

**United Nations**

**Nations Unies**

UNRESTRICTED

**SECURITY  
COUNCIL**

**CONSEIL  
DE SECURITE**

S/777  
24 May 1948  
ENGLISH  
ORIGINAL : FRENCH

CABLEGRAM DATED 23 MAY 1948 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
TRUCE COMMISSION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Security Council Truce Commission instructs me to  
transmit the following message to you:

"Jerusalem 23 May

Rabbis Winzberg and Hazan of the Old City ask me to transmit the following  
message to you:

The population of the Jewish quarter of the Old City faces the danger  
of complete massacre. On behalf of the population we address a desperate  
appeal to you. The rolls of Torahs of eight synagogues have been burnt.  
How much longer will the civilized world tolerate this kind of vandalism.  
I beg you to make every effort and act in the most effective manner to  
put a stop to it. Population patiently awaits your intervention aimed at  
effecting an immediate cease fire.

I may personally add for your information that since five this morning  
the Jewish quarter of the Old City is being hammered by Arab artillery  
and mortar fire.

Joan Niewonhays, Chairman of the Security Council Truce Commission  
in Palestine."

NEUVILLE

