

American Killed, 3 Held As British Seize Jewish Ship

Battle Fires Die For Beaten Jews In Wrecked Ship

Those Who Fought Off British Soldiery Peer With Hopeless Eyes on Promised Land
By NAT BARROWS, Times Foreign Correspondent
HAIFA, Palestine, July 19.—Framed amidst the splintered wreckage of the "Exodus 1947" is the white pitiful face of a refugee misery.

Faces peep down in trance-like numbness upon this tiny segment of the promised land—a naval pier packed with British soldiers and sailors.

Not for years will most of these illegal Jewish immigrants get closer to Palestine than a shambling walk along the pier, from this listing, wrecked Haganah underground ship to freighters bound for Cyprus detention camps.

THE WRECKAGE through which these faces peer tells the story of this latest and 36th—at least to the British blockade into Palestine.

It is one of the strangest battles in which his majesty's navy ever engaged.

They are meek and undemonstrative now, but yesterday these people fought with live steam, axes, fuel oil and tin cans to resist naval boarding parties off the Palestine coast.

THIS BEAT-UP caricature of a ship, formerly the President Warfield on the Baltimore-Norfolk run, reveals from stem to stern the fury of the incredible battle which raged for two hours yesterday.

Her flimsy wooden superstructure is crushed inward for 50 feet on the port side from the squeeze of destroyers closing in to land boarding parties.

Her starboard side, amidships, reeks with the fuel oil poured down upon the boarding parties.

One lifeboat hangs crazily in its davits. The bridge is splattered with glass.

Never has a larger group or a larger ship tried to break through into "Eretz Israel."

WITH MORE concern for the political implications than for the elementary comfort of these ex-patriated wrecks from the European D. P. camps, Haganah piled more than 400 persons aboard at Sele (Celle) France, nine days ago. Of these, 400 were pregnant women and many were babes in arms. One woman died in childbirth en route and was buried at sea.

These people knew they had little chance of getting ashore—unlike many previous blockade runners on which passengers were not told about the British blockade.

HERE is the eyewitness story of the trip and the battle told by the only Christian aboard, 30-year-old John Stanley Grauel, formerly an Episcopal clergyman of Worcester, Mass.

As a representative of the American Christian Palestine committee, he joined the ship in March when it sailed from Philadelphia.

"We were dogged by the cruiser Ajax and five destroyers all the way across the Mediterranean," says Mr. Grauel.

"Early yesterday, when we were planning to try to run the Exodus 1947 aground, two destroyers closed in on us and said they were going to board."

"Our skipper, Bernard Marks, who is 25 and comes from Cincinnati, O., immediately turned the ship and headed west."

THE ROYAL NAVY spokesman says the boarding was done inside territorial waters, but Mr. Grauel disputes this and joins the Haganah in calling the capture "sheer piracy."

"During the last night out we had covered the decks with screen wire to repel the boarders," Mr. Grauel continues. "There were seven different waves of boarding attacks, with the two destroyers jamming against us. They crushed the upper superstructure as if it were an eggshell."

"Sailors, dressed for combat, with helmets, tear-gas masks, pistols and clubs, jumped aboard over platforms that came down upon us like drawbridges."

"The first party of about 15 raced for the bridge and a desperate fight started."

MR. GRAUEL, who is wearing a fur-collared air force jacket and showing a gold cross hanging on his neck, denies that "our people" used pistols or tear-gas against the British sailors.

"It's a lie, but I admit we may have picked up tear-gas grenades, thrown by the boarders, and tossed them back before they exploded," he says heatedly.

"All the youngsters, girls and boys, began throwing potatoes and one hot-headed boy, I must confess, got excited and attacked a sailor with a fire-ax. He severed the

2 Others Die In Sea Fight Off Palestine

Victim Was Mate Of Blockade Runner

By ELIAH SIMON
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HAIFA, Palestine, July 19.—British seamen boarding the illegal immigrant ship President Warfield injured fatally one American and arrested three others, it was disclosed today.

All the Americans were crew members on the President Warfield, which the British rammed and seized in a 2½-hour battle.

The dead American was First Mate William Bernstein, 24, Los Angeles. He died of a fractured skull in a Haifa government hospital.

Americans arrested were the ship's captain, Bernard Marks of New York City and Ohio, and Seaman Cyril Weinstein and Arthur Stanley Ritzer, both of Brooklyn.

Polish-born Hirsch Jacobowitch, 15, and an unidentified German youth about 20 years old also were killed in the shipboard battle.

They had tried to run the President Warfield, a former Chesapeake bay ferry, through the British blockade which prevents more than a limited number of Jews from entering Palestine.

The vessel carried about 4500 illegal immigrants. After they were subdued, the ship was brought to Haifa and the passengers rapidly transferred to British vessels for shipment to British camps on the island of Cyprus.

