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Jerusalem, April 7 - The battle for a Jewish convoy route between Jerusalem and the coast continued as Haganah soldiers occupied the Arab villages of Khulda and Deir Muheisin. Jewish sources said the battle centered around a convoy trying to get to Tel Aviv. British sources confirmed Haganah's report that 42 Jewish vehicles succeeded yesterday in reaching Jerusalem.

A force of 1,000 Syrian Arabs who crossed the frontier on Monday and Tuesday to attack the Jahavoth Habashan settlement in the Hulch valley was beaten off after 10 hours of fighting, according to a Haganah broadcast, which put Arab losses at 20 killed and scores wounded. The Haganah also reported fighting near Mt. Canaan in upper Galilee.

The battle for the Jewish colony of Mishmar Haemek, in Northern Palestine went into its third day, as Haganah reinforcements evacuated 300 children under heavy Arab fire.

Police reports, which did not include any of the fighting reported by Haganah around Jahavoth Habashan and Mount Canaan, set casualties for the day at 4 Jews, 4 Arabs and 1 British soldier killed, 1 Jew, 11 Arabs and 1 British policeman wounded. (N.Y. TIMES, N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE)

Cairo, March 31 - Azzam Pasha told the Damascus correspondent of AL MASRI that in connection with a truce, the Arab League has the following demands: (1) dissolution of all Jewish military organizations, primarily Haganah; (2) immediate stoppage of immigration; (3) annulment of the partition plan; and (4) establishment of a democratic state in all of Palestine. (Item submitted by the Jewish Agency for Palestine)

Jaffa, April 2 - Jamal Husseini announced in AD DIFA'A that there are two possibilities for a truce. He declared: "Either it is imposed by the victor or requested by the vanquished. If we are asked for a truce in the first form, we agree, otherwise we will continue warfare." (Item submitted by the Jewish Agency for Palestine)