Scrappy Upstart

MVZ247 Week 2

From Mandate to Partition

Domestic terrorism

Pressure and Support at UN

Finding allies in Europe

UK, France, Germany

Finding allies in USA

Jewish Americans

President Truman

Partition

UN Partition Resolution (GA 181) divides Palestine into a Jewish State and an Arab State; Jerusalem was to be internationalized.

GA 181 is supported by US and USSR.

Arab nations as well as the Arab League reject offer, refuse to recognize resolution

The Road to War 1947-

Attacks and Reprisals

Arab riots in Jerusalem begin....unrest characterized by skirmishes, roadside ambushes, bombings and massacres.

On Dec.27 the Irgun (paramilitary/terrorist) bombs Damascus gate killing 20 and wounding 50. (Levi, 1986: 432). Dec.28 attack a crowd of Arabs outside Haifa oil refinery with 6 killed and 42 wounded.. Inside, Arab refinerary workers joined by Arabs from street attack Jewish refinery workers. 41 Jews are killed and 49 wounded.



Road to War

In January, 1948

Arab Salvation Army (ALA) enter Palestine by British (still Mandate)

Jewish Agency concludes arms deal with Czechoslovakia. Arms arrive in June 1948.

Irgun bomb Jaffa Gate

Jewish convoy ambushed

Settlement of Gush Etzion (kibbutz) attacked

February and March and April

SS-trained explosive expert Fawzi el Kuttub blow up the Palestine Post

Source: Collins & Lapierre, 1973:161 ff

Convoy attacks

Ben Yehuda Street bombing by Fawzi and British Army deserters

Jewish Provisional Government formed

Jewish Agency bombing by Fawzi

Deir Yassin massacre of Arabs by Jewish paramilitary/terrorist groups









British Lose Control

Conflicted policy

Protection of inhabitants?

Bias?

Desertions

British soldiers become mercenaries and join ALA

Time, Money, Troops

Lack of time, funds from British govt. and troops force major British reassessment of policy in Mandate. Refer to UN



Declaration

May 14

David Ben Gurion declares an Independent State of Israel

USA recognizes the new State of Israel

May 17

USSR recognizes the new State of Israel

Israel as a nation is internationally recognized by the two leading superpowers of the world.







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Clear Intent

"We declare that after the termination of the British Mandate, from 15 May 1948 and until elected authorities of the state would be assembled in accordance with a constitution accepted by the Elected Constituent Assembly not later than October 1, 1948, the Provisional State Council would act as the temporary State Council, and its executive institution, the Provisional government of Israel, would constitute the temporary Government of the Jewish state, which would be named Israel."

War for Independence

Survival

On May 14, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan invade new State of Israel Fighting is undertaken by paramilitary groups and Israeli Defense Forces Intensive, brutal, loss of life both military and civilian War is from May 1948 until March of 1949

To begin Anew

Borders and displaced peoples

Armistice

Feb-June 1949 separate agreements between Israel and Arab neighbors.

Israel gains roughly 50% more in territory than originally allotted by Partition Plan

Approx. 726,000 Arabs living in Palestine are refugees settling in either Egypt or Jordan

Gaza fell under the jurisdiction of Egypt and West Bank occupied by Jordan.

Lausanne Conference fails though minor achievements are made.

Working recognition of Israel

Acceptance of UN Resolutions

Now what?

Government

January 1949 elections

Turnout is over 86%

David Ben-Gurion is Prime Minister

Build a country (nation exists...)

Institutions and offices based upon model of the Jewish Agency and Jewish National Council (or provisional govt. since 1948)

Building a state

Recognition

Solidify international recognition

International Monies

Receive loans from USA and European nations

Defense

IDF protect borders and Jewish population within in state

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