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Jewish-Arab Conflict in Palestine is Intensifying

Death Toll to Date Is 523—Jews Confident of Holding Own With Heavy Mortality

JERUSALEM (CP)—Members of the Haganna, Jewish underground organization, announced today that four Arabs had been shot to death in a bloody midnight reprisal in No-Man's Land between Jewish Tel Aviv and Arab Jaffa. The death toll is now 523 since the United Nations partition announcement.

A Haganna source asserted today that it can take, hold and defend the Jewish state in partitioned Palestine but it will cost many lives. Main factors supporting this opinion are:

1. Arab resistance to Zionism is economically more paralyzing to the Arabs than to the Jews.
2. United States is expected to come to the aid of the Jews by economic pressure on the Arab states.
3. When the British leave the Arabs will be forced to "pit their strength against us and we are unafraid."

Ship Strike Now Ended

Arms Ships Sailing From Vancouver and Halifax for Nationalist China

VANCOUVER (CP)—An 11-day dispute which tied up seven deep-sea ships ended with the Okanagan, laden with a 12,000-ton cargo of arms, sailing for China.

The Canadian Seamen's Union at Montreal announced that it was seeking from federal authorities life insurance and medical care guarantees if needed for crews of munition ships.

Sailing of the Okanagan indicated that agreement had been reached between the shipowners and radio operators and deck and engine room officers in the "no contract, no work" dispute.

The Islands at Halifax has also cleared.

The union is asking \$10,000 insurance for each man.

CHURCHILL'S WIFE REACHES HIS SIDE

Condition of Former Prime Minister Aggravated but Not Serious

MARRAKECH, French Morocco—Mrs. Churchill, wife of former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and the latter's personal physician, Lord Moran, arrived here Friday from London.

Members of the former Prime Minister's party said he had caught cold on a motor trip to the mountains several days earlier. He sat by his car for a few hours, painting the landscape. It was on December 11 he reached Marrakech to write his memoirs in a place he described as having the best winter climate in the world.

The message to Mrs. Churchill and physician indicated there had developed a "slightly aggravated condition" not thought serious.

Churchill has had attacks of pneumonia in recent years and his age is 73.

PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY IN B.C.

Lloyd Turner, business editor of the Vancouver Daily Province writes:

"British Columbia is already a large pulp and paper producer with nine mills valued at more than a hundred millions running to capacity, but added to them will be the new mill of Bloedel, Stewart & Welch Ltd., at Port Alberni, which will be in full operation soon; the Port Edward Cellulose mill near Prince Rupert, which will eventually employ many hundreds and the new Canadian Western Timber Co. mill at Duncan Bay, near Campbell River.

ANOTHER MASS GRAVE AT BELSEN

Further Horrors Being Uncovered Near Notorious Prison Camp

HAMBURG (CP)—German workmen at Belsen horror camp have discovered a new mass grave believed to contain the bodies of at least two thousand former concentration camp prisoners, British military headquarters announced today. It is the eighth mass grave to be found at Belsen. The possibility is held that others will be found.

Jones Act Repeal Runs Into Snag

Big Storm Now Over

Millions of Dollars Damage Done By Winter Tempest In East

NEW YORK (CP)—A week-end of clearing weather for the storm-swept eastern half of the United States was in prospect today as communities, whipped by sleet, snow and rainstorm, worked to restore business and industrial operations to normal.

Snow has abated in nearly all sections of the country which have been lashed by this winter's most destructive and crippling storm. Damage to property is expected to total millions of dollars while deaths of at least 16 persons are reported in the New England states and the New York metropolitan area.

Other fatalities attributed to the storm are reported from the mid-west region.

Hundreds of communities remain without telephone or light services, disrupted by snapping of wires from the weight of ice or by strong winds.

The storm left Burlington, Iowa, a community of 30,000, isolated except by radio. Homes there have been without light or power since New Year's Eve.

New York, hit by an icy storm, escaped heavy snowfall as the storm swept out to sea.

STRANGE PLANES ARE BEING SEEN

Further Reports of Mysterious Aerial Visitors Over Northern Canada

EDMONTON (CP)—The Edmonton Journal said today that it had learned that a strange unidentified two-motored aircraft had been seen "frequently" flying over weather stations being installed along the Arctic Coast.