Father of Boy
The first 1000 immigrants sailed within a few hours aboard the Ocean Vigor. Others went meekly aboard the Runnymede for early departure.

Mr. Bernstein's death came on his second unsuccessful attempt to run a ship through the British blockade. A former member of the merchant marine, Mr. Bernstein was on the refugee ship Letrun, which the British also captured. He was reported to be the father of a baby boy.

Three other crew members were arrested as they gathered around the injured Mr. Bernstein as he lay on the President Warfield, according to an eyewitness, John Stanley Grauel, Worcester, Mass.

On High Seas
Mr. Grauel, who said he was aboard the illegal ship as an observer for the American Christian Palestine committee, said the British seized the ship while it was on the high seas 17 miles outside Palestine's territorial waters.

Mr. Grauel said he also was a reporter for the American publication, The Churchman.

The arrival of the President Warfield coincided with fresh British-Jewish violence around Palestine. During the night, a British armored car in downtown Jerusalem was attacked with fire bombs. The car burned, but no casualties resulted. An exploding hand grenade wounded a British soldier in another incident.

EN ROUTE WITH GOVERNOR DEWEY, July 19 (U. P.).—Governor Thomas E. Dewey talked over his unofficial campaign for the Republican presidential nomination with northwestern G. O. P. leaders today.

Governor Dewey interrupted his tour of Yellowstone National park to motor to Bozeman, Mont., for several private conferences. The trip to Bozeman was made ostensibly to inspect Montana State college, but political interest surrounded his meeting with party chieftains.

Representatives from three or four states, it was said, will confer with the New York governor within the next 48 hours.

Issues Warning On Border Raids
PRAGUE, July 19 (U. P.).—The official Yugoslav news agency reported from Belgrade today that Bulgaria had advised the United Nations Security Council she would not be responsible for "possible eventualities" if alleged Greek border provocations were repeated.

The agency quoted the Bulgarian statement as referring to a charge that Greek troops crossed into Bulgarian territory in pursuit of Greek rebels July 13.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Doris E. Myers, 2128 Ruff, Urbana, Ill.; Betty Jean Myers, 2128 Ruff, Urbana, Ill.; Theodore Daniel Pursell, 418 S. Holmes, Alton, Ill.; Elaine McCullough, 1208 Bellefontaine, Alton, Ill.; Wallace C. Koenig, Valley Station, Ky.; Mary Elizabeth Campbell, Valley Station, Ky.; Frank J. Zimmerman, 618 E. 26th; Leanna Havel, 1459 Sprague, Alton, Ill.; Shuan Alice McAndrew, 874 Hubben, Alton, Ill.; Phillipa Louise Everett, 1800 W. Ohio, Alton, Ill.; Louis J. Wiegand, Barnes hotel; Marie Cree, Barnes hotel; Joseph M. Talley, 220 N. Noble; Goldie Lee Kidd, 220 N. Noble; William D. Rollings, 1408 Bellefontaine; Thomas H. Clark, 210 Cleveland; Joseph Gregory Wood Jr., 618 E. 26th; Sheila Alice McAndrew, 874 Hubben; William H. Allen, 1831 Cross rd.; Woodruff Place; Barbara Cook, 2240 Park; Lowell A. Zuhall, 1203 S. Randolph; Helen Joyce Tomlinson, 1205 S. Randolph; Wallace C. Leavitt, 3640 N. Kaysville; Anna Ruth Mahan, 3825 Hillside; George S. Martin, 473 River; Florence Fogie, 252 N. Belleville; Orval Boardman, 127 E. Ohio; Margaret Pickard, 1782 Montclair; James Best, 2121 N. Illinois; Edythe Louise Kays, 212 E. 20th; Harry Edward Zorman, United States navy; Virginia Kathryn Strain, 1360 Woodmen; David Springer, 2145 N. Leland; Alice S. Orman, 2235 N. Butler; Annie Fulton, 1751 N. Fuxedo; Angelina Theodoreva, La Porte.

BIRTHS
At City—Gladys Allen, girl.

At St. Francis—Beatrice Cain; Maurice, Patricia, Rogers, and John; Beatrice Hannah; At City—Sally, Patricia Brown; As Coleman—Robert, Catherine Dinn; Robert, Virginia Blue; Thomas, Helen; Mary; William, Kathleen; Howard; James, Doris Kay; At Madison—Robert, Vivian Wilson; Kenneth, Connie; Robert, Barbara; At St. Vincent—A. Stanley, Rita Kroger; Virgil, Beatrice Ward; John, Pay Lawson; and Cecil, Helen Herald.

