

Jun 1951 - Frontier Incidents in Demilitarized Zones. - The Lake Huleh Dispute. - Israeli and Syrian Complaints to U.N. Security Council. - Renewed Outbreak of Fighting. - Acceptance of Cease-Fire. - U.N. Resolution accepted by Israel and Syria. - Partial Cessation of Work on Huleh Scheme. - Iraqi Troops and Aircraft despatched to Syria. - U.S. Warning to Arab States against Military Aid to Syria.

Several sporadic frontier clashes occurred during March in the two demilitarized zones on the Israeli-Syrian border, (*a*) the area round Lake Huleh, in Upper Galilee, where Israeli workers were engaged in reclaiming the Huleh swamps on both banks of the River Jordan, and (*b*) an area, farther south lying on the south-eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee and east of the Jordan. Both these areas had been the scene of fighting during the Palestine war, but had been demilitarized under the Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement of July 20, 1949 (see [10117 D](#)) pending a final settlement of Israel's frontiers with the neighbouring Arab States. In the case of the Lake Huleh demilitarized zone, Syria had protested at the drainage project undertaken by Israel on the grounds that it constituted a violation of the armistice agreement and that the political status of the area concerned was still in dispute, whilst Israel had defended her right to carry out reclamation work in the Huleh swamps on the grounds that she was the legal successor of the former British mandatory government, in whose territory the area had been included.