Some time ago it had been reported that Russian aircraft were sighted over polar bases but the reports were discounted by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

TENDERS CALLED FOR TWO LOCAL BUILDING JOBS; FUEL STATION ONE

Two fairly large construction jobs which, if they were begun in the near future, would take up some of the slack in the local employment situation, are in prospect for Prince Rupert in 1948.

While both jobs are in the stage where tenders have been called but not yet awarded, they will be substantial. One is installation of a Shell Oil Co. marine station and distributing depot in the city and the other the construction of a large duplex residence building at the Miller Bay Indian Hospital.

The Shell Oil Co. project involves the construction of an 80-foot dock, tank car loading racks, construction of a concrete flash wall, transfer of three storage tanks from Port Edward, and a large amount of pipelining to connect the former R.C.A.F. tanks with the distributing centre.

Site of the Shell Oil Co. plant will be the former American "Y" camp at Morse Creek. The dock will be just east of the grain elevator. The company some time ago purchased seven former Air Force fuel storage tanks and pumping station from War Assets. To these will be added three 10,000-gallon tanks which will be brought from Port Edward.

Estimate of the cost of construction is not available.

At Miller Bay Indian Hospital the Indian Branch has called for tenders for construction of a duplex residence and a power house. The residence will be designed to house staff doctors.

SHIP OFFICER DISAPPEARS

Mate of Steamer Princess Joan, Vancouver to Victoria, Drops Mysteriously Out of Sight

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mystery still shrouds the disappearance of Second Officer Robert D. Bird, aged 36, of Victoria, who vanished from the wheelhouse of the steamer Princess Joan enroute to Victoria from here following an early morning watch. The police are investigating.

PIONEER BLOWER
The first policeman to use a whistle in directing traffic was Captain Bernard Hoppe of Boston.



WHERE FOUR PERISH IN BLAZE—Four persons died in the blazing home of Mrs. Steven Card, Hartington, Ont., this week. The dead are Mrs. Steven Card, 69; her son, Henry, 35; her daughter, Mrs. James Boomhour, 42; and grandson, Harry Boomhour, six months. Six other children of Mrs. Boomhour are in foster homes throughout the county. Looking for remains of the victims above are H. J. Knight and Harvey Milligan.



J. H. Knight and Harvey Milligan place a blanket over the charred bodies of the four victims who perished in the flaming home of Mrs. Steven Card at Hartington, Ont.

Stalin May Have Cancer

Speculation as to Whether Celebrated Specialist Is To Treat Him

STOCKHOLM (CP)—Prof. Ellis Berven, Swedish cancer specialist and radiologist, left by plane yesterday for Moscow for "consultation on a serious cancer case."

"I cannot tell you who my patient is because I do not know myself yet," he said.

He had received a cabled request from "Russian authorities."

Izvestia, Soviet government newspaper, reported in March 1947 that Premier Joseph Stalin had called on two Russian scientists, identified only as Klueva and Roskin, to abandon all routine projects and devote themselves entirely to cancer research.

Cheese was made in some form or other before the Christian era by Jews, Greeks and Romans.

POLICE BRING IN BODY OF H. ALBERTSON

OVEREXERTION

Advice from Terrace this afternoon says an autopsy on the body of Bert Albertson by Dr. Mills resulted in the conclusion that death came through overexertion. The assumption is that Albertson died on Christmas Day.

Using a boat, a toboggan and a railway speeder, provincial police constables Friday brought to Terrace the body of Bert Albertson, Dorrien sawmill operator, who died in the snow 10 miles from home after his car had stalled on the highway on Christmas Eve.

The constables—Blue and Rogers of the Terrace detachment—also found the car in which Albertson had left the interior village to drive to his home 35 miles eastward on the evening of December 24.

The car was stalled in snow more than three feet deep but was undamaged, they reported. It stood on the highway little more than a mile west of the place where Helge Sorensen, Albertson's partner, had found the body Wednesday afternoon.

The vehicle, which Albertson and Sorensen had bought from Mrs. Mary Franks who had won it in the Rotary Club drawing here on December 12, had not been struck by falling trees which criss-crossed the highway for miles.

Constables Brue and Rogers set out Friday morning to bring in Albertson's body which Sorensen had left in its original position pending arrival of the police. They went east from Terrace on a speeder, crossed to the south bank of the Skeena in a skiff, then pulled the toboggan up to the highway.

After investigating the condition of the car, they returned to Terrace.

