ist underground group, said last night that Israeli fighters had blown up the big Trappist monastery at Latrun, fourteen miles west of Jerusalem. The Arabs were using the monastery as a strong point in their blockade of the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway, Irgunists said.

Sortie Into Trans-Jordan

CAIRO, Egypt, June 2 (AP)—An Amman dispatch said a column of several hundred Israeli fighters struck eighteen miles into Trans-Jordan before King Abdullah's legionnaires and Arab planes beat them back in a battle that lasted until noon today. The dispatch said forty Israeli men were killed.

Arab sources gave this account of the Israeli raid into Trans-Jordan which began yesterday:

The Israeli attackers apparently came from a settlement inside the Holy Land. They swooped around the southern end of the Dead Sea yesterday hitting a Trans-Jordan police post near Ghor es Safi. The post subsequently reported that two members of its five-man garrison were killed and the other three wounded.

Before nightfall the light armored cars of the Israeli column reached El Kerak, ancient capital of the land of Koab. The Israeli assault began at once and continued until past noon today.

Then Legion reinforcements and Arab planes beat back the Israeli soldiers. They were reported in a headlong retreat toward Hebrew settlements in the vicinity of the site of the ancient city of Sodom. The Legion claimed that it had sustained no casualties in the El Kerak fighting.

Shortly before 3 A. M., Israeli fighters launched attacks against the Zion, Jaffa and New Gates of Jerusalem's Old Walled City. Apparently they were trying to regain a foothold in that area before hostilities ceased. Israeli forces also attacked the Sheikh Jarrah area.

King Abdullah's Legionnaires beat off the attacks and said they killed eighty of the 600 attackers who came at them in three columns.

Arab artillery stopped pounding the fortresslike walls of Hebrew University atop Mount Scopus. Then the gunners turned their weapons toward Israeli-held Mount Zion. The Arab commander said he was only answering Israeli fire.

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