

EXPLOSIONS ROCK HAIFA DOCK AREA

Flames Following Blasts, Rage Along Shell Oil Company Pipe Lines

JERUSALEM, Monday, March 31.—(AP)—Explosions and flames swept the Haifa waterfront today as British troops transferred to Cyprus-bound transports the first of nearly 1,600 uncertified Jewish immigrants rescued a few hours earlier from a distressed refugee ship.

Fires following the explosions raged in the port area about two miles from the docks where the immigrants were being put aboard the transports by British troops carrying pick handles.

A quarter-mile area was burning in the neighborhood of installations of the Consolidated Refineries and Shell Oil company. Apparently flames were raging along the Shell company feeder lines from the Consolidated refinery.

The visa-less immigrants close brush with death came yesterday 30 miles off the Palestine coast when the 700-ton schooner seeking to bring them to Palestine developed a dangerous list and began taking water.

The schooner, named Moledeeth (Hebrew for "Fatherland") and formerly called the San Felipe, sent out a distress message. British naval vessels, which had been shadowing the Moledeeth through the Eastern Mediterranean, raced to the scene and removed 750 of the passengers crammed on the schooner's decks. This action was believed to have averted a major disaster.

Area Blacked Out

Jews in Haifa were aware that the Moledeeth was in trouble. When the distress message was intercepted by radio receivers there, 60,000 Jewish residents blacked out their section of the port city as a gesture of sympathy. British troops immediately took up defense positions awaiting the arrival of the refugees.

The explosions occurred after a British destroyer brought 400 of the 750 immigrants removed from the Moledeeth. The rest of the refugees were following on another destroyer and on the Moledeeth herself. The schooner was being towed to Haifa by a minesweeper.

The Moledeeth, built in 1876, has normal passenger accommodations for 30 persons. When British sailors came alongside to aid her they found 1,550 persons jammed into the ship.

Engineers from a British destroyer boarded the Moledeeth with pumps and removed a considerable amount of water which the schooner had been taking rapidly.

Unofficial reports said the uncertified immigrants would be transhipped to Cyprus as soon as the Moledeeth reached Haifa.

In Modern City

The sympathy blackout in Haifa occurred in the modern Jewish section of the city. Lights went off in residences and the streets were emptied.

In downtown areas British troops, in an operation that is becoming routine, moved barged wire barriers and guns into place. Troops of the Sixth Airborne division, equipped with pick handles, were alerted to begin transferring the refugees to waiting transports for Cyprus when the Moledeeth and the British naval vessels arrived.

The rescue of the uncertified immigrants followed a renewed Jewish agency denunciation of terrorism in Palestine and an announcement that Mayor Israel Rokach of the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv had started legal action to challenge the whole structure of the British mandate government's law in the Holy Land.

The new Jewish agency statement against terrorism followed the death of a British police inspector when he was ambushed near the Rangle military camp yesterday. A British army officer also was killed in the attack, which authorities blamed on Jewish terrorists.

BRITISH SEEKING ARMS 'SHOWDOWN'

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wants these principles established first:

1-Arms reduction depends primarily on establishment of international confidence; the converse argument is misleading and dangerous.

2-Completion of an international military force by the U. N. would contribute greatly to this confidence.

Establishment of an effective system of international control and verification must precede adoption of any arms limiting system.

Presently Russia has argued against the theory that security is an essential condition of disarmament, citing such a stand as an attempt at delay. Cadogan moved to spike a possible renewal of the Russian argument when he declared that such a stand was taken by Mussolini and he hoped "no one will be inclined to repeat the Fascist government's contention" here.

To Present Facts

A special group has been at work in London for some time on a set of British proposals and Cadogan will present these once the issue of principles is cleared away.

The rest of the commission, including the United States, has generally supported the British stand with American Delegate Herschel V. Johnson stressing the immediate need to work out safeguards and verification. The French have still to speak, but it was understood they would follow the line taken by the Western powers.

