

LAKE SUCCESS (new lead) C.I. - P. H. Thursday, May 13, 1948.

(Jerusalem is to be under United Nations rule after all. At Lake Success this evening the United Nations announced the appointment of Harold Evans, a Philadelphia lawyer, as emergency mayor of the Holy City.) Evans <sup>is a prominent</sup> member of the Society of Friends -- the Quakers, -- ~~as they are popularly called.~~ The appointment <sup>is</sup> part of the U N plan to <sup>take over from the</sup> ~~success~~ British when <sup>their</sup> rule in Palestine ~~which~~ comes to an end in less than twenty-four hours. <sup>R</sup> The choice of Evans, <sup>has been</sup> ~~officially~~ approved by both the Arabs and Jews, <sup>The appointment was voted</sup> ~~yes~~, by the fifteen-nations-U-N sub-committee this afternoon; then rushed through the General Assembly, <sup>and</sup> <sup>the information</sup> ~~The appointment was~~ disclosed in a cable tonight to <sup>sent to General</sup> Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner for Palestine, <sup>by Jerusalem,</sup> President of U.N. <sup>R</sup> The Philadelphia Quaker is the General Assembly. ~~Evans flying immediately for Jerusalem, his job to start~~ tomorrow evening at six eastern P.M./daylight time -- one minute before the Jews plan to proclaim the Holy Land a sovereign Jewish state. Post

Until he gets there, Harold Evans has authorized

Pablo Azcarate, who is head of the United Nations secretariat now in Jerusalem, to serve as emergency mayor until he arrives. ~~is on the spot~~

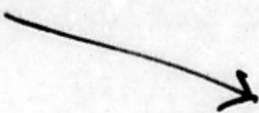
The duties of the emergency mayor of Jerusalem <sup>will be</sup> to maintain essential services; keep the water supply going, supervise sanitation, <sup>and</sup> distribute ~~distribute~~ food; <sup>also, of course, try to</sup> ~~see that no one goes without~~ and persuade the Arabs and the Jews to keep the peace within the sacred walls of the Holy City.

In addition to an emergency Mayor, the United Nations intends to appoint a high commissioner for the Holy City. Word at Lake Success tonight is Evans may ~~get that post~~ too -- a <sup>Quaker</sup> ~~Philadelphia lawyer~~ to be emergency mayor, and, high commissioner for Jerusalem.

PALESTINE - LEAD

( In Tel Aviv today, the Jewish cabinet committee drafted a declaration proclaiming Palestine a sovereign Jewish state. The declaration to take effect at one) minute past six tomorrow evening, a (minute past midnight in Palestine.) )

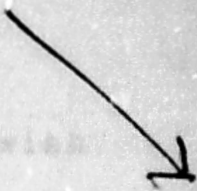
The Chief Rabbi today exempted the Jews of Palestine from Orthodox Jewish Religious law, which would forbid the singing of the proclamation on Saturday. Also the Jewish committee held a nine-hour meeting at the conclusion of which Moshe Shertok, who will be Foreign Minister of the Jewish State, announced that the United States had asked the Jews to ~~postpone~~ postpone the establishment of the Jewish state. Said Shertok: "We shall not leave a ~~vacuum~~ vacuum here for one second: The Jews to declare their state, unless the United Nations provides some authority to take over. Shertok reveals that the American proposal for postponement was couched in strong





terms -- but, <sup>with</sup> ~~there was~~ no threat or penalty against the Jewish State. <sup>Simply a blunt warning from</sup> ~~Sec. of State Marshall.~~

<sup>there is</sup>  
All over the Holy Land, an atmosphere of tension. Every militia man of Haganah under arms, all leaves cancelled. The word is that every able-bodied man must fight. This afternoon Haganah took over full control of the port of Haifa, the city and the airfield turned over to them formally. In Jaffa, an Arab Emergency Committee invited the men of Haganah to take over the entire city, a surrender ceremony which gives the Jews full control of every important city in the Holy Land. On the eve of the declaration of the state of Israel. Every city except Jerusalem, and Bethlehem.





## IMMIGRATION - PALESTINE

The British have raised the blockade on Jewish immigration to Palestine. This morning a thousand ton steamer brought three-hundred and sixty Jewish immigrants from Cyprus, where some twenty-five thousand others are interned awaiting quota numbers.

