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CAIRO, Egypt, May 31 (Æ)—Arab armies poured men, guns and armor today into a forty-mile

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front aimed at Tel Aviv and the entire southern half of Israel's coastal strip.

The front extends from Jerusalem to Tulkarm, a dispatch from central Palestine said. It forms the eastern side of a vast encircling movement that the Arabs said their troops were making around Tel Aviv, headquarters of the new state.

Trans-Jordan Arab Legionnaires announced that they had smashed an Israeli attempt to open the vital Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. The Israeli forces lost 114 dead, a communiqué from Amman said. The highway battle was fought in the Bab el Wad-Latrun area ten to fourteen miles west of Jerusalem.

Arab troops maneuvered on the northern, southern and eastern approaches of Tel Aviv. An Arab informant said that Iraqi soldiers were only three miles from the city. There was no confirmation. An Israeli source conceded that Iraqi troops were within nine miles of the city.

The Egyptian National Defense Ministry said that Egyptian bombers had concentrated attacks on Rehovoth and Aqir Airport, both south of Tel Aviv. A communiqué said that land forces continued mopping up the Isdud region, twenty miles south of Tel Aviv.

The communiqué said that a patrol had captured a pilot, whom it described as William Mainz, an American. It said he had been forced down in an Israeli plane on May 25.

Heavy bombers and fighter-bombers dropped high explosives and incendiaries on Rehovoth, starting fires, the announcement added. Direct hits on Aqir Airport started fires, it said. Beer Tuvia and Qastina, east of Isdud, were said to have been bombed.

Some neutral circles in Cairo said that the Arabs hoped to surround Tel Aviv, as they had Jerusalem, before agreeing to any truce. An authoritative Arab source said that the Arab League would probably demand cancellation of the United Nations proposal to partition Palestine.

Irgun Zvai Leumi, a former underground organization, said its units had been forced to fall back at Ras el Ein, nine miles northeast of Tel Aviv, after armor-supported Iraqi troops had counterattacked. Pumping installations for Jerusalem's water system are situated at Ras el Ein.

Arab Legion officers said several hundred Israeli soldiers had occupied the pumping station after they had driven out a small garrison of Arab irregulars. An Arab counterattack, bolstered by Legion artillery, drove them into Petah Tiqva, five miles from Tel Aviv. Legion officers said preliminary reports indicated that Israel had suffered 160 casualties. Arab casualties were put at eight killed and several wounded.

A Damascus communiqué said that Syrian artillery had shelled Dan and Dafna, in extreme northeastern Palestine.

According to an Amman communiqué, Legion artillery continued pounding Israeli posts and armored convoys in the Jerusalem area. Seven Israeli armored cars were said to have been destroyed yesterday while attempting to drive westward from the Holy City toward Latrun.

A Tel Aviv dispatch said that, according to information received there, King Abdullah's Legionnaires had not launched any overnight offensive in the New City of Jerusalem. Israel had said she expected one.

A Baghdad communiqué said that Iraqi units operating north of Tel Aviv had reached positions five and a half miles from the coast on Saturday. Another Iraqui column raided Zirin, six and a half miles north of Jenin. Israeli troops moving against the northern corner of the Arab triangle in central Palestine recently entered Zirin.

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