

CENSORSHIP HAMPERS PALESTINE COVERAGE

LONDON, May 10 (AP)—Military censorship in some areas is hampering news coverage of the Arab-Jewish war for Palestine.

A survey shows censorship to be strictest in Syria and Lebanon, where all dispatches of foreign correspondents must pass through the hands of censors.

In Palestine the Haganah, the Zionist militia, censors all Jewish papers, paying most attention to reports of military operations but also watching for political developments.

The only instances of Haganah censorship of dispatches by foreign correspondents have been on stories that the correspondents had agreed to submit before starting on field or operational trips with Haganah forces.

Correspondents filing from Amman, capital of Trans-Jordan, have been free to cable their stories without interference, but have been threatened repeatedly with expulsion if they write "unfavorably" about the Government.

There is no censorship of stories cabled from Egypt, but films must be developed before being sent abroad.

British censorship of the Palestine press, practiced to some degree since before World War II, ended April 30.