

30 Stormy Years Spent By British in Holy Land, And Blood Still Flows

Allenby Broke 5 Centuries of Turkish Rule; Hatred in Palestine Go Back to Bible Days

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The British colonial office today closed the book of blood-splattered pages recording Britain's stormy 30-year rule of Palestine. But the current history of the Holy Land, it appears, will continue to be written in blood.

In the midst of the Jewish sabbath, as British rule ended, King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan was poised to invade Palestine with his Arab Legion and the Syrian and Lebanese armies from the north. Egypt promises to join in a two-front attack from the Suez Canal.

Unconfirmed Jewish sources report that Haganah veterans fighting for the Jewish State which they contend already exists, will be reinforced with arms and planes waiting to cross the Palestinian coast as soon as the British depart.

UN Seems Helpless. Meanwhile, the United Nations, laboring between partition and trusteeship, seems helpless to halt the bloodshed.

Both the Arabs and Jews have indicated they will fight all "foreign invaders."

This strange fratricide in Palestine stems from Biblical days, but under the rule which the British end tonight, the Arab-Jewish antagonism appears to have grown.

The seemingly irreconcilable differences between Jew and Arab began soon after Gen. Sir Edmund Allenby marched into Jerusalem in December, 1917, ending 500 years of Turkish rule in Palestine.

Aimed primarily at safeguarding approaches to the Suez Canal, Gen. Allenby's conquest and occupation of Palestine was not long a question of military strategy alone.

Favored Jewish 'Home'. For Great Britain, before military victory in Palestine, issued the famous Balfour Declaration which viewed "with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people."

Zionists immediately urged the initiation of the promise in the declaration. Arabs, who fought for the British under the leadership of Col. T. E. Lawrence, famed as "Lawrence of Arabia," scored English partiality toward the Jews.

Britain, fearful of losing economic concessions in the Middle East, acceded to the Arab grumblings and in 1922, the British established a colonial government. This shift from military rule to civil rule encouraged the League of Nations to award a mandate over Palestine to the British.

The six commissioners ruling the barren 10,429 square miles welcomed Jewish immigration. Spurred by the promise of a "na-



Police Capture Burglary Suspect

Two Others Escape After Brief Chase

One burglary suspect was captured and two others escaped in a car after a brief chase here last night.

A police cruiser squad saw some one in the Gulf Service Station, 1302 College Ave., and stopped to investigate. Officers found a man ransacking the place.

The suspect, held temporarily on a vagrancy charge, gave his name as Robert Elkins, 24, of 1231 Bellefontaine St. Officers said the suspect had 90 packages of cigarettes stacked up at a window when they seized him.

Two Men Escape

Answering a burglary alarm, police went to the Bernard & Berkowitz Liquor Store, 902 W. Michigan St., early today and when they were within a block of the place they saw two men run from the building, jump into a car and speed away.

Officers gave chase but lost the fleeing suspects two blocks away. A hole had been bored through the front door of the store. The bit of their drill had struck the burglar alarm wires.

Investigating a telephone call that "something was wrong" at the Blue Point Service Station, officers found the station attendant, Ray Miller, 23, of 220 E. St. Joseph St., locked in the rest room.

Mr. Miller said that when he was locking up the station for the night a man stuck a pistol in his back and demanded money. He said the bandit took his keys and locked him in a rest room. Police found the keys on the floor and liberated the victim.

The attendant said \$35 or \$40 was missing from the cash drawer.

Knights Templar Installs Officers

Kestner Fills Post As Grand Commander

The Knights Templar of Indiana announce the election and installation of Philip N. Kestner of Madison as grand commander and of Edwin M. Demlow of Indianapolis, to the position of grand captain of the guard.

The elections took place at the closing session of the 94th Annual Convocation of the Grand Commandery of Indiana in the Masonic Temple here yesterday. The grand captain of the guard stands in the starting place in the official line of the grand commandery.

Other officers elected include: Howard F. Christner of Elkhart, deputy grand commander; Don P. Carpenter, Brazil, grand generalissimo; G. Max Fowler, Frankfort, grand captain-general; George S. Parker, Anderson, grand treasurer; John T. Boyd, Vincennes, grand recorder; Alfred E. Braam, Hammond, grand senior warden; Paul G. Smiley, Washington, grand junior warden; Charles E. Cook, Wabash, grand standard bearer; Samuel S. Gentry, Ft. Wayne, grand sword bearer; Willard M. Avery, Knightstown, grand warden.

Rev. Guy O. Carpenter was appointed as grand prelate.

Howe High to Crown Violet Queen at Dance

One of five students will be crowned violet queen at the Spring Swing, annual Hilltopper dance, which will be held from 9 to 12 o'clock tonight in the Howe High School gymnasium.

The candidates, Joyce Farmer, Betty Hess, Jessie Konold, Julie Steele, Ruthie and Mary Tressman, were nominated by Vinton, junior girls' social club, and the queen is elected by the entire student body.

Only Blood Will Tell

More trouble ensued and the British curtailed all Jewish immigration for six months starting Oct. 1, 1922.

The advent of the second world conflict submerged Britain's increasing Palestinian problem.

And only early in 1947 did participation, once planned by the British 11 years earlier, come up again.

In November, 1947, the United States, Russia and other powers, excluding England, admitted partition plan. Then, on Feb. 24, 1948, America reversed its stand.

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