



MAP OF PALESTINE.—The main fighting during the week occurred near the Sea of Galilee. Samakh changed hands several times.

## Urgent Meeting of Israeli Government

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Following an urgent meeting of the Provisional Government of Israel held on Tuesday, a communication was sent to the president of the Security Council expressing astonishment at the decision to extend the time limit for the cease-fire in order "to suit the convenience of the Arab Governments who are engaged in open and armed defiance of UNO authority."

The communication states that the object of extending the time limit is to utilise it for an attempt to achieve a military decision in Jerusalem is to place the Holy City under Arab domination.

"We are, moreover, satisfied from the authentic reports at our disposal that this design is being pursued in concert and with the assistance of a foreign power.

"While the delay was granted on the plea for the need for consultation, the shelling of the entire area of Jerusalem from outside by foreign Arab forces is proceeding with unabated fury and ancient Jewish synagogues in the walled city are being destroyed one after the other as a result of Arab artillery fire directed from inside," states the communication.

### Six Little Girls Do Their Bit

Six little girls from Sydenham raised the handsome sum of £5 8s. 3d. by organising a competition, the prizes for which they themselves donated. The amount was handed over to the Wizo Emergency Campaign. The names of the little girls are Babette Fine, Rhona Zlotnick, Rayner Shefts, Yvonne Smirkowitz, Felicity Herden and Mayera Gershter.

### ISRAELI LEGATION IN WASHINGTON

From Ruth Goldschmidt, Tel Aviv correspondent of the "Zionist Record".

TEL AVIV, Monday.—Elihu Epstein has been appointed minister representing the State of Israel in Washington. In a cable to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Shertok asks the Secretary of State to facilitate the setting up of a legation in Washington and informing him of Epstein's appointment.

Poland is the third state from which official recognition of Israel was received in Tel Aviv.

### PROTEST BY TEL AVIV MAYOR

TEL AVIV, Monday.—The Mayor of Tel Aviv has sent cables to President Truman, Mr. Molotov and Mr. Trygve Lie, protesting against the indiscriminate murder of women and children in Tel Aviv by Egyptian planes and requesting that Egypt should be compelled, as a member of the United Nations, to stop such barbarities.

## S.A. ZIONIST COUNCIL MEET DURING WEEK-END

URGENT matters arising from the proclamation of the State of Israel and the invasion of the country by the Arab States will be the main subject for discussion at the meeting of the South African Zionist Council, which is to be held in Johannesburg this week-end.

The meeting which will commence on Saturday evening and will continue all day Sunday may be carried on on

Monday. The opening Saturday evening will be at the Carlton Hotel. The sessions will take place at the Union Hall.

In addition to the members of the Council, invitations to the meeting have also been sent to representatives of Jewish organisations and other leaders of the Jewish community. It is anticipated that many persons will participate in the important deliberations which will take place.

## GRAND FETE AT PRETORIA

A regular spate of functions, including concerts, a Mannequin Parade, Morning Markets, Bring and Buy Teas, and Jumble Sales, have been held in Pretoria in quick succession as a preliminary to the Grand Fete to be held in the Memorial Hall, which will be opened on Wednesday, June 2, at 7 p.m., by Mr. B. Gering, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

All the arrangements have been made by the women of Pretoria to raise a fine sum for the Wizo and Youth Aliyah expansion that will now take place in Israel.

June 9th: Flower Arrangements will be demonstrated by Mrs. Ehrens at the Memorial Hall.

June 16th: Combined Cabaret and Mannequin Parade for the Wizo and Magen David Adom, City Hall, Pretoria, 8 p.m.

Those responsible for the Fete are:

Co-conveners, Mesdames S. Zway and L. Janover; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bella Taback; Asst. Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Resha Harris; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Lily Hyde. Conveners for Stalls—Grocery Stall, Mrs. S. Voight; Cake and Sweets, Mesdames D. Seeligson, B. Katz and A. Cowen; Fishpond, Mesdames R. Sapirstein, L. Hyde and E. Jaffe; Snack Bar, Union of Jewish Women; Toys and Tombola, Mesdames C. Sack, H. Freedman, H. Goldblatt and E. Woolf; Vegetables and Fruit, The Jewish Women's Benevolent Society; Tea Stall, Union of Jewish Women; Delicatessen, Mrs. Sara Katzen and N. Ginsberg; Cigarettes, Mrs. H. Kaplan and E. Kirsch; Children's, Mrs. C. Laks and Dr. M.

### THE POLITICAL SCENE

By Karl Lemeer

OWING to the fact that the election results were not available at the time of going to press (Wednesday evening), Karl Lemeer's article, the "Political Scene" will be published in Tuesday's "Zionist Record".

### PRETORIA WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE

Branch Activities  
Arcadia

A large committee of twenty-two members is busy under the chairmanship of Mrs. Laks canvassing for contributions to the WIZO Emergency Fund. Tributes were paid at the last meeting to Mrs. Mendelsohn, for several years the chairman.

It was decided to suspend activities until after the Fete in June and then to hold a Cultural afternoon to which members would in addition be asked to contribute articles to make up layettes for the Baby Homes in Israel.

Ginsberg; Flowers, Mesdames Klein and B. Rostovsky; Crafts, Mesdames M. Levi and Davidowitz.

### Concert in Aid of Emergency

A concert in aid of the Special Emergency Fund will be given by the Jewish Music Society of S.A. on Sunday, May 8 p.m., at Ginsberg Hall, Pretoria. The managing director, Z. Engel and the musical director, Solly Aronowsky.

The programme will include and Yiddish music. The coloratura soprano, Greta Y. and Dr. N. Zwick, the well-known tenor, will render Hebrew, and other songs. A group of young people will appear in Palestinian costumes. The Youth Symphony Orchestra of the Jewish Music Society, conducted by Mr. Solly Aronowsky, will also participate.

Mr. Jack Alexander, who is post of general secretary of the Zionist Federation for 25 years, who is now a resident of Pretoria, is at present on a tour of inspection in England. He was one of the speakers at the opening of the "Time Week" held in London. His address is featured prominently in the latest issue of the "Zionist Review," which, besides a lengthy report of his address, carries a photograph of Mr. Alexander.

The newspaper comments on Mr. Alexander "had rendered many of distinguished service in Africa and had become a familiar figure in the Yishuv."

### Pretoria United Zionist Luncheon Club

Mr. B. Gering spoke at the meeting of the newly formed Luncheon Club, under the auspices of the Pretoria Branch of the United Zionist Party in Pretoria last week. This was the first of regular monthly luncheons to which invitations were extended each month and at which prominent speakers will give addresses on informative and interesting subjects.

Mr. Gering congratulated the United Zionist Party on its enterprise. He referred to the responsibility that had devolved on the leaders, and spoke of the difficulties facing the Yishuv from a military and political angle. He asked the Jewish community to appreciate the tasks ahead of the Jewish Agency and appealed for full and maximum support from all Jews throughout South Africa and the world.

Rabbi Neufeld presided, and Mr. Hurwitz, chairman of the Johannesburg Luncheon Club, brought greetings and good wishes. Mr. Sh. vice-chairman of the Pretoria United Zionist Party, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Gering.