At St. Francis—Bernard, Dorothy Muncie; Robert, Betty Martin; George, Euel; Shrobe, James; John, Drexler; and Cleonora; Maria Benetti; At City—Marion, Ruth Mayo, and Benjamin; Myrtle Johnson; At Coleman—David; Henrietta; Mervin; Lawrence; Phyllis; Shaffer; and Harold; Louis Vice; At Methodist—Jesse; Genevieve; Brown; John; Maryann; Ernest; Rudy; Cora; Flannigan; and Floyd; Viola Stout; At St. Vincent—Roy; Marjorie; Clyde; Mary; Templeton; Leah; Ruth; Henderson; Raymond; Madeline; Hayden; Thomas; Helen; Hovde; Nathan; Stephen; Southwood; Thomas; Bertha; Schultz; and Omer; Thelma; Barber.

DEATHS
William Mathew, 72, at 1192 S. Kenwood, arteriolelectic heart; Kate Mae Kinder, 87, at City, mitral stenosis; Mary Tender Martin, 70, at 1637 Edwards; George Sumner; John D. Bush, 74, at City, nephritis; Parnell Pugh, 83, at 3620 N. Meridian, arteriolelectic heart; Thomas E. Plannery, 74, at City, pneumonia; Julia Moore, 60, at 219 W. Hampton, carcinoma; John Tatum, 18, at Methodist, carcinoma.

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MOVING UP—The newly-appointed secretary of war, Kenneth Royall, is shown in his Washington home with his wife, Mr. Royall succeeds Robert Patterson, resigned, next Thursday.

Washington Calling—Looks Like U.S. May Remedy Twain's Weather Complaint

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radio, Utah or Nevada.

Or, they say, artificial rains can be created at sea, taking excess moisture out of atmosphere before it reaches land.

'Packed' Rent Boards
OFFICE of housing expediter is on lookout for any attempt to "pack" local rent boards with real estate representatives who've been active in lobby to get all controls lifted.

Although new rent control law permits governors to pick board members, appointees must be approved by Expediter Creighton.

Governors at Salt Lake City conference were told Mr. Creighton would give "full recognition" to local boards, though they have no final authority. They'll make recommendations on decontrol, general increases, other local policy.

WE DON'T know how much congress is saving in appropriations for current fiscal year—and neither does congress. It won't know till some time next spring when all deficiency appropriation bills are in.

But that won't prevent congressmen from breaking out in rash of statements soon about how much was "saved" and how much was "not saved."

Keep these figures in mind. President Truman asked for about \$37 billion for fiscal 1948. House Republicans resolved they'd save \$6 billion. Senate Republicans vowed to save \$4½ billion.

Rep. Albert Gore (D. Tenn.), who's on appropriations, thinks savings at wind-up of session won't be more than \$1.5 billion. Republican estimates vary but they're all higher than Mr. Gore's.

LOOK FOR general exodus of old-line marines when unification bill passes. Career leathernecks are bitter, plan to take their pensions and go home. In opposing unification they defied Commander-in-Chief Truman and dared him to fire them. Now they've lost they expect no mercy.

First to go was Brig. Gen. Merritt A. Edson, famed raider commander, hero of Tarawa, holder of congressional medal of honor. "Red Mike" Edson put his resignation in channels before he went to congress to testify; refused to withdraw it after he'd had his say. He's told friends he could see nothing ahead but "running errands for the army."

Gen. Edson becomes head of Vermont state police. His acceptance speech blasted army leaders now holding posts in civilian government.

Gen. Vandegrift retires soon, too.

Marine resentment is so deep co-operation appears impossible under new set-up. Many marines are more furious with navy than with army, claiming navy sold them down river in return for concessions.

What a Dime Buys: Exit From Prison In Phone Booth
GREEN BAY, Wis., July 19 (U. P.).—Martin Schuster thought it was hot when he entered a telephone booth in a Green Bay railroad station—but he was a whole lot hotter before he got out.

Once inside, Mr. Schuster found he couldn't get out. The door simply would not budge.

There was no one in the station at the time, and Mr. Schuster's anger mounted. Finally, with sweat dripping from his brow, he used his last dime to call his brother to come and get him out.

Firemen broke a hole in the window of the booth. Mr. Schuster was given oxygen to regain his strength.

Anderson Boy Drowned
BASS LAKE, Ind., July 19 (U. P.).—Ronald Count, 14, Anderson, drowned in the Tippecanoe river yesterday while trying to swim across. His stepfather, William Atwell, nearly drowned trying to save him. Tom Sosbe, Elwood, pulled Mr. Atwell out of the river.

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Royall Takes Patterson Job As War Chief

Resignation Called Part of Unity Moves

WASHINGTON, July 19 (U. P.).—The departure of Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson from the cabinet was regarded today as another step in the unification reshuffle. It is expected to provide the nation's armed forces with an entirely new high command by Jan. 1.

