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Arab City Of Acre Surrenders After Street Battle

Jewish Army Says 4,000 Trapped In Ancient City

Two Arab Forces Claim Juncture

By JAMES M. LONG TEL AVIV, Israel — (AP) — Jewish Army sources said the ancient all-Arab town of Acre surrendered unconditionally early today after a 72-hour battle in the streets.

Haganah said earlier it had some 4,000 Arabs trapped in the walled city, eight miles north of the Jewish port of Haifa. Haganah fighters gained control of the highway through the city, a link to Jewish settlements in the north.

Acre is just outside the area of Palestine designated as Jewish under the United Nations partition plan.

500 DROWNED — The east Jewish sources in Haifa declared 500 Arabs were drowned when Jews opened a dam and flooded plain lands south of the Sea of Galilee.

Teif Aviv was raided by night bombers last after dawn, for the fourth straight day. The 45-minute attack was the longest yet on the city. The Jews said they shot down one of the attacking planes and damaged another.

Another raid followed soon after noon. One bomb squarely hit a newspaper building in the business area, shattering the neighborhood with splintered glass and causing casualties.

Haganah said one of the attacking pilots crashed-landed near Rehov. He was captured by the Jews and taken into custody by two girl soldiers. They were identified himself as an Egyptian Air Force pilot officer. In the first day's air raids Saturday, the Jews also had claimed capture of an Egyptian pilot.

A Beirut dispatch said Iraqi troops under Prince Regent Abdul Ilah captured Kaukab El Hawa southeast of Haifa. Three miles north of the territory from the Trans-Jordan border and three miles south of Gezer. The settlement, on a railway was part of the reinforced defense built by the British Army during the last war and called the Eden line, the dispatch said.

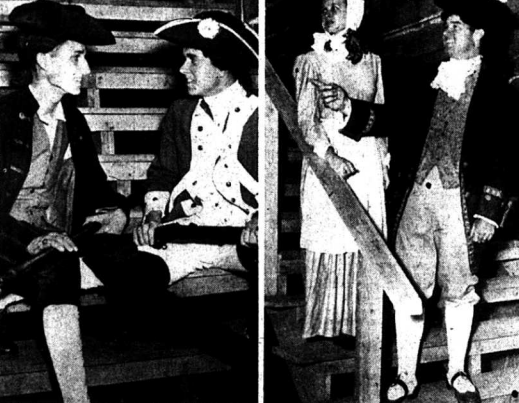
Dispatches said Arab fighters led by Hassan Salama retook the town for members of the Arab army, and captured some weapons and 100 pounds of ammunitions.

A Beirut broadcast said Egyptian and Trans-Jordan troops captured a junction at Lydda, twenty miles southeast of Tel Aviv. The British and Arab soldiers were said to have joined the Egyptians.

Haganah said the Arabs had started a massed attack on the Jewish quarter of Haifa today for the city of Jerusalem. British sources said the Arabs captured Barclay's bank and Derout's hotel in the old walled city. The situation in Jerusalem was confused by lack of communication. Egypt declared what amounted to a blockade on Israel.

STATEMENT OF DURANTY ENCOURAGING

Scenes From 'Shout Freedom!'



Here the twins do meet: Edward Githelgo as a Minuteman and Jim Vance as a Redcoat. Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gwynn in real life, Gov. Caswell and a village lady in 'Shout Freedom!'



Col. Jefferson (Robert H. Long) in the colorful costume of a British Redcoat, and Col. Thomas Polk (Jeff Place).

'Shout Freedom!' Preview Scheduled Tonight

Drama Is Action-Packed

By NANCY BRAME DUMBELL The 180-member cast and audience in 'Shout Freedom!', the musical drama of eighteenth-century Mecklenburg, polished off rough edges in their production at last night's full dress rehearsal and readied themselves to present this evening at 8 o'clock a preview of the drama for members of the press and radio.