The word is that the British will now assist these immigrants to enter the Holy Land as quickly as possible.

The Jews already have set up welfare facilities for ten thousand immigrants. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion says all able-bodied men among the refugees will be drafted into the armed forces or put to work -- valuable reinforcements for the Jewish Army.

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With the declaration of a new Jewish state the soil of the Holy Land will be under Jewish sovereignty for the first time in twenty centuries. For two thousand years Palestine has been in the hands of the Romans, the Saracens, the Crusaders, the Turks, and, the British.

BRITISH PALESTINE (substitute for original)

There is a searchlight display over the ancient Palestinian port of Haifa tonight. The white fingers of a dozen searchlights from British battleships tracing ~~ceaseless~~ patterns through the ~~darkened~~ skies. *These vessels are waiting to take aboard* ~~as the ships wait to receive~~ his Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for Palestine, Sir Alan Cunningham. When Sir Alan steps ~~ashore~~ aboard the cruiser Euryalus, at nine-thirty tomorrow morning, Britain's thirty-year rule over the Holy Land will be officially ~~and~~ ended.

The end of the British mandate will be *accompanied by a naval and display,* ~~celebrated with a display of military pomp and splendor~~ -- formal ceremonies lasting until dusk. The ~~the~~ British flag hauled down at Government House in Jerusalem to the skirl of bagpipes. Two regiments of ~~guards~~ <sup>to</sup> standing ~~at~~ attention as the Union Jack flies *is lowered* ~~for the last time~~ in Palestine. His Majesty's Grenadiers and the Irish Guards, then a parade of massed bands, <sup>and</sup> a salute of seventeen guns for Sir Alan.

After his formal embarkation, the British High Commissioner will go ashore to confer with

Lieutenant-General MacMillan, military commander of Palestine. MacMillan to meet with Jewish leaders and to issue a proclamation on the future relations between the British Army and the municipal government at Haifa, -- this <sup>to set</sup> ~~expected to be~~ the pattern for British relations throughout Palestine.

Sir Alan and General MacMillan will then leave Haifa by air, in separate planes. At dusk a mass flight of seafire fighter planes will soar over the ancient port, ~~of King David~~ dipping their wings ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>in</sup> a last salute to Palestine by the British pilots. ~~whose hearts must be warmed by the knowledge that their thankless task is over.~~

Afterwards, a mighty firework display ~~it~~ to last <sup>at</sup> until midnight, <sup>Then</sup> a minute later the men-of-war -- the British battleships <sup>will</sup> hoist their anchors; and with the ships' bands playing, the sky ablaze with rockets, <sup>and</sup> sirens blowing, the ships will get under way -- the end of Britannia's troubled rule in Palestine.



ADD JERUSALEM - BRITISH ENTRY

The British have been in Palestine for <sup>only</sup> 30 yrs.  
And what a contrast between the departure  
of the British ~~today~~ <sup>now</sup> and their entry under Allenby,  
thirty years ago! Allenby took the city without firing  
a shot. He was about to surround it, and the Turks,  
to avoid capture, fled during the night, of December  
Eighth. The next morning -- it was Sunday - the British  
were in possession of Jerusalem, without knowing it.

The first to approach the Holy City were two  
Tomies -- Sergeants Hurcomb and Sedgewick, of the  
Fiftieth London Division. They were foraging for food,  
hunting for eggs, for ~~xx~~ the regimental mess.

Suddenly the Sergeants rounded a bend in that  
old road to Jerusalem, and there before them they saw  
a city with great walls, and domes and minarets. And  
they didn't even know what it was.

Yes, it was the Holy City. And Fate although  
they didn't know it, had selected them to be the  
representatives of the first Western Army to receive  
the surrender of Jerusalem in a thousand years. For as  
they walked along the road, out through the historic

Jaffa Gate came a man on a white horse wearing a red fez<sup>z</sup> and another on foot, carrying a white flag. The man on the horse was the Mayor of Jerusalem, coming out to surrender the Holy City.

The story of what happened from then on, is one of the most incredible tales in all the six thousand years of recorded history. I haven't time to tell all of it. But, in brief, the Mayor, a Moslem, turned the surrender over to one of the Tommies, a Cockney cook. When the Tommies got back to their outfit, their Major in wild excitement took the news to <sup>his</sup> Brigade Commander, a General Watson.

