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LONDON, June 3—Arms deliveries to the Arab states were halted by the British Government today for the duration of the proposed cease-fire in Palestine. The Board of Trade issued an order revoking all licenses for the export of military supplies and equipment to Arab League states and Palestine.

At the same time the Foreign Office confirmed that British authorities would detain in Cyprus for the duration of the cease-fire any Jewish male immigrants of military age. Although spokesmen of the Israeli Government both here and at Lake Success denounced this action as illegal, the Foreign Office contended that Britain was acting with complete justification under the terms of the United Nations cease-fire resolution, which called upon all Governments and authorities not to introduce fighting men or arms into Palestine.

The British interpretation was that the Security Council intended that personnel capable of being used for fighting should not enter Palestine during the cease-fire. Accordingly all able-bodied men between 18 and 45, some of whom were stated to have received military training, will be held in Cyprus during the cease-fire.

In rebuttal Berl Locker, a member of the executive committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, asserted that at Israel's behest, reference to men of military age had specifically been eliminated from the United Nations resolution and that Britain had no right or obligation to interfere with Jewish immigration to Palestine, where British authority has expired.

Last February the British Government announced that it would not accept any new orders for arms from the Arab states, but would fulfill contracts already made in accordance with Britain's treaties with Iraq, Trans-Jordan and Egypt. Today's arms embargo order called for revocation

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of licenses granted for the export of arms even under treaty contracts. If the Arab states should defy any express United Nations demand for cessation of hostilities, it is expected that the arms contracts would be canceled completely.

Extra military police were placed on duty at Southampton docks today when 2,500 British soldiers and 500 policemen from Palestine arrived on the liner Strathnaver. Among those who greeted the returning men were Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, former British Commander in Chief in Palestine, to whose home a poisonous, explosive parcel-post bomb was recently delivered. A flag taken from the Haganah, the Israeli militia, was displayed over the side of the liner.

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