Ralph A. Bard, former under-secretary to Navy, will take over the American representative to the commission in about three weeks, following his week-end appointment by President Truman.

MINE SHUTDOWNS MAY CLOSE OVENS

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only day on which the work stoppage will have its full effect.

Furnaces To Close

In Pittsburgh, the U. S. Steel Corp. said it might be forced to close eight blast furnaces with the possible suspension of 4,000 beehive ovens. Banking of eight furnaces would cut off about 20 percent of the firm's daily pig iron output.

The Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. said it would not be affected by the mine shutdown.

A spokesman for the Tri-State Industrial association, a group of the Ohio and West Virginia, reported most small and medium plants had "learned a lesson in the past and now have adequate stockpiles of coal." He said they did not expect to curtail operations.

A Pennsylvania Railroad official in Pittsburgh said he "doubted" if that line would be materially affected. He added, however, that some lay-offs would result among crews which haul coal from the mines. He expressed the opinion all railroads had sufficient coal stockpiles to continue normal operations.

A LOCAL LADY SPIT UP ACID LIQUIDS FOR HOURS AFTER EATING

For hours after every meal, a Local Lady used to spit up a strong, acidulous liquid mixed with pieces of half-digested food. She says it was awful. At times she would nearly strangle. She had stomach bloating, daily headaches and constant, irregular bowel action. Today, this lady eats her meals and enjoys them, and she says the change is due to taking INNER-AID. Her food agrees with her. No gas, bloating or spitting up after eating. She is also free of headaches now, and bowels are regular, thanks to this Remarkable New Compound.

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Four Killed

WATERTOWN, S. D., March 30.—(AP)—Two private planes collided in the air near the Watertown airport today, killing four persons as they crashed and burned.

The dead: Harland Johnson, 24, Hartford, S. D., a pilot, and his passenger, John J. Fox, 30, Revillo, S. D.; and Bill Fox, 26 year old, Watertown flight instructor, and his student Dick Aschwege, 39, of Corona, S. D., who were in the other plane.

The ships crashed in a plowed field near the farm home of Fox's parents.

Along The Cape Fear

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So Mr. Smith and Mr. Holland were expecting an able defense of the Black River rocks and at an early date if they are to enter Along The Cape Fear's best eating fish derby.

Selective Service Board To Close Shop On Tuesday

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Mr. Martha Rasberry, clerk of the local selective service board, said last night that there were approximately 17,000 active files on men in this county from 18 to 45 years of age as the system dies tonight, at midnight.

The local board, which now is known as North Carolina group I, has not sent any men to induction centers since about last October, she said.

She added that she had no idea how many had been sent out of the county by the draft boards since they were created by an act of Congress Sept. 14, 1940.

Begining today, she said, she would be the sole remaining member of the board, and "I am just standing by for orders." However, she said she yet had not received any official notice of the termination of the system.

Meanwhile Washington reports said that 10,020,637 men were sent to battle by the system in World War II, and it registered about 44,000 in its six years of life. There were about 37,000 processed, and about one-fourth of the registrants were rejected for physical reasons.

Its peak month was February, 1943, when it sent 406,000 men into the army and navy.

The only thing left of the sprawling wartime system will be its records. Pursuant to President Truman's wishes, Congress set up an office of selective service records to keep the data it accumulated on a stand-by basis. This was decided upon when the Greco-Turk crisis broke and Mr. Truman voiced his new doctrine against communism.

A director of selective service records at a salary of \$10,000 a year also is provided for. He is charged with collecting draft records from state and local boards and holding them for safekeeping.

Unlike the draft, which also expires tomorrow midnight, the se-

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EVIDENCE LOOMING SENSATIONAL OIL

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company of California and the Texas Co., parlayed a \$27,000,000 investment into holdings worth \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in a deal that was financed by American taxpayers.

2. That the U. S. Navy was forced to pay \$59,879,000 for Middle East oil that it could have bought at one time for \$26,419,000. The Navy had to pay \$1.05 a barrel while the British got the same oil for 40 cents or less. The Navy said in this connection that the oil offered originally— for \$26,419,000—was inferior. It also denied it had paid excessive profits to the companies involved.

