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estine coast beyond Gaza. To capture Beersheba the Egyptians had to cross a belt of territory allotted to the Jewish state of Israel by the United Nations.

Egypt also announced that her troops captured the fortified Jewish settlement of Deir Suneid in a ten-hour battle. This town, about seven miles north of Gaza, guards the road and railway to Tel Aviv.

Deir Suneid fell only after a coordinated aerial, artillery and infantry attack, the communiqué said.

A Damascus communiqué said Syrian units threw back an Israeli counter attack on Tuesday and Wednesday, and Syrian artillery destroyed fortifications at Sha'ar

Hagolan and Masada. The Israeli forces lost thirty dead, including a major, in the two battles, the bulletin said.

While the Amman communiqué told of "rapid progress" by Arab Legion troops in Jerusalem following the occupation of the Sheikh Jarrah quarter as far south as the Damascus Gate, Trans-Jordan officers in the city did not minimize the hard fighting their troops still faced.

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CAIRO, Egypt, May 20 (AP)

The Egyptian Defense Ministry announced that Egyptian mobile forces occupied Beersheba, southernmost limit of the Holy Land in biblical times, and captured two strong Jewish positions on the Pal-