

BIRTHPLACE OF JESUS BECOMES ARMY BIVOUAC

Church of Nativity's Yard Used by British Troops Fighting Arabs.

(Copyright 1938, by United Press) Twentieth Century weapons of war—barbed wire, sandbags and machine guns—surrounded the manager where Christ was born as Great Britain struck against mounting terrorism and rebellion in the Holy Land today.

The clump of military tents on the rough pavement before Bethlehem's ancient, weather-beaten Church of the Nativity; artillery was rolled into position on the hills; armored cars snaked their way through the crooked, narrow streets of the little town toward which pilgrims of many lands turn every Christmas in memory of the Prince of Peace.

Britain made Bethlehem, which has known many bitter battles in ages past, a center and a symbol in its most drastic effort to end a colonial problem packed with tremendous political and economic dangers.

The possibility of a modern holy war has not been overlooked as a result of growing conflict since the World War between Arabs in Palestine and Jewish immigrants attempting to re-establish a national home there under Great Britain's supervision.

Damage Five Million

Today, reports filtered in from villages throughout the Holy Land of terrorism, assassinations, clashes between British troops and extremists, Arabs or Jews seeking to crush each other.

These, in lives and money cannot be counted in isolated figures. In the last five years approximately 170 British subjects—chiefly police and soldiers—have been killed and almost 500 have been wounded. More than 300 Jews have died and at least 1200 have been wounded. Arab dead exceeds the 2000 mark and their wounded add up to nearly 6000.

Great Britain's costs soared as more troops were sent in; as more and more reports were received of death and property damage. British property losses alone are more than five million dollars for five years. Jewish losses have been three times as much and Arabs have seen probably \$600,000 worth of their property destroyed.

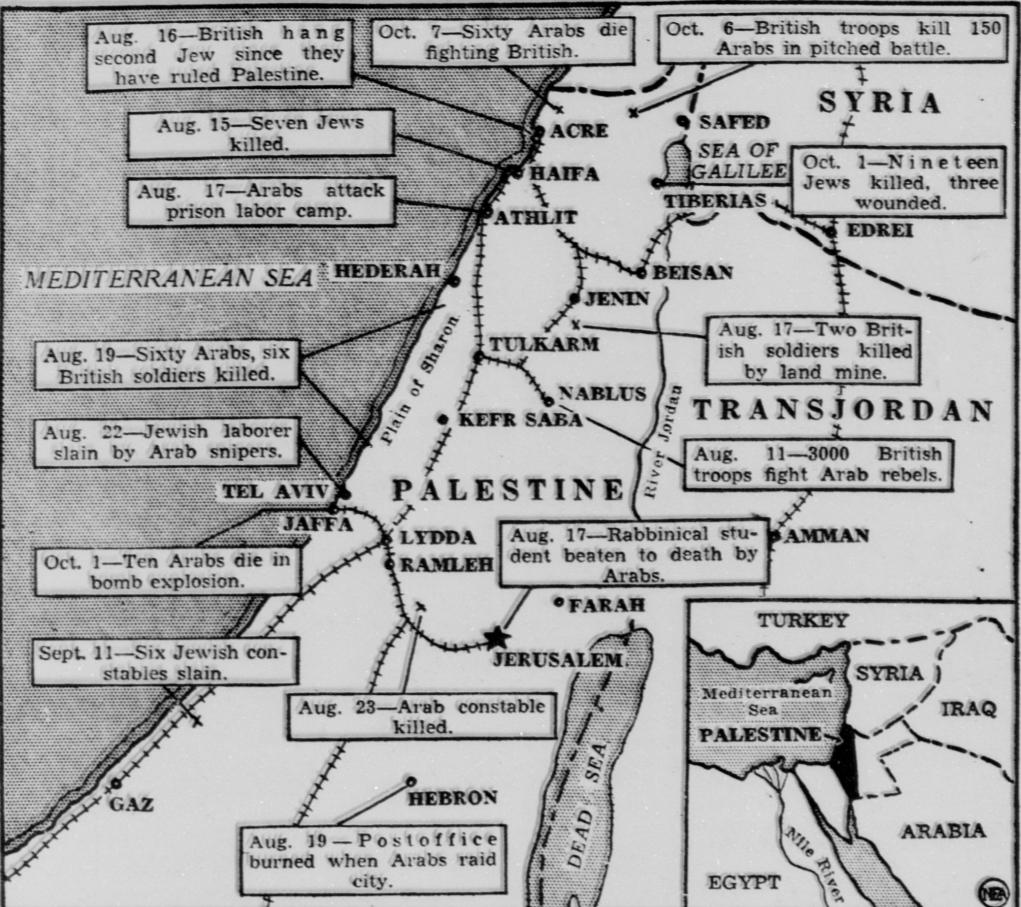
Thus, over a period of years, a war is being fought. Its tempo is increasing and many Arab leaders are seeking to turn it into a great holy war of Moslems against Jews and necessarily against Great Britain.

