

# Arab Leaders Debate UN Cease Fire Order, Jews Await Further Action

By The Associated Press  
 Arab leaders debated whether to accept a UN cease fire order to end the war in Palestine at 9 a. m. (PST) today.

Israel accepted, provided the Arabs do. There was no indication the seven Arab countries arrayed against the Jewish state would accede while the Jewish state remains in being.

The bloody, damaging battle for Jerusalem went on. The Trans-Jordan Arab Legion, joined by a mobile Egyptian force, literally was trying to root the Jews from their tight little corner in the old walled city. The Arabs claimed the Jews were trapped; they preferred to use shell-fire instead of direct assault to enforce their will.

**Convent Shelled**  
 Targets of the Arab Legion guns included the Zion convent on Mt. Zion, the railway station, Ben Yehuda street, Zion square in Central Jerusalem, the Mrs. Sheorin and Sanhedrya quarters. Guns aimed on Hebrew university were silent, while talks for the surrender of the Hagana defenders were reported under way.

A Jewish spokesman said the Jews were prepared to turn Jerusalem into another Stalingrad if need be to keep it out of Arab hands. An Associated Press report from behind Jewish positions said Arab firing was relentless but ineffective. Nevertheless, it said, the position of the Jews is precarious.

The Israeli army imposed a rigid censorship. Irgun Zvai Leumi, once the Jewish underground, condemned British officers in the Trans-Jordan Legion to death as "war criminals," meaning it intended to kill them if it caught them. It asked the Israeli

can demand, pointing out that most of the 69 openly declared they wanted to fight for Israel.

Italy got a new anti-communist cabinet under Alcide de Gasperi. Chiang Kai-shek named little-known Wong Wen-ho as premier of China.

**Arrests Threatened**  
 U. S. officials warned German communists they face arrest if they campaign in the American zone for their "unification of Germany" plebiscite. The French also banned the voting, but the British allowed it. Berlin communists won a tight grip over the city trade union federation.

The Russians were reported to have arrested leaders and broken hunger strikes at Leipzig. Similar strikes have been troubling the American and British zones. The Finnish government prepared to use troops to operate the Helsinki port, threatened by a new strike and communist agitation.

## Dewey Holds Lead Today

PORTLAND, May 24 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York held his lead over Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota today as late returns piled in from Oregon's May 21 presidential primary.

The update ballot boxes locked up over Sunday, only the metropolitan Multnomah county area (Portland) finished up the unofficial tally. The count in 1759 of the state's 1861 precincts gave Dewey 111,657; Stassen 102,419.

Oregon's republican gubernatorial primary, virtually pushed out of public attention during the state-wide campaigns of the two presidential aspirants, resulted in a surprising victory for State Senator

# Schools To Give Music Show Friday

The annual grade school instrumental music festival is to be held in Pelican court at the high school this coming Friday evening at 8 p. m. Among the individual instrumental groups appearing on this program is the junior high school band, the junior high school orchestra, and the Fairview band.

The appearance of these musical organizations will be followed by the large massed student instrumental groups which include the beginning string orchestra, the beginners band, and the advanced band. Students from all the grade schools participate in these organizations. The

Douglas McKay over the incumbent, Gov. John H. Hall. Hall had succeeded the post last October when an airplane crash killed the state's three top executives.

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finale of the festival will be the playing of the instrumentalists of the grade schools in two numbers. "The Chorale" from the oratorio "St. Paul," and "School Parade March." Approximately 350 students from the grade schools will participate in this festival.

These instrumentalists are under the direction of Jack O'Connor, head of the string department, John McManus, Freeman Yount, and Myron Wheeler, of the brass and woodwind departments.

There is no charge for this festival and a large crowd is expected to be on hand to hear the results of the year's work from these students.

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government to ban British reporters as Arab spies.

**U. S.-British Meet**  
 British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and U. S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas met in London for the second time in two days to try to erase differences over Palestine. An authoritative Whitehall source said a joint American-British move to restore stability in the Middle East might result. This informant said Britain might withdraw her 40 officers from the Trans-Jordan Arab Legion if the Arab nations ignored the cease fire order of the United Nations.

**Abdel Rehman Azam Pasha**, secretary general of the Arab league, said he would not object to a truce in Jerusalem if both sides are disarmed. Two Americans have been killed in the fighting, including Consul General Thomas C. Wasson.

Israel's army said it captured Tantura, a small port on the Tel Aviv-Haifa road, with hundreds of prisoners.

Irgun Zvai Leumi said electricity has been restored in Jerusalem, but the water supply is very low. The chief rabbi of Palestine, Dr. Isaac H. Hertzog, accused Britain of complicity in the Arab attack on Jerusalem.

The U. S. renewed its effort to secure the release of 41 Americans among 69 Jews taken from the U. S. Marine Corp in Lebanon. That little country rejected the first Ameri-

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