

WORLD NEWS

PALESTINE.

The British Mandate in Palestine, which was granted in 1919, ended at 2359 hrs on 14 May '48. The High Commissioner left HAIFA for England during the night. The evacuation of the Main Body of British Troops was carried through successfully.

The only British Forces now remaining in Palestine are in a special security zone in the HAIFA area, awaiting evacuation by sea.

The I.Z.L. and Stern Gang have announced that they will cease all underground activities and will in future fight alongside HIRSHAN for the Jewish cause. A Jewish State has been proclaimed at TEL AVIV. This has been recognised by the U.S.A. but not by Britain. Jewish Forces have occupied JERUSALEM, although approx 3,000 Arabs are still in the town. All the main bridges in JERUSALEM, including the King David Hotel, the Palestine Police Barracks and Barolays Bank, are in Jewish Hands. 500 emigrants from Italy have landed at TEL AVIV.

HELP FROM ARAB U.N.

The Arabs have received strong armed rfts from Egypt, Trans Jordan and Syria. The Egyptians have sent in two Rog Bns, one of which has occupied GAZA and the other of which is moving to BERSHEED. They are shelling Jewish Colonies with 25 pdrs as they advance. They were accompanied by approx 6 fighter-bombers, one of which has been shot down by the Jews. The Egyptian pilot was captured. The Forces from TRANSJORDAN have crossed the Allenby Bridge on the road to JERUSALEM, and those from SYRIA are approaching ACEH.

HELP FROM U.S.A.

There are strong rumours that President TRUMAN will lift the embargo on the shipment of arms to PALESTINE. A Republican Senator has announced his intention of introducing a bill next week to extend the European Recovery Programme to the Middle East. Part of the money will be used to establish a Jordan Valley Authority on the lines of the American Tennessee Valley Authority.

FRANCE.

There has been a big reception at the British Embassy in Paris for the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh during their Whitman visit to France. 2,000 guests attended.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

16 Ex-Nazis have been arrested for sabotage in armaments works.

EDINBURGH

Over 200,000 people attended the Royal Windsor Horse Show. Some of these began the day sunbathing, but later many wore overcoats.