3. The United States indirectly loaned \$10,000,000 to King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia who had sought a loan from the oil companies, by lending it first to the British who thereupon loaned it to the King.

"I say the oil companies deliberately defrauded the U. S. government," Moffett told the committee.

40 KILLED WHEN INDIANS BATTLE

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tion was that a funeral procession of one community had attacked a house of worship of another, but the stories varied as to which community had made the attack.

Seven Stabbed

One hospital reported it had received seven persons suffering from stab wounds, one of whom died.

The rioting in Calcutta brought the death toll there, where Hindu-Muslim clashes have been continuing since last Wednesday, to more than 80 persons killed and over 400 wounded in less than a week.

Five persons were killed yesterday in Calcutta proper, some by a fire, and 42 others were wounded, a government communique said, while communal disorders in Howrah, across the Hooghly spread to three police districts, causing three deaths and injuries to 52. The military moved into Howrah, quelling 30 incidents and arresting 80 persons.

In Cawnpore, one man was killed and an unspecified number of others were wounded in fighting which started when Moslems objected to anti-Pakistan placards displayed at a Punjab celebration. Some senior civil officials were injured by stone throwing. A curfew was imposed and troops patrolled the streets.

On Signal

Fighting broke out in Bombay almost as if by signal wherever the Hindu and Moslem districts converged and in many other sections of mixed population. First fighting started in the Null Bazaar, where police fired on the rioters. Flames raged in the Bombay sky after a mob fired a cotton mill, but the blaze soon was extinguished. Police said many of the casualties occurred in fierce gang fights marked by knifings and the hurling of soda water bottles.

In Calcutta police opened fire 30 times and made more than 200 arrests. Forty-four separate clashes were reported during the day and 10 arson cases.

Relief organizations said they were evacuating persons from trouble areas to safer localities. Peace committees touring affected areas in an attempt to restore order were stoned Calcutta's transportation system had been halted since a bus was burned recently. Street cars have not been operating for several weeks because of a strike.

Thousand Killed

The past few days of communal fighting constituted a resumption of early disorders, which had subsided for several weeks, costing more than 1,000 lives over a period of five months.

Rancor between Hindus and Moslems over Moslem status in the riots, the Hindus, and in the majority in the Punjab and certain other sections of India, insist that an independent Moslem state of Pakistan be provided in the India of the future. Hindus and Sikhs have violently opposed this move.

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STAR-NEWS VIEWS ROBESON COUNTY

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valuation of approximately \$25,000,000. Robeson county is recognized throughout the nation for its progressive farming methods.

The last available listing placed the county number seventeenth in cash money crop returns in the United States.

Predominantly an agricultural leader Robeson county also has its place in the fields of industry and commercial enterprise. Textile products, fertilizers, lumber and wood working lead in the manufacturing with tobacco marketing, tobacco processing plants and cotton and hog marketing heading up the commercial side of life in this economically well balanced county.

A recent government population publication placed Robeson county among the first ten counties in the state. This publication set the county's inhabitants at approximately 80,000 and increase of more than sixty percent in population in the last thirty years.

Of the total population about 15,000 of the total are listed as Cherokee Indians to give this county the largest number of Indians of any county in any state east of the Mississippi River.

Robeson county has 948 square miles of land, with the famed Lumber river, (known to the Indians as Lumbe, and to the first settlers as Drowning creek,) running through the county in a southeasterly course to mark a part of the boundary line on the south between Columbus county. This stream passes through Lumberton within one block of the county court house.

It is estimated that Robeson county has 8,000 farms now under cultivation with about 200,000 acres open and regarded as tillable land. Robeson county farm lands and buildings are valued at between 25 and 30 million dollars.