Now, every General who took part in the Palestine campaign thirty years ago, wanted to play some part in the capture of Jerusalem, the holiest city on earth, holy to three great religions. So, he did a human thing. He told the Major to take those keys right back to the Mayor, and tell him that he, the General would be there in a little <sup>while,</sup> ~~time,~~ to accept the surrender, officially.

This was done. And a few hours later the General, and his aides, rode up to the walls, ~~on his horse.~~

The people sang and cheered and threw flowers for them to walk on. The Mayor delivered an eloquent address and the surrender was given to General Watson.

Then, when he got back to his headquarters, General Watson of course had to report to his Chief, Major General Sir John Shea, who commanded the Fiftieth London Division. But, General Shea naturally felt that he was entitled to receive that all-important surrender. So, General Watson had to dash back to Jerusalem and arrange for the Mayor to do it all over again.

Whereupon, the next day General Shea appeared with his staff. The people sang and cheered, with a little less enthusiasm, the Mayor delivered that address of welcome again, Not quite so eloquently; And the city was turned over to General Shea.

Of Course Sir John had to report all this to his commander-in-chief, the General who was the top military leader of the Allied armies in the Near East, Sir Edmund Allenby, <sup>later</sup> ~~afterwards~~ known as Field Marshal Lord Allenby. And Allenby forthwith informed General



Shea that the official surrender would take place on December Eleventh. So, <sup>→</sup> the Mayor of the Holy City had to be told ~~that he must~~ <sup>to</sup> do it all over again.

And so it came to pass that on December Eleventh, 1917, Allenby arrived outside the Jaffa Gate, with ~~h~~ his staff, and accompanied by representatives of all the Allied nations. Among them a Colonel ~~R~~ Edward Davis of the U.S. ~~C~~ Cavalry, officially representing Uncle Sam. Colonel Davis now lives in retirement, somewhere in Illinois, I believe. Once more the people of the Holy City flocked to the streets and housetops, singing and cheering -- rather feebly. Once more the Mayor stood there beside the Tower ~~of~~ of David, ~~again the Mayor~~ <sup>and</sup> delivered that speech of welcome, rather ~~for~~ hoarsely. ~~And~~ <sup>and</sup> for the fourth time Jerusalem fell!

A month later the Mayor of Jerusalem died of pneumonia. And the story in the Holy City was that he died from exposure, from making that speech of welcome so many times.

There are a lot more details, but that's all

we have time for. So, Allenby and his men, liberated the Holy City. Now thirty years have passed. And today the British are on their way <sup>out</sup> ~~here~~ -- no longer in Jerusalem.

It all began with that humorous episode. But, alas, it ends on a grim note of threatening chaos and ferocious war.



## INVASION FOLLOW PALESTINE

( Word from Cairo -- the Egyptian Army at its battle stations, the order given to invade Palestine at twelve-o-one A.M. this Saturday.) Heavily armed Egyptian troops are said to be concentrated thirty miles from the frontier of the Holy Land, on the coastal side of the desert of Sinai - around El Arish, in the region famous for the wanderings of the ancient Israelites; the wilderness bounded by Egypt, Palestine, and the Red Sea - with Mount Sinai far to the South, where Moses received the Ten Commandments.



( A dispatch from Amman, Transjordanian says that King Abdullah has massed his armies ready to move into Palestine from the north and the east.) ~~The~~  
*Also the report is*  
~~Jewish agency informing the United Nations~~ that Great Britain has given up command of ~~its~~ <sup>the</sup> Arab legions in Transjordanian; <sup>that is</sup> the legion ~~to be~~ the spearhead of the Arab invasion force.

Include in Palestine lead to follow paragraph beginning "shortly afterwards Moshe Shertok starting at words "establishment of Jewish state."

When asked if the Jewish Cabinet committee would act on the American request, Shertok replied, "we shall not leave a vacuum here for one second. If we are attacked we shall fight". The Jews determined to declare their sovereign state unless the United Nations provides some authority to take over.