The production is dramatic, depicting early Mecklenburg's fight for freedom from England, and spectacular indeed are many the scenes in 'Shout Freedom!'. Such a drama of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration has been long dreamed of by Norman Gordon, Charlotte, who will not only provide the audience with the historical significance of the period but also the drama will give the audience thrilling entertainment and a touch of comedy. A CLEVER LINE Lines like 'Around here in Mecklenburg we take both our Presbyterianism and our liquor pretty strong in 'Charlotte Town' will never reach the size of Salisbury' and 'If Joe Old Gov. Tryon has got lace on his drawers' will bring laughter from the audience. Norman Gordon, Charlotte-born Metropolitan Opera star, directed the scenes in 'Shout Freedom!' with his important role of narrator. He ably tells of the coming of men

and women to Mecklenburg, the unrest among the Mecklenburgers with the British rule, the calling of the convention to sign the Mecklenburg Declaration, the war with England and the long-awaited freedom which was won from England. Characters in the drama play their parts on a 300-yard stage, the area in front of the grandstand at the Southern States Fairgrounds here. The race track at the fairgrounds becomes the unpaved Tryon St. of eighteenth-century Mecklenburg and along 'Tryon St.' several full-sized buildings have been erected.

Opening scene The scale of the production is realized in an opening scene in Charlotte, then called Charlotte Town. Several men are on horseback, and a woman and child are drawing water at a well on Tryon St. An 18th-century carriage, driven by horses, enters the scene and Gov. Tryon played by Fred Vinson, begins his role of the haughty British ruler of North Carolina. Spectacular indeed is the scene in which the Tryon St. tavern of Pat Jack, played by Harry Orr, is burned by the British before the eyes of the audience. Members of Cornwallis' British Army, with lighted torches, set the tavern afire and the clever dramatic

staging will make the audience feel that the building was actually burned. OTHER ACTION But the burning of the tavern is not the only spectacular scene in 'Shout Freedom!' A wagon load of British ammunition and food supplies is shown up by members of the drama's cast who play the heroic roles of the Catawba Black Boys. A settler's log cabin, a burned by Indians. Cornwallis' army is fired upon by the members of the Mecklenburg militia in one of the closing scenes. High drama is also seen in 'Shout Freedom!' when Col. Thomas Polk, played by Jeff Place, reads the first American Declaration of Independence from the steps of the Mecklenburg Courthouse. This building is another of the sets for 'Shout Freedom!' which has been erected along Tryon St.

The extremely patriotic Mecklenburg militiaman, determined to defend his home, is played by Jim Basinger, provides much comedy throughout the drama. Each person in charge of the House. He made it clear the committee will not rush things.

Lewis Civil Conviction Dismissed

Judge Acts At Gov't's Request

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The civil contempt conviction against John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers was dismissed today by the Government's request. Federal Judge Alan Goldsborough, however, took under consideration a Government request that the miners are at work and the anti-strike injunction against Lewis and the union.

Goldborough urged the plea for dropping the injunction came as a surprise and he was not prepared to rule on it immediately. Goldborough added he is not convinced that there is no danger of a new coal strike.

The injunction was issued by Goldborough April 21. It replaced a temporary restraining order of April 3. It was obtained under the Taft-Hartley Act to end a six weeks coal strike, touched off by a dispute over pensions for older miners.

In seeking the dismissal, Attorney General Tom Clark informed the court the Government must feel the pension dispute is being handled appropriately, that the miners are at work and the "public interest... is served."

Lewis and the union were convicted of both civil and criminal contempt for refusing to obey a restraining order against a work stoppage. Lewis was fined \$20,000 and the union \$14,000 on the criminal contempt conviction, but any penalty on civil contempt was held in abeyance.

The fines have not been paid, however, pending appeal to higher courts. In a similar previous contempt case, the Supreme Court refused a fine Goldsborough levied against the union.

Goldborough quickly agreed to drop the remaining contempt proceeding after Assistant Attorney General H. Graham Morrison requested on behalf of Clark. But when Morrison requested the injunction, Goldsborough said sharply: "You have to give a very good reason for that sir!" Morrison argued that the air of the final Spring meeting of the Executive Club tonight at 7 o'clock at Hotel Charlotte. Backed by more than twenty years in Russia, Mr. Duranty rarely discussed the personalities of the Russian leaders in power today, going back many years during his interview to their "suspicious nature."

Russia's Rulers Called Suspicious

Duranty Speaks Tonight

By MARTHA AZER LONDON — Attributing much of Russia's actions to her "highly suspicious nature," slight, balding Walter Duranty, one of the world's best-known writers on Russia and things Russian, called war talks "exaggerated tension" in an interview here today. He added that Russia is in no condition to wage a war with the United States.

