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London Also Is Seeking Their Observance of Cease-Fire—Closer Coordination With U. S. on Policy Indicated

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WASHINGTON, May 24—The seven Arab nations have been told officially that the United States is "gravely disturbed at the present course of events in Palestine" and have been called upon to respect the cease-fire resolution of the United Nations Security Council.

As the hour originally set by the Council for compliance passed today, the State Department disclosed that instructions were cabled yesterday to American diplomatic representatives in each of the Arab countries to communicate the United States position to the chiefs of state or the Foreign Ministers. This Government acted on its own initiative, it was explained.

[Great Britain strongly exerted her influence in an effort to persuade the Arab states to accept a cease-fire in Palestine, said a London dispatch. It added that the United States' and Britain's actions suggested closer coordination of Palestine policy by the two countries.]

The United States appeal went directly to diplomatic representatives in Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Yemen and indirectly to Trans-Jordan through William C. Burdett, United States Acting Consul General in Jerusalem. Michael J. McDermott, State Department press officer, in a side remark expressed the hope that Mr. Burdett would not be shot carrying out the instructions.

It was indicated, meanwhile, that this Government would make a new demand on Lebanon to free the forty-one Americans taken from an American ship en route to Palestine. They have been held, along with twenty-eight persons of other nationalities, in a concentration camp since their removal from the Marine Carp at Beirut on Wednesday.

Lebanon rejected this country's demand that the forty-one Americans be set free, alleging that they professed allegiance to the new

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TO SEE PRESIDENT TRUMAN TODAY



Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, as he left the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel yesterday with his wife, Vera, for Washington.
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State of Israel, that they were all of military age and that they were en route to fight for Israel.

Officials,refused to speculate on the United States course in event the second demand was rejected by the Le[illegible]nese. The officials said the whole issue was part of the problem of restoring peace in Palestine. They were agreed, however, that a complaint to the United Nations probably would result in a stalemate.

One possible course was indicated by Mr. McDermott's assurances to his news conference that a study of the whole question of repealing the arms embargo was still in progress. Then he called attention to the scheduled arrival here of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel.

Dr. Weizmann, who arrived tonight from New York, is to confer with President Truman tomorrow and Secretary of State Marshall later in the week. He will reside at Blair House, official residence of guests of this Government.

The State Department's statement on its instructions yesterday to United States representatives in the Arab states said:

"The department on Sunday telegraphed the chiefs of the American missions in Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Yemen directing them to approach either the chief of state or the foreign minister in the country to which each is accredited to say that the United States Government is gravely disturbed at the present course of developments in Palestine and that the United States Government hopes that the government to which he is accredited will, as a fellow member of the United Nations, cooperate by giving full cooperation to the cease-fire resolution adopted May 22 by the Security Council.

"The department followed this action by telegraphing similar instructions to the American Vice Consul in charge in Jerusalem, Mr. William C. Burdett, to approach the Government of Trans-Jordan.

"The appeal of the United States Government was taken unilaterally and follows numerous representations made on the question of Palestine to both the Arab states and Jewish leaders."

Senator William H. Knowland, Republican, of California, told the Senate that it was high time the United Nations demanded a truce in Palestine, and said sanctions should be used against those refusing to accept the order.

Representative Adolph Sabath, Democrat, of Illinois, proposed in a letter to the House Appropriations Committee that it prevent the use of European Recovery Program funds for "support of the Arab nations either directly or indirectly."

Mr. Sabath protested what he termed "the use of American funds by Great Britain to finance the attack being made on the new State of Israel by Trans-Jordan, a British dependency."

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