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CAIRO, Egypt, May 25—The Israeli Army said tonight that Jerusalem underwent its first air bombing in history this afternoon.

A Haganah communiqué issued in Tel Aviv said that unidentified planes, flying at a high altitude, dropped high-explosive bombs on the Holy City. It gave no other details.

[Israeli army sources charged the bombing to Arab planes, The United Press said.]

The bombing was not reported immediately from Jerusalem, where communications are restricted, or in Cairo or any other Arab capital.

The Haganah report came as the Arabs claimed two major victories elsewhere in Palestine and the approaching end of the battle in Jerusalem's Old City.

The Egyptian Defense Ministry said Egyptian army forces had cut off contact between Israeli settlements in northern and southern Palestine by taking the town of Iraq Suweidan, twenty-seven miles south of Tel Aviv. A communiqué described Iraq Suweidan as "an important town controlling communications" of Jewish settlements in southern Palestine.

Trans-Jordan's Arab Legion claimed in a communiqué issued in Amman that its forces had ended a twenty-four-hour battle for Latrun, fifteen miles northwest of Jerusalem, by exterminating a Jewish attacking force. Six hundred Israeli men were killed, the communiqué said.

A radio broadcast from Amman said the "complete annihilation" of Israeli defenders in the Old City in Jerusalem was near.

A broadcast by the British-controlled Near East radio quoted a communiqué by the Trans-Jor-

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dan Army saying that large-scale Israeli night attacks to relieve the besieged men in the Old City again had been repulsed.

An Associated Press dispatch from inside Jerusalem's Old City said Arabs dynamited four buildings in the Jewish quarter, possibly burying many Jews.

The dispatch said the bodies of fifteen Israeli men were left behind when they made a half-hour moonlight attack in an effort to reach the troops cut off inside the old walls.

The Arab Legion claimed finally to have conquered massive Notre Dame Hospice, just outside the Old City's northwest corner, after a week's bitter fighting. [A dispatch from Anman cast doubt on this report.] The Legion also said it captured the Italian hospital at the opposite end of St. Paul's Road.

Another major battle was reported raging on the southern fringes of the holy city. There, Israeli sources in Jerusalem reported, a force comprised of Egyptians, Palestinian irregulars and members of the Arab legion, captured a colony. The Israeli forces claimed to have recaptured the colony, which was unnamed, after three hours of fighting.

An Israeli communiqué from Tel Aviv also claimed the recapture of Ramat Rahel, traditional location of Rachel's tomb on the road from Bethlehem to Jerusalem.

A Trans-Jordan communiqué yesterday had announced Arab capture of Ramat Rahel. Both sides claimed to have inflicted heavy losses on their foes in the battle in which the settlement has been won and lost four times.

A Lebanese communiqué early today reported that an Israeli force crossed the Lebanese frontier and raided the village of Taibe.

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