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'Large Scale' Fighting Reported In Palestine Towns 'Big Traders' In GROWMADE PUBLIC

Jews Attack In Reprisal For Raids On Convoys

Middle East Toll Reaches 420

JERUSALEM — (AP) — Reliable private sources said today that "large scale" Arab-Jewish fighting had broken out this morning at Yazar in southern Palestine

The sources said the fighting today broke out when Arab-Jewish convoys—presumably units of Hagana—attacked Arab bands in reprisal for recent Arab attacks on Jewish truck convoys.

There was no immediate report on casualties at Yazar, but a checkup of scattered disorders throughout the Holy Land yesterday showed that in more persons had been killed to the toll of dead.

One of those slain yesterday was a 25-year-old British Jew, E. Haber, who was reported in the Palestine Government's Public Information Bureau as who was shot in the Manchester Guardian and as an assistant correspondent of The Chicago Tribune in London.

The wounded included a British merchant and a young major who were killed in the city of Jerusalem by two unidentified youths.

The sharpest clash between Jews and Arabs yesterday was reported in the town of Safed in Upper Galilee, where one Arab was killed and two Jews were wounded in the third straight day of fighting.

The town, which has a mixed population of Arabs and Jews, was the scene of a curfew until further notice.

In southern Palestine two Jews were slain and a Jew was wounded when the town of Yazar in a gunfight between Arab bands and a Jewish truck convoy.



New Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

FOR EMPTY STOCKING FUND — Clipper contribution to The Charlotte News Empty Stocking Fund during the 90-minute program of the fund between the Clippers and the Quincy Manets was a check for \$300 to Sportswriters Fur-

man Bisher (left) and Ray Howe, Charles R. Delk (left center) and Fryde W. Hasinger presented the contribution on behalf of the Queen City Athletic Club, owner of Charlotte's professional football team.

Empty Stockings In Prospect

Just Three Days Left For Gifts To Christmas Fund

The News Empty Stocking Fund is falling short. There are, therefore, many underprivileged children in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County who will be forgotten by Santa Claus this Christmas unless they receive immediate help from the more fortunate persons in this community.

The requests for assistance in providing Christmas toys for these deserving youngsters has surpassed the number of pleas made in years past. Many families, heretofore self-supporting, have been financially totally unable to meet the higher costs of living and have appealed for help for their children this Christmas.

These youngsters have their child-like faith in Santa Claus and in the fact that they will not be completely overlooked in his visits to little girls and boys. But these youngsters were disappointed on Christmas morning unless The News Empty Stocking Fund gives them a great deal more.

LAST YEAR At this same time last year a total of \$750.85 had been contributed to the News Empty Stocking Fund. Today's total reads only \$520.54, nearly \$230 less.

At this same time last year there were more requests for assistance than there was the case last year. Many years ago The News recognized the need of providing toys for less fortunate children at Christmas time.

On Christmas morning that he has been overlooked by Santa Claus unless The News reaches his goal of "not one empty stocking." Co-operation of many more individuals, clubs, or organizations in this community is needed if deserving children are not to be disappointed.

Only three days remain for The News Empty Stocking Fund to reach its goal. Only three days to wait for those three days to pass. But these remaining three days before Christmas will tell whether some child will find an empty stocking on Christmas morning.

A moment previously... P. D. Alexander... \$500.54 R. V. Brannan... \$500 Mrs. Mary Neal... \$500 "Friend"... \$500 Dr. James W. Gibbon... \$500 Mrs. B. B. Viny... \$500 J. A. Jones... \$500 Mr. Robin Kirby... \$500 J. F. Frugh... \$500 Mrs. Edward M. O'Herron... \$500 Mrs. Prugh... \$500 Mrs. A. S. Reynolds... \$500 Leo B. Vaughn Jr... \$500 Total to date... \$5,210.28

Dancer Guilty Of Manslaughter

'Satira' Gets 15-Year Term For Slaying Lover On Yacht

HAVANA — (AP) — Patricia (Satira) Schmidt was sentenced today to fifteen years in prison and payment of \$10,000 indemnity for the slaying of her lover, John Lester Meo of Chicago.

The three judges of the Audubon Court reached their verdict in a week-end study, after closing of the trial Friday. A public prosecutor had demanded a 36-year term for manslaughter and a private prosecutor hired by Meo's father, E. H. Meo of Wichita, Mo., had sought a 30-year sentence for murder.

of murder to manslaughter Dec. 16. The judges, headed by Cristobal More, drew up their conviction decision and gave it to a court clerk Saturday.

Patricia will get credit for the time served in waiting for her sentence. After the first year she will serve the balance of the term in a work-house for twelve months each year for good behavior. The court can release her after three-fourths of the term has been served.

The three judges voted unanimously on all counts. The dancer had told her friends she suspected a fifteen-year sentence. Rene Castellano, Patricia's lawyer, said he did not know prior to talking with the dancer whether he would appeal the conviction.

Christmas Wire Strike Is Averted

50-Day Truce Called In Dispute

By HAROLD W. WARD WASHINGTON — (AP) — A pre-Christmas strike of Western Union workers was averted today by shifting major differences between the company and three AFL unions to a fact-finding board for decision in 50 days.

The action delays the threat of a national-wide telegraph strike at least until Feb. 9—about the time telephone workers are to begin wage talks with the Bell Telephone Companies across the country.

The two groups of communications workers were asked to strike simultaneously but the telegraph workers were to begin wage talks with the Bell Telephone Companies across the country.

However, day-long conference with Federal Conciliation Officer Cyril C. Ching finally resulted in the telegraph workers' strike being canceled.

A three-man fact-finding panel to be chosen by the two sides will discuss two main issues which the conciliation chief said had "impeded" settlement in hours.

The strike, which was signed last April 1 could be opened for a new wage demand Oct. 1. On this will depend how much back pay the workers will get out of the contract.

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Senators To Quiz Citizens On Aid

Washington — (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is planning to ask prominent Americans for their opinions of the four-year, \$17,000,000,000 Marshall Plan for European recovery.

Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.), a committee member, told reporters that he favors the principle of such an aid program, but has declined to discuss details other than the general one.

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Secretary Anderson Announces 771 Names

One Tar Heel On Partial List

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Anderson today made public a list of 771 so-called big traders in the commodity futures markets.

The names included that of Edwin P. Bradford, assistant to the Secretary of the Army, but no other Government employees were on this list which Anderson said is a "partial" one.

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Lawmaker's Theory Says Flying Saucers From Soviet Rockets

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Elmer B. (R-Ore.) revived reports today that last Summer's "flying saucer" epidemic may have stemmed from Russian rocket experiments.

Elsworth, who has received reliable information concerning the development of high velocity missiles by Soviet scientists, the Oregon lawmaker developed a statement.

"Strangely enough, this development might be the solution to the now almost forgotten mystery of the flying saucers."

Elsworth suggested that the Russians are being reported to have a rocket of amazing speed and "almost limitless range" propelled by a series of explosions occurring several seconds apart.

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