Mr. Patterson's resignation becomes effective Thursday. Undersecretary of War Kenneth Royall was appointed yesterday to succeed him.

There was speculation that Mr. Royall, a 53-year-old North Carolina lawyer, would remain as army secretary under the unification plan.

The new setup calls for a single secretary of national security with cabinet rank, and three secretaries for army, navy and air who will not be cabinet members.

Passed by Senate
The merger plan has been passed by the senate, and comes up in the house today. Passage at this stage of congress is considered certain.

Informed sources insist that Secretary of Navy James Forrestal is in line to be the first secretary of national security. Mr. Forrestal himself denies knowledge of such plans.

Undersecretary of Navy John L. Sullivan is expected to step into Mr. Forrestal's job when the new arrangement goes into effect. W. Stuart Symington, now assistant secretary of war for air, is slated for the new post of secretary of air.

'With Poignant Regret'
Mr. Patterson's resignation was accepted by President Truman yesterday "with poignant regret."

The chief executive praised the secretary's "magnificent" and "utterly selfless" devotion to his country during his war department service which began in December, 1940. He had been secretary since September, 1945.

A former New York federal judge, Mr. Patterson made no statement of his future plans. But there was talk that he would be appointed to the first vacancy that occurs on the supreme court bench.

There was a slight possibility that Mr. Royall might give up his war department post next year to run for governor of his native North Carolina. If he should, some quarters looked for Donald M. Nelson, former war production board chief, to succeed him.

Successor Not Named
The postwar juggling of administrators was not confined to civilians.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, army chief of staff, already has accepted the presidency of Columbia university and will leave the service about the first of the year.

The White House has not named a successor, but it was announced yesterday that Gen. Omar N. Bradley, now veterans administrator, would make a six-week tour of Europe soon to review troops at the request of the army. This was regarded as tantamount to an advance announcement of Gen. Bradley's appointment to succeed Gen. Eisenhower as chief of staff.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz completes his term as chief of naval operations about Jan. 1. Navy sources say he will be succeeded by either Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, Atlantic fleet commander or Adm. Louis E. Denfield, Pacific fleet commander.

Gen. Carl Spaatz, AAF commander, is reported ready to resign about Jan. 1. Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, his chief of staff, reportedly will succeed to the top air force job.

'Visit to Grave' Becomes Reunion
COLUMBUS, Ind., July 19 (U. P.).—Mrs. Josephine Deupree, 93, left her home in San Gabriel, Cal., last week with the intention of visiting the grave of a cousin she lost track of years ago.

But she and her daughter, Miss Nora Deupree, were unable to find the grave in cemeteries at nearby Mt. Auburn.

Today Mrs. Deupree held a reunion with the cousin—Mrs. Mary Young, 97, whom she learned to her surprise was still alive.

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U. S. Moves to Prevent Expected 'Smear' of Royall

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note Mr. Royall to full cabinet rank.

The war department issued the following statement:
"In answer to queries from the press, Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, chief of war department public relations, stated he had discussed with Undersecretary Royall his relationship with Mr. Johannes Steel."

"Mr. Steel married Mr. Royall's half-sister several years ago. Mr. Royall's relations with Mr. Steel have been exclusively family contacts. He has not discussed governmental, political or national politics with him."

"The last time that he recalled seeing Mr. Steel was at the 80th birthday dinner of Mr. Royall's mother last year and at Christmas dinner, also at his mother's."

"The fact that Mr. Steel is a brother-in-law of Mr. Royall is well known and has been commented on in the press previously."

All-out support was given Mr. Steel by the Daily Worker, New York's Communist newspaper, when he was Labor party candidate for congress two years ago. His candidacy was endorsed by Henry A. Wallace.

This year when the Soviet Union compelled the state department strictly to limit the number of American newsmen who could accompany Secretary of State Marshall to the Moscow conferences, Mr. Steel could not qualify for a departmental recommendation that he be included in the Moscow group.

To the considerable astonishment of Washington, Mr. Steel turned up in Moscow on his own and subsequently toured the area behind the iron curtain. He was favored with an audience with Premier Joseph V. Stalin and obtained an interview with Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, from whom he learned that the Yugoslavs were very fond of his friend, Henry Wallace.

Starts Movement To 'Draft' Wallace
PRESNO, Cal., July 19 (U. P.).—Former attorney general Robert W. Kenney started a movement here last night to "draft" Henry A. Wallace for President in 1948 and to bring the former vice president and President Truman into direct conflict in next year's Democratic primaries.

The meeting was called to start the legal procedure to place Mr. Wallace's name on the primary ticket in accordance with California election laws.

Whether it would result in a "draft" movement was a matter of conjecture because it was the first campaign meeting in the nation to be held to advance the one-time Iowan to the White House.

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