An inquest into Albertson's death is expected to be held at Terrace by Coroner Will Robinson.

GUERRILLAS GET WORST OF IT IN GREEK FIGHTING

ATHENS (CP)—The Greek war ministry said today that guerrilla forces had suffered more than two thousand casualties during siege of the government garrison at Konitsa as opposed to 349 for the national forces.

War Minister George Stratos said that 500 Communist rebels had been killed, 1,500 wounded and 100 captured.

Greek Army losses, Stratos said, amounted to eight officers and fifty-one men killed with 27 officers and 193 men wounded and seventy missing.

Australia Wins At Rugby Over England

LONDON (CP)—Australia today defeated England 11 to 0 in an International Rugby Union contest at Twickenham.

Americans Use Telephone Much

NEW YORK—The average American used the telephone 301 times last year. The United States has three-fifths of the world's telephones, one instrument for every four persons, compared with a world average of one for every 43 persons.

KIKTCHENER, Ont., (CP)—When Roel Bakker, Dutch immigrant, arrived in Canada for farm work last September he didn't know he would soon be owner of an \$85,000 farm—back in Holland. His grandfather left the property to Bakker, who recently returned home to sell it.

Taxpayers Take British Railways

LONDON (CP)—The British taxpayer on Thursday became the owner of Britain's rail transportation system as the government took it over as part of its nationalization program.

Maritime Commission Opposed to Proposal

Lower Operating Costs of Canadian Vessels in Alaska Trade Are Feared

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—The United States Maritime Commission has disapproved legislation to amend the Jones Act to permit Canadian vessels to carry passengers and freight between Alaskan ports. A bill designed to amend the law to permit foreign vessels to serve Alaskan ports had been sent to the Commission for comment by congressional committees to which they had been referred.

Admiral W. W. Smith, chairman of the commission, opposed the proposals in a report to the House of Representatives merchant marine and fisheries committee.

"Enactment of this bill would have the effect of permitting foreign operators of foreign-logged ships, particularly Canadian ships, to participate in this traffic because of lower operating costs."

House Upholds Schuman Gov't

Anti-Inflation Measure Is Supported by French Assembly Over Combined Opposition

PARIS (CP)—The National Assembly upheld Premier Robert Schuman today against a combined Communist-DeGaulist attempt to modify the "Tax the Wealthy" anti-inflation bill upon which he staked his government. The vote was 322 to 262.

Bases In Antarctic

Move of South Africa Seen As Counter to Russian Activity In South Polar Seas

LONDON COMMENT
LONDON (CP)—British sources said today that two Antarctic islands, newly occupied, may become weather-aviation bases. Official comment was lacking.

CAPETOWN (CP)—The Cape Times and Johannesburg Daily Mail say that South Africa and Australia have occupied two islands in the southern Indian Ocean above the Antarctic Circle. Prince Edward Island, 1500 miles from here, becoming an air base, likewise Heard Island.

Johannesburg speculation is that the islands are being added to the southern chain of bases. Since the war the Russians have been sending whalers to the Antarctic.

Huge Rock Crusher Is Being Employed

Largest crusher of its type ever made in Canada has been manufactured for use on development work being carried on by the Shawinigan Water and Power Co. The all-steel jaw crusher of 48 by 60 inches will perform the primary requirements for turbines and dam installations. The crusher will take a rock weighing more than four tons and break it down into 10-inch pieces.

Ontario Is Digging Out

Windsor Is Hardest Hit By Big Blizzard With Damage of \$100,000

WINDSOR (CP)—Two days after the New Year's night blizzard which left six dead and caused many thousands of dollars property damage, Southern Ontario was still digging itself out today. Repair crews continued to restore hydro-electric and telephone service as others struggled to complete clearing of drifted highways and roads from Windsor on the west to Kingston on the east.

The greatest damage has been in Windsor and nearby Essex communities which were first to be hit by the storm.

Telephone service is not expected to be restored in Windsor until the middle of next week.

Damage to the border city alone is estimated at \$100,000.

Twenty-Year High Price For Butter

VANCOUVER (CP)—Butter prices have advanced another two cents to 70c wholesale. The retail price is now 75c per pound, the highest in twenty years.

LOCAL TIDES

Sunday, January 4, 1948
High 7:44 19.3 feet
20:25 16.4 feet
Low 1:12 7.1 feet
14:20 7.5 feet