

## Rabbi Silver Addresses U.N. Political Committee.

Lake Success.

Addressing the closing session of the U.N.O. Political Committee last Friday afternoon, Rabbi Silver said:—

"At ten o'clock this morning the Jewish State was proclaimed in Palestine. The hour was advanced out of respect for the sanctity of the Jewish Sabbath." After reading an extract from the Proclamation, Rabbi Silver said:—

"The Jewish State is grateful to the United Nations for having placed the stamp of its approval, and the stamp of the approval of the world community, upon the historic claims of Israel and upon the efforts which it made in the face of opposition to achieve that which the Jewish people have accomplished.

"The Jewish State, in setting out upon its career, is conscious of the many grave problems foreseen or unforeseen, which confront it. It prayerfully appeals, therefore, to all freedom loving peoples, especially to those who gave their fullest endorsement to the establishment of the new State a few months ago, to give the full measure of their support in order to strengthen this, the newest republic established by this, the most ancient of people.

"The Jewish State will strive to be worthy of the confidence which has been placed in it by the nations of the world, and will endeavour to realise, as far as it is humanly possible, those prophetic ideals of justice, brotherhood, peace and democracy, which were first proclaimed by the people of Israel in that very land.

"The new Jewish State is being threatened—threatened by neighbouring States, threatened by invasion. Invasion will mean war. The Jewish

State will be compelled to defend itself. The world community may be faced with a widening and dangerous area of conflict which everyone deplors. It is not yet too late to avert such an eventuality. The Jewish State of Palestine seeks peace with all peoples and will dedicate itself, under Providence, to



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ways of peace and to the friendliest co-operation with all peace-loving peoples."

Referring to President Truman's statement that the American Government has decided to recognise the State of Israel, Dr. Silver said: "This is what we have been praying for."

## Nazi Criminals Executed in Poland.

Warsaw.

Three major Nazi criminals responsible for the mass execution of thousands of Jews were executed in various places in Poland recently. At the same time, the Danzig District Court handed down a death sentence on Albert Foerster, former Gauleiter of Pomerania, who was found guilty of atrocities against Poles and Jews.

The three executed men are Wilhelm Blum, former police chief of Radom, Martin Schramm, commander of the notorious camp in Lipawa Street, Lublin, and Rudolf Emanuel Schneider, Gestapo commander in Zawiercie, near Czestachowa.

Blum was executed in the courtyard of Radom prison after a mercy plea had been rejected by the President of the Republic, M. Boleslaw Beirut. He had been sentenced to death on the 5th anniversary of the liquidation of the Radom ghetto during which 28,000 Jews were murdered.—J.T.A.

## U.S. Senators Urge Lifting of Arms Embargo.

Washington.

In the Senate, Senator Barkley urged world recognition of Israel while Senators O'Connor, Brewster and Ives urged the lifting of the embargo on arms. The latter also attacked Egyptian aggression in Palestine.

Jacob Potofsky, President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America announced that the union's local boards are considering the purchasing of bombers and ammunition for Israel if the embargo is lifted.

Fifty thousand people jammed the Chicago stadium for an Israel rally. The speakers included Mr. Bartley Crum who urged the immediate lifting of the arms embargo and the freezing of all payments to the Arab States.—J.T.A.

## First Festival of Jewish Music Held in Canada.

Toronto.

The first Canadian Festival of Jewish Music was held here at Holy Blossom Temple and featured a selection of numerous unpublished Jewish musical compositions. Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg, who organised the function, announced that the works are available gratis to Jewish congregations or educational institutions wishing to use them.—J.T.A.

## Jews Capture Acre.

Tel Aviv.

Haganah announced on Tuesday that the Arabs defending Acre—at the northern tip of the Jewish State—had surrendered.

The surrender came after a 22-hour battle, according to Haganah. The surrender terms included the handing over of all arms and all foreign Army troops in the town.

With the fall of Acre, Haganah now holds the whole of the Palestine coastline as far as the Lebanese border except for the port of Haifa, which is still held by British troops.

Jewish forces on Tuesday night captured the former British camp at Sarafand between Lydda and Tel Aviv, putting the Arabs to flight.

## FALL OF JEWISH SETTLEMENTS.

It is reported that the settlements of Kfar Etzion, Neve Jakob, Ataroth and Har Tuv have been occupied by the Arabs after bitter fighting. The wounded were evacuated by the International Red Cross.

Haganah said on Tuesday night that all enemy efforts to capture Geshur in the Galilee sector had failed and the Arabs had withdrawn with heavy casualties.—(Sapa.)

## Jews Aid Drive for 100,000 Dollars for Historic Church in New York

New York.

