

# Heavy Fighting Rages in Arab Debate Over U. N. Plan

## Seven States Represented At Truce Meet

**Jews Claim Town Retaken**

By MAX BOLD

CAIRO — (AP) — Heavy fighting continued in and around Jerusalem today while political representatives of the seven Arab states met in Trans-Jordan to consider a United Nations request for a truce in Palestine.

The Jewish army reported in Tel Aviv that Jewish forces recaptured Ramat Rahel, a strategic railway station between Jerusalem and Bethlehem, where a strong Arab assault yesterday routed Jewish defenders. Hagana also said the Jewish air force bombed enemy positions around Jerusalem just after midnight.

Arab resumed shelling Ramat Rahel, the Jewish commune said. The village was taken yesterday in an attack by two Egyptian companies, forces of King Abdullah's Trans-Jordan Legion and Arab irregulars, supported by five guns. Hagana regrouped its forces and counter-attacked. The fighting was reported heavy on both sides.

**ARAB TERMS**

Prior to a conference at Amman, King Abdullah's capital, Arab leaders indicated they will stop shooting if Zionist forces agree to the idea of a sovereign Jewish state and disband the Jewish army. The Jews are contending that the truce will be "abandoned."

The Baghdad press resumed its criticism of the United States, accusing Americans of "total bias against the Arabs." One newspaper, Al-Nida, began a "boycott U. S. campaign" and called for the United States to shut Americans economically and culturally.

In London, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, in a Commons speech, said the United Kingdom is using its influence toward acceptance of a truce.

In Washington, the Senate Appropriations Committee demanded a report on whether Britain is using its influence to force the United States to aid the Arabs in the Palestine war. At the same time, Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, said "President Truman gave the U. S. Government my lift in arms shipments to the Middle East."

The U. N. Security Council last night set a deadline for the truce. The deadline for a cease fire in the Arab-Jewish warfare, Egypt and the United Kingdom, said, is today, and no delegates opposed it. The Arabs are under pressure from Britain to accept the truce. A Foreign Office spokesman in London said the United Kingdom is the Arab states the expects them to observe the U. N. request.

The Jews had accepted the U. N. request with its original deadline of May 24.

There was a chance the United Nations might get word from Amman that the Arab decision sometime today. Faris El Khouri of Syria told the Security Council the political committee of the Arab League requested the seven states to disclose their attitude no later than tomorrow.

Among the Arab politicians at the Amman meeting was Syrian Premier Jamil Mardam Bey, Abdol Rahman Azam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, and others.

Against outside pressure from the United Nations and the British, the Arab leaders are acutely conscious of public demand in their own countries.

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## Lightning Helps Men Out Of Bed

GASTONIA, N. C. — Farmer LeRoy Connor had no trouble getting out of bed this morning.

A bolt of lightning ripped the roof off his home near Bessemer City, knocked the windows out of his home and tore down two main beams in the house. When the noise died away and the plaster fell, LeRoy Connor was sprawled in the floor but unhurt.

## Truman Asks Federal Aid To Schools

**Urges Minimum Wage Boost**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today asked Democratic Congressional leaders to press for passage at this Congress session of Federal aid to education and a minimum wage boost to 75 cents an hour.

The President's request was made at a White House conference last night with congressional leaders.

The Senate has passed legislation for \$300,000,000 annual Federal aid to the states for schools. The House has not acted.

There has been no action in either Senate or House on minimum wage legislation. The present wage-hour law fixes the minimum wage at 40 cents an hour for workers who come under the law's coverage.

Senator Lucas of Illinois and Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, assistant Democratic leaders in the Senate and House respectively, told reporters after the White House conference that the President is tremendously interested in legislation raising the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents.

Lucas said that it was the opinion of most of the Legislators attending a session on labor legislation passed at this session when the Democrats are in the minority.

Lucas said the education measure is bottled up in a House Committee.

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Lucas said that the question of sending up a message on labor legislation was not discussed. The President's view on both the measures have been outlined in messages and statements, he commented.

**POLITICS CHARGED**

Republicans raised a cry of "politics" when the President Truman sent up a message asking that Congress take action on the minimum wage bill.

The clearwater River in North Central Idaho was receding but streams in other regions of the state, in Washington, Montana, British Columbia and Oregon remained at flood stage.

A warm sun beamed down yesterday but brought new dangers to the people who live along the water to the big rivers from melting snow and ice.

More than 8,000 acres of rich farm land near Bonners Ferry, Idaho, were inundated by the swollen river which reached its peak in 34-foot dikes. The water was up to the eaves of some farm buildings.

A four-year-old boy vanished off the top of a house boat on the Snake River in Idaho and is missing. The house boat, which was a small island started an aerial search but was not found.

The Catherine River near La Grande, Ore., was at its highest level in 48 years.

At Spokane, Wash., the Weather Bureau said that the city has fallen since June 1, 1947, the wettest twelve months on record.

**Three Drown In Sandpit**

WILSON — (AP) — Three fishermen — two young brothers from Sanford and a Greenboro native — drowned yesterday when their boat turned over in the nearby Sandpit. The bodies were recovered.

The four men had been working on an asphalt paving job in Sandpit for the last two months. They were working after work yesterday, Kurry said.

The abandoned sandpit has been a swimming pool and fishing spot for the last few years.

**College Boys Alike The World Over**

OXFORD, England — (AP) — Oxford University students selected Anne Whistler, a student at the University of Lady Margaret Hall, as the girl for whom they would most willingly jump into the Isis River.

Said student Miss Anne: "My heart beats for these unfortunate men. In times such as these one must not allow personal feelings to divert one from the path of public duty."

## Weizmann, Truman Discuss Palestine

**Israel's Leader Given Hope Arms Embargo To Be Lifted**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chaim Weizmann, Israel's provisional president, said President Truman gave him "some sort of hope" today the American Government may lift its ban on arms shipments to the Middle East.

Weizmann, here as the official guest of the American Government, talked with Mr. Truman for 30 minutes at the White House.

He related to the news conference afterwards that he told the President the lifting of the arms embargo is "essential for the safety" of the Jews fighting off Arab attacks in Palestine.

In answer to questions, Weizmann said he got the impression the President might grant his request in the not too distant future.

The United States now bans shipment of military equipment to any part of the Middle East. The Jews contend this works a hardship particularly on them. They say the Arabs are able to get arms elsewhere.

The White House disclosed ten days ago that modification of the arms embargo was under consideration.

**DR. WEIZMANN**

The President discussed the possibility of an American loan of \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 to the newly-recognized government of Israel.

The loan funds, he said, are needed for current military and reconstruction supplies. He added:

**TO BUY ARMS**

Weizmann said his Government contemplates purchasing part of any American loan for a few tanks, planes, anti-tank guns and quite a good deal of military tackle.

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## Unique Pay Plan Heads Off Threat Of Walkout

**Hike Geared To Cost Of Living**

DETROIT — (AP) — General Motors Corp. granted a unique 11-cent an hour wage boost today to avert a strike of its 225,000 CIO production workers.

The company said the formula would cost it about \$750,000 a year. It said the new approach to the living cost problem.

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