a similar but smaller cotton credit to U. S. occupied Germany.

The bank said Gen. Douglas MacArthur, allied supreme commander in Japan, believes the cotton loan to that country will be of major help in restoring Japan's cotton textile industry.

Blames Woman For Defeat

ROME, April 22 (AP)—The women beat us," the defeated information director of the communist-led popular front said Wednesday.

Interviewed in the front's headquarters, Jacinto Cardona explained the crushing electoral defeat of communism in Italy like this:

"First, it was the women's votes. They were turned out by the hundreds of thousands by the church along with the votes of old people. Intervention of the church hurt our cause tremendously."

"Second, and also important was the threat that American aid would stop if the front won. This affected everyone."

What will the front do now?

"The front of communists, socialist and other leftist supporters which was newborn during the campaign will continue. We hope, even, that it will develop and absorb other forces in favor of workers' rights and true democracy."

Congress' Consent Needed By Army

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)—Rep. Lawrence H. Smith (R-Wis.) told the house Wednesday United States troops cannot be sent to Palestine without the consent of congress.

Smith referred to a statement by U. S. Delegate Warren Austin at the United Nations general assembly in New York yesterday. Austin said this country is willing to send troops to Palestine to maintain order if other nations will assist.

"Before he makes such a promise, he ought to talk to congress," Smith said in a speech.

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