Jews are aiding the 192-year-old Second Presbyterian Church here to raise 100,000 dollars to forestall a mortgage foreclosure on the church's property, it was reported here. Led by Rabbi Gabriel Schulman, spiritual leader of Brit Shalom Congregation, which has been using the church's facilities since 1938, an intense drive has been launched to raise the necessary sum.

The Rev. L. Humphrey Walker, minister of the church, declared that Rabbi Schulman and members of his congregation "have contributed both moral and financial support with heart-warming results." Rabbi Schulman pointed out that Jews were among the first to contribute funds to the reconstruction of the church when it was severely damaged by Hessian soldiers during the revolutionary war.—J.T.A.

Havana.

Anti-Semitic leaflets have begun to appear in public places and have been plastered on the windows of Jewish-owned stores. Released and distributed by the "Action Cubana Anti-Judia" (Cuban Anti-Jewish Action), the circulars urge all Cubans to fight against "Jewish imperialism" and stress that "Jews do not love our fatherland."

## Jewry's "Deep Obligation" to Great Britain.

### LETTER TO "THE TIMES."

London.

The hope that history will eventually record Jewry's "deep obligation" to Britain is expressed by a group of leading British Jews, including Lord Reading, Lord Bearsted, Neville Laski and Norman Bentwich.

In a letter to "The Times" they write:

"At this solemn and anxious hour, we, members of the Anglo-Jewish community, desire to express the hope that the Jews of Palestine and their sympathisers, Christians or Jews, all over the world, will not forget in spite of past disputes and present bitterness that the Balfour Declaration was born not only of Zionist but also of British idealism.

"Without Britain's active support at the outset the policy of that declaration could never have taken shape and so opened the way to the remarkable achievements of the Jewish settlers in creating and developing a national home.

"Tragic as it is that the long period of British trusteeship closes in turmoil and bloodshed, we believe that history, which alone sees events in their true perspective, will ultimately recognise and record the deep obligation of Jewry to Britain, in this as in so many other fields.

"We earnestly trust that when time has healed the scars of the present lamentable conflict the Jews of Palestine will again turn to this country for guidance and counsel, and that the people of Great Britain will accord them their goodwill in the difficult years ahead."

## Air Raids on Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv has been attacked from the air frequently since the proclamation of the State of Israel.

Tuesday night's Jewish communique said: "Enemy aircraft dropped bombs and incendiaries over Tel Aviv several times during the day. The pilots machine-gunned civilians in the streets. A terror raid was carried out over a crowded bus station, and 41 persons were killed and more than 60 wounded."

The population took cover for the first time since the Arab air-raids began when the alert sounded on Wednesday morning. The people sheltered in basements and at the bottom of staircases for lack of proper air-raid shelters.

### PROTEST TO RED CROSS.

The Israel Government has protested to the International Red Cross about the bombing of the hospital in Tel Aviv. A doctor, a nurse and a patient were killed.

Poland has lodged an official protest with Egypt against the bombing of a Polish ship at Tel Aviv by Egyptian planes. This is the first international incident reported in the week's hostilities in Palestine.

Haganah announced on Tuesday that an Egyptian aircraft taking part in a raid on Tel Aviv early in the day was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, and the pilot was captured. There was a second air raid on Tel Aviv later, Haganah said.—Sapa.

### Prayers in England.

London.

Special prayer services, with the consent of the Acting Chief Rabbi, were held in all Synagogues throughout England on Saturday.

## POSTAL SERVICE TO PALESTINE.

### ARRANGEMENTS BY S.A. ZIONIST FEDERATION.

The S.A. Zionist Federation has made arrangements for sending letters to Palestine.

Without giving any assurance that letters will be sent immediately, and without taking any responsibility for any of the letters received, the Zionist Federation makes the following proposals to any person who wishes to communicate with Palestine.

The following rules must be strictly adhered to:—

1. Write the letter in the usual way and put it in an envelope with the address of the person to whom the letter is sent in Palestine. Seal this letter.
2. Put this letter in a second envelope, addressed to **Postal Communications, Zionist Federation, Box 18, Johannesburg.** Stamp this outer envelope in the usual way.
3. Do not affix stamps to your letters addressed to Palestine.
4. Send 1/-, either in stamps or postal order, with each letter weighing up to half an ounce.
5. Do not use stamped air-letter cards.
6. No money orders, postal orders or any dutiable articles are allowed to be sent.

It is emphasised that no responsibility for the safe delivery of these letters can be accepted by the Zionist Federation, which, however, will do everything in its power to ensure regular communication. At the same time steps are being taken to maintain incoming letters from Palestine to the Union.