NAZARETH GIVES UP TO ISRAELI FORCES
By GENE CURRIVANSpecial to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
*New York Times (1857-Current file);* Jul 17, 1948; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The New York Times (1851 - 2002)
pg. 1

# NAZARETH GIVES UP TO ISRAELI FORCES

## Holy Places Are Unharmed—Jerusalem Road Fight Rages —Egypt Is Bombed Anew

By GENE CURRIVAN
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

TEL AVIV, Israel, July 16—Nazareth fell to Israeli forces tonight. This was not the cradle of Christianity but it was the scene of Christ's adolescence and has been revered as such by Christians the world over.

Although situated in the heart of the Arab Moslem world here, it was Christian Arabs who saved it. Their shrines were more important to them in the terms of history and faith than a passing war and they sued for peace.

Israeli armies were moving from the northeast and northwest and there seemed no hope for this little hilltop village that had been ravaged so many times during battles that went back to the beginning of recorded history.

The town of Nazareth is situated at the top of the Plain of Esdraelon, where many of the battles described in the Bible were fought. It is also within view of Mount Tabor.

This time it was hopeless to de-

**Continued on Page 4, Column 2**

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

# NAZARETH GIVES UP TO ISRAELI FORCES

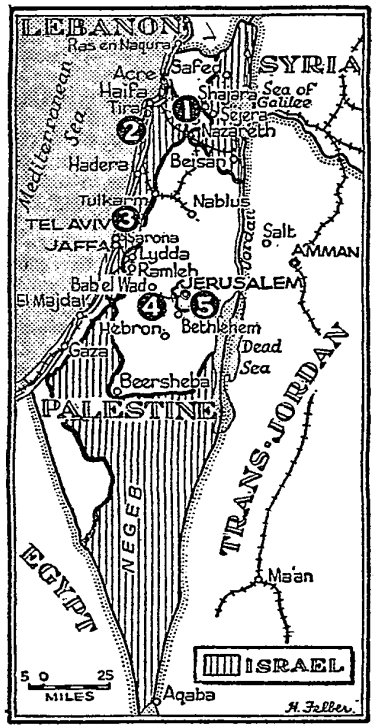
**Continued From Page 1**

fend the town and the more level-headed of those concerned realized it. Therefore, Nazareth tonight is untouched by bombs or shells and its holy places are secure.

Israeli forces had approached from three sides and were in a position to level the town if there were resistance. They knew, however, that Fawziel Kawukji's "Liberation" forces had moved out toward the north and that it was no longer headquarters for the Arab forces. When word was sent to them that the town was ready to surrender they immediately dispatched a truce team and arrangements were made on the spot.

This high point gives the Israeli forces a tremendous military advantage and just about cuts off el Kawukji's armies from the rest of the Arab armies in the south.

ACTION IN PALESTINE




The New York Times July 17, 1948

Nazareth (1) fell to Israeli forces, who also captured Tira (2). Egyptian planes again bombed Tel Aviv (3). Trans-Jordan's *Arab Legion reported it had repulsed an attack on* Bab el Wad (4), but Israeli units won strategic heights in the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway battle. Jewish sections of Jerusalem (5) were bombarded by the Legion.

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