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Zionist, 73, Heads Regime; State Asks U.N. Membership

Israel Also Urges Security Council 'Check, Prevent' Attacks by Egypt

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TEL AVIV, Israel, May 16—Dr. Chaim Weizmann, senior statesman of Israel, tonight was elected President of the Council of Government—a post tantamount to Provisional President of the new state.

[At Lake Success the new State of Israel applied for membership in the United Nations. The request was made in a telegram signed by Moshe Shertok, Foreign Secretary of the Provisional Government of Israel. It was addressed to United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie. Israel also asked the Security Council to take immediate action "to check and prevent" Egyptian land and air attacks.

The election of Dr. Weizmann took place at the first meeting of the thirty-seven-member State Council.

Dr. Weizmann was known to have been supported for the Presidency by David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister. [He was nominated in behalf of the Government by the



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Minister of Justice, Dr. Felix Rosenbluth, Reuters reported.]