

Hour by Hour: The Fighting Betwee

The following is a chronology of the outbreak of the current fighting in the Middle East yesterday, according to information given by Secretary General Thant of the United Nations at the Security Council session or reported from the fighting areas by news correspondents.

Mr. Thant cautioned that "of course United Nations sources have no means of ascertaining how the fighting started." He noted also that much of the information forwarded by the commander of the United Nations Emergency Force had been provided by the United Arab Republic's liaison service in Gaza.

All times are local Middle Eastern time. Israel is six hours ahead of New York, and the United Arab Republic seven hours.

8 A.M.—According to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, Israeli planes were raiding airfields in Cairo and the Suez Canal Zone, Reuters reported. The ministry said three hours later that the "aggression" had been repelled. Mr. Thant said he had been informed that Israel had denied having raided Cairo.

Also at 8 A.M., according to a report to Mr. Thant by Maj. Gen. Indar Jit Rikhye, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, "two Israeli aircraft violated United Arab Republic airspace over Gaza Town." One was downed by anti-aircraft fire. The pilot was said to have baled out and to have been picked up from the sea by a motor launch.

General Rikhye said that two Israeli planes "violated United Arab Republic airspace" at 8 A.M. over El Arish and were fired upon. The Egyptians said they had shot one down.

Also, United Nations personnel in the Emergency Force camp at Rafah reported heavy firing at the same hour across "the international frontier" to the south, and Egyptian author-

ities reported to General Rikhye that Israeli forces had attacked El Quseima in the Sinai Peninsula.

9:15 A.M.—According to the Thant report, Egyptian artillery in Gaza started firing toward Israeli-controlled territory. The firing was said to have stopped in 15 minutes and to have resumed at 10 A.M.

10 A.M.—The Israeli radio in Tel Aviv reported that Egyptian armored forces had moved toward the Negev.

11:10 A.M.—The chairman of the Israel-Syria Mixed Armistice Commission said Damascus airport was being attacked by Israeli planes.

11:25 A.M.—Firing began in Jerusalem, Mr. Thant reported, quoting information provided by Lieut. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. He urged a cease-fire on both sides and reported that most firing had ceased by 12:10 P.M., "although a few rounds continued to be fired from Jordan and near Mount Scopus." A second cease-fire was proposed for 12:30 and accepted by both sides, Mr. Thant said.

11:45 A.M.—A military spokesman in Amman said that at this hour the first blows on the Jordan-Israel border were struck, a New York Times correspondent reported. Jordanian tanks were said to have opened fire at strategic points along the 329-mile border. A Jordanian broadcast said huge fires were visible at several points in the Israeli section of Jerusalem.

11:55 A.M.—United Nations military observers on the Israeli-Syrian armistice demarcation line reported that Syrian planes flew past between 11:55 and 12:06, with "air battles, anti-aircraft fire and explosions from aircraft bombing" ensuing.

12:18 P.M.—At this point, the senior Israeli delegate to the Israel-Syria Mixed Armistice Commission informed the chief United Nations truce observer at Tiberias that Israel "consid-

ered herself in a state of war with Syria."

12:45 P.M.—General Rikhye reported that Israeli artillery had opened fire on two camps in the Gazi Strip of the Indian contingent of the United Nations Emergency Force. Since the force was being withdrawn at Egyptian request, the camps were in the process of being abandoned. Soon after, Egyptian tanks were said to have surrounded one of the camps.

General Rikhye also announced that an Emergency Force Convoy had been straffed during the morning between Gaza and Rafah and said first reports indicated that three Indian soldiers were killed and an unknown number wounded.

1:30 P.M.—A company of Jordanian soldiers occupied the garden of Government House, the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization's headquarters, according to General

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utes. King Hussein broadcast from a frontier post, telling his people that they were at war. Jordan said 13 Israeli planes were shot down.

Mid-afternoon—Israel said her troops and tanks had driven across the southern end of the Gaza Strip, trapping several