And Washington confirms that Secretary of State George Marshall has warned both the Arabs and the Jews to avoid taking hasty action ~~in~~ in Palestine when the British mandate expires. Marshall speaking bluntly, telling both sides not to lose their heads

## GROMYKO

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has been recalled to Moscow. He will be replaced as Soviet Chief delegate to the United Nations by Jacob A. Malik. Malik is Russia's top adviser on Soviet foreign policy in the Far East. The man who handed Japanese officials Russia's declaration of war on Japan in Nineteen Forty-five.

Gromyko told newsmen at Lake Success tonight that he needs a ~~xxx~~ vacation. So he is taking it in Moscow. He says he has sent a letter to Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations, telling him just that. But word at Lake Success is that the dapper, hard-hitting diplomat will not be back. The master of the veto to make no more appearances at the U.N.

Newsman asked Gromyko tonight, <sup>whether</sup> ~~whether~~ they would see him at the Paris meeting of the General Assembly next ~~September~~ September. He shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know what I shall be doing in September" he said and walked away.

Is Gromyko slated for a move up in Russian

diplomacy? Some ~~new~~ observers are inclined to believe that the young diplomat is headed for new and bigger things -- to be foreign minister, perhaps. Others say that Gromyko has been talking too much lately with American press. Of recent months, say those ~~who~~ who know him, Gromyko has become affable and friendly, using American slang, slapping reporters on the back and calling them by their first names -- much too friendly. So perhaps he's getting a muscovite raise -- Gromyko to be replaced by Russia's strong man in the East Jacob Malik.



## LANA TURNER

A news dispatch tells of London reporters being called for a press conference with movie queen Lana Turner Topping. The reporters say it was the "shortest, most humiliating" press conference they were ever asked to attend. "A chase through the hotel corridors" is how Beaverbrook's Daily Express describes it.

Invited to London's swank Savoy hotel, to meet the glamorous, much-married, Lana at Six P M the press arrived in force - with cameras and notebooks. But, no movie queen. Finally, at eight-forty-five, the bride revealed herself to the by now furious reporters.

What did she say? Oh, the movie queen burst from the bridal suite, gave a bright "hello" and was off down the corridor with the wrathful reporters in hot pursuit.

And now Nelson, a bright hello to you.

## FIGHTER PLANE

Uncle Sam has a new fighter plane for bomber protection. A three thousand horse jet fighter. A "parasite" they call it -- to be carried inside such giant bombers as the B-36 and the B-29. Big bombers to carry their own fighter protection when on five thousand mile sorties.

The new fighter, says the Washington dispatch is pint sized, with folding wings and no landing gear, so it can't be flown from the ground, or land there either. When a flight is over the pilot hooks onto the parent bomber, folds his wings, and is hauled up into the hangar aboard the bomber.

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## RUSSIA

President Truman says his hopes for peace have not been increased by Uncle Sam's exchange of views on the cold war with Soviet Russia -- the two-day sensation that set the whole world talking. But, Mr. Truman added that he is still willing to talk things over with Stalin -- if Uncle Joe wants to accept that standing invitation to come to Washington. So far he says he's had no word on this -- and isn't expecting any.

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In Moscow today the Soviet Press relegated the Russian-American talks -- to the back pages. Each paper carrying a regimented column-and-a-half of press and government reactions in foreign countries - London, Warsaw, Paris and New York. Also on the back page of each ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ paper two-and-a-half columns of Henry Wallace's open letter to Premier Stalin.

## ALLIED CREDIT

The Russian radio, we hear, has just revealed to the Russian people that America fought in the last war. At last letting 'em in on a state secret.

Last year Moscow celebrated V E day without mentioning that Russia had any allies in World War Two -- victory an all-Russian affair.

But today on Radio Moscow an announcer said: "We must remember that along with the Soviet Union, which made such a decisive contribution to victory, the United States and Great Britain took part in the battle against Fascism."



## JUMP

Clarence Zarnik was a paratrooper. Trained to land safely from a falling parachute, learning how to relax as he struck the earth; to roll head over heels on the ground, and come up ready for action.

But how could the ability to jump from great heights without breaking a bone help a man in civilian life? In Butler, Pennsylvania, Clarence found good use for his paratrooper training. Working in the jail-kitchen, he looked down at the good earth thirty feet ~~has~~ below, and, had an inspiration. He pried open the kitchen window, dived head first - and, landed safely, thirty feet below - making a clean get-away. Wartime jumping skill that came in handy! This by the way being his second jump in a month.

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