4 ARAB STATES BAR TALKS WITH ISRAEL

Reply to U. N. That Charter Backs Entry in Palestine—New State Cites Partition

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 22—Four Arab League states officially notified the United Nations Security Council today that they would not negotiate with Israel for an end of the Palestine war.

Denouncing the proclaiming of the new state, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria said that the existence of a Jewish nation in Palestine blocked any possibility of settlement. No negotiations with the Jews are going on, they said.

The statements were part of the Arabs' replies to questionnaires sent to all Arab League members, the Palestine Arab Higher Committee and Israel by the Security Council. The reply from Saudi Arabia came in late tonight and will be circulated among the dele-

Continued on Page 5, Column 7

Reproduced with permission of the copyright owner. Further reproduction prohibited without permission.

4 ARAB STATES BAR TALKS WITH ISRAEL

Continued From Page 1

gates tomorrow. Answers from the Arab Higher Committee and Yemen will be sent later. Trans-Jordan flatly refused to reply.

Israel told the Council that her attempts at negotiation had been thwarted by the Arabs. She repeated that she would be willing to take part in a complete truce agreement for Jerusalem.

In an announcement of policy, the new state answered a Council question on immigration by saying, "The State of Israel regards the matter of immigration as a matter within its domestic jurisdiction."

All the replies from the Arab states were similar. All acknowledged that their troops were operating in Palestine but said they had been sent in to protect the Arab inhabitants from Zionist "aggression" and "terrorism." The four countries contended that Palestine was part of the territory encompassed by the Arab League and that the League was a regional organization empowered to act in its defense.

The questionnaire was sent May 18. The Arab states were asked whether Arab troops, regular or irregular, were in Palestine, who commanded them, what was the explanation for their presence, whether negotiations were going on with the Jews and whether Jewish forces had violated Arab frontiers.

First to present his country's reply was Mahmoud Bey Fawzi of Egypt. His statement said that Cairo's troops had been ordered into the Holy Land on the termination of the British mandate, that they were operating in southern Palestine and that their objective was to restore order.

Maj. Aubrey S. Eban, reading Israel's reply, said that the Provisional Government exercised control over the Jewish state as it was defined in the General Assembly's resolution for a partition of Palestine.

Reproduced with permission of the copyright owner. Further reproduction prohibited without permission.