About Communism in this country he said: "Negligible... Communism cannot thrive in a nation of prosperity."

Mr. Duranty, who in 1932, won the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on Russia, is in Charlotte tonight for the final Spring meeting of the Executive Club tonight at 7 o'clock at Hotel Charlotte.

Backed by more than twenty years in Russia, Mr. Duranty rarely discussed the personalities of the Russian leaders in power today, going back many years during his interview to their "suspicious nature."

"A lot of nervousness about war in this country is greatly exaggerated," he said. "You have to understand that the Russian leaders—Stalin and his men—are frightfully suspicious. The men now in power are those who did go abroad after the revolution in 1918 and 1919. Instead, they stayed in Russia, working."

PRICE OF SURVIVAL Mr. Duranty said Mr. Duranty, they learned the price of survival. They learned to trust no one."

Mr. Duranty talked, too, of Russia's desire to have "friendly regimes" around her. "After the war he said: 'no one had a peace plan ready. There was a vacuum in Europe. The Marshall Plan came two years later. "Mind you, now, he inserted, "I didn't say too late—just in two years late. I'm hearty in my opinion that the Marshall Plan is 'So, the Russians took advantage of the vacuum in Central Europe."

State Dept. Lays Blame For Discord On Soviet

Cite Previous Peace Efforts

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The State Department said today Premier Stalin's latest statement, on peace talks, was "encouraging" but that the issues proposed for settlement do not stand between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Moreover, the Department said in this Government's first official comment on Premier Stalin's statement, the issues listed have been under negotiation for two years or more in United Nations, the Council of Foreign Ministers and elsewhere. Other countries always have been deeply interested.

The Department directly blamed the Soviet Union for failure to reach agreement. ATOM CONTROL For example, it said the Soviet Union and the Soviet Union have blocked agreement on control of atomic energy although other nine members of the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission have agreed to a "similar situation of the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission."

The Department's statement came after a busy morning of press conferences among top officials and presumably including White House opinion on Stalin's broadcast reply to an open letter from Henry Wallace.

"It was only a week ago that Secretary Marshall and President Truman had announced the problem of Russia's 'acceptance' of what Foreign Minister Molotov called a 'Russian-American plan' to Soviet-American discussions of outstanding differences."

After a week of trying to knock down the wall that the United States wanted or would agree to any kind of two-nation talks with the Soviet Union, the State Department advisers thought they had the Moscow line under control. Then Molotov broke out last night with Stalin's public statement on the subject of the Russian Presidential Candidate Wallace.

Wallace had suggested that the United States should settle some of the world's great problems, including atomic energy and armaments control, and the withdrawal of troops from Germany, Korea and Indochina. In giving the first official American reply to Stalin's statement, Mr. Duranty said: "It's much better today than it was a year ago."

Stalin Likes Wallace Plan

Department Of Utter Judicial Confusion

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW — (AP) — Prime Minister Stalin says Russia is willing to accept the United States to, to open Henry A. Wallace's recent "open letter" to a statement of Soviet-American relations. He said that the peaceful settlement of Soviet-American relations is a "most important" task.

Stalin said that he had received and read the Soviet press reports on the program. He replied to proposals made by Wallace at a political rally in New York last week ago.

"I do not know," Stalin said, "in his letter to me, whether the United States Government approves of the program or not. I am not sure if agreement between the U. S. S. R. and the United States is a best."

"As far as the Government of the U. S. S. R. is concerned, it is a matter of course that the program should serve as a good and fruitful basis for such an agreement and for the development of international cooperation."

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WEATHER Fair and mild this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday, except slightly cooler today. Temperature at 2 P. M. today, 74. High 78. Low 62. Sun 10:30. Sunset today, 7:32. Sunrise tomorrow, 5:17. More Weather Data on page 12-A

U.S. Raps Syria Stand

By MAX HARELSON LAKE SUCCESS — (AP) — The United States rebuked Syria today for challenging the right of President Truman to recognize the new state of Israel.

Chief U. S. Delegate Warren R. Austin delivered the rebuke in the United Nations Security Council today. He said Syria's stand will not only provide the audience with the historical significance of the period but also the drama will give the audience thrilling entertainment and a touch of comedy.