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General situation Palestine deteriorating rapidly. Government departments closing daily and normal activities country coming to a stand still. The Jewish Agency is acting as a general organizing body for Jewish areas and attempting to replace suspended Governmental activities. Arab areas are depending on municipal authorities within the townships and villages without any central authority. Telegraph facilities ceased in most areas as have telephone trunk lines. Telephones still work locally but with decreasing efficiency. Lydda airport is out of operation and regular air communication and airmail service in and out of country have stopped. Intensity of fighting is increasing steadily. Camps and other important areas vacated by British forces immediately become battle grounds. Operations on larger and more important scale than Haifa expected shortly. Rumors tending to increase the nervous tension in the country.

Chairman

Palestine Truce Commission

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