British Plan Pacification

"Not even martial law will affect our warriors as the death they are facing when they fight British troops is not different from death they would face under martial law," one Arab leader declared this morning in regard to the Palestine fighting. "Arabs are being aroused to anti-Jewish feelings in neighboring countries where British bayonets cannot protect the Jews."

Urgently occupied with the re-

Killings Continue in Holy Land Feud



Rioting and killing go on apace in the Holy Land where Arab and Jew battle for supremacy and British troops struggle to maintain law and order. The British, who rule Palestine under a League of Nations mandate, face a new and more serious threat

STRACHEY APPEAL FOR U. S. ENTRANCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—An appeal by John Strachey, British left wing author, for entry into the United States, was made to the State and Labor Departments in Washington today but no action was anticipated.

Mr. Strachey, "excluded" from this country after his visa had been canceled by American authorities in London and an immigration board of inquiry, was confined without bail to Ellis Island. He was to have been deported today on the French liner Normandie, but he signed an appeal.

OFFICIALS OPPOSE CITY MANAGER POLL

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 12 (U. P.)—The president of the City Council today headed a new move to defeat a proposal for adoption of the City Manager form of Government by Cambridge.

President Thomas E. McNamara secured appointment last night of a committee of five councilors to investigate signatures on the petition through which the question has been placed on the November ballot.

FHA AID TO TALK

Ernest M. Fisher, director of the TIA Division of Economics and Statistics, will discuss "The Case of the Real Estate" at a noon luncheon of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board tomorrow at the Washington Hotel. Mr. Fisher is a former commerce instructor at the American University, Beirut, Syria, at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Michigan. He is the author of several books on real estate.

JURY WEIGHS FATE OF ACCUSED FATHER

MEDIA, Pa., Oct. 12 (U. P.)—A jury will decide today whether Edward Pfaff, 22, is guilty of murder in the death of his 2-year-old son.

Pfaff closed his defense late yesterday with a story of unemployment disappointments, and of how he and his 21-year-old wife, an expectant mother, decided to die together, taking their baby with them. Pfaff, his wife and son were found unconscious on the kitchen floor of their parents' home, gas pouring from the stove. The mother and son died, but Pfaff recovered.

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REBEKAH HEADS ASSUME DUTIES

Mrs. Gladys Dunkle, Kokomo, is Advanced to Presidency.

Newly elected officers of the Rebekah Assembly, I. O. O. F., assumed their duties today following the close of their 64th annual two-day State convention last night at the I. O. O. F. Building.

Miss Gladys I. Fayette, Kokomo, was elected to the only contested office, that of warden. Thirteen women were candidates for the post.

Mrs. Gladys I. Dunkle, Kokomo, was advanced to president; Mrs. Grace E. Child, Indianapolis, secretary; Mrs. Hazel L. Brust, Sulli-

van, treasurer; Mrs. Leona May Smiley, Terhune, trustee, and Mrs. Cecilia Monical, Washington, retiring president, representative to the Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

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