Hard surfaced highways, present and future, section of the county and five railway systems afford Robeson more railway track mileage than any other county in North Carolina. Two bus systems operate more than a hundred and fifty buses in and out of Robeson county every twenty four hours to give, with the railways and the facilities of Lumberton airport, Robeson county adequate county-wide transportation facilities.

While Lumberton is the largest town being the principal retail and wholesale trade center for the residents of Robeson and adjoining counties, and the home of the county government it is only one of several important towns to be found in the county.

Lumberton's tobacco market is the main industry but closely following in order named, Lumberton has two big textile plants, a large hog market and a number of smaller industries. Incidentally, Lumberton is unique in that its streets were laid out and the lots staked off under authority of a bill passed by the North Carolina assembly which permitted General Willis, father of Lumberton, to dispose of the town lots in 1787, and the principal streets of the town are today just as they were placed by the original survey.

SECOND LARGEST

Fairmont, eleven miles from Lumberton, is ranked as the county's second largest community. Located on the Myrtle beach highway this town was originally known as Ashpole. According to the slogan Fairmont is the "biggest little town tobacco market in the world."

Near Rowland in South Robeson, is located the old Ashpole Presbyterian church one of county's most historic landmarks. Just north of Rowland is Pembroke, center of the Indian population of Robeson and the home of Pembroke College for Indians, the only institution of its kind anywhere in the southeastern part of the United States. The town of Pembroke was named for Pembroke Jones, a former official of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Maxton, the most westerly town in the county, was once called Shoe Heel. According to legend this name was derived from the Indian word, "Quehele." Maxton is also the home of the Presbyterian Junior College. Just north of Maxton is the site of old Floral college, one of the first schools of the South to be granted authority to award degrees to graduates.

Ten miles to the north is the thriving town of Red Springs, once referred to by the late Josephus Daniels, as center of the "God-Blessed Mocs." Red Springs is the home of the celebrated Flora Macdonald College, named for the famous Scot lady of pre-Revolutionary days, who as a girl in Scotland helped to give protection to Prince Charles, pretender to the English throne. Red Springs is also Robeson's biggest cotton market.

As one travels through the county he will find such old towns as Shanno, Buie, Lumber Bridge and Parkton that lie between Red Springs and St. Pauls. The third largest populated town in the county, St. Pauls is a large textile center.

Other important community centers in the rural life of Robeson county include, Marietta, Barnesville, Elrod, Purvis, Proctorville, Orrum, Alfordville and Rennett.

Four newspapers and hundreds of churches and schools plus a progressive farming and business policy in every community are serving to maintain the well-rounded financial, industrial and agricultural balance which spells continued progress for this ever growing county.

The cast of yesterday's program included, Ruth Davis McDonald and Betty Britt. Mary Henri Wolfe was featured as economist and W. O. Page, Jr. was featured as a soloist. Tom Eagleton was special program announcer.

Next week the Star and the News will salute New Hanover county on the Sunday Star-News-Review WFMD at 1:30 p.m.

Stan Miesek of Detroit, second highest scorer in the Basketball association of America, never played high school or college basketball.

Uncle Bud Says: The Weather

(By Bill Baldwin)

Weather bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m. in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

Station	High	Low	Precip.
WILMINGTON	65	51	.10
Albany	58	47	—
Asheville	54	41	.02
Atlanta	62	48	.02
Atlantic City	47	38	—
Birmingham	65	46	.05
Boston	58	38	.02
Buffalo	59	21	—
Burlington	54	27	.08
Charlotte	60	40	—
Chattanooga	61	38	—
Chicago	43	24	—
Cincinnati	49	25	.01
Cleveland	59	24	.02
Dallas	70	49	—
Denver	67	36	—
Detroit	58	28	—
Duluth	41	13	—
El Paso	80	48	—
Fort Worth	70	47	—
Galtston	71	59	—
Jacksonville	80	60	.60
Kansas City	53	38	—
Little Rock	43	41	—
Los Angeles	70	48	—
Louisville	63	27	—
Memphis	63	41	—
Meridian	68	45	.82
Miami	82	68	—
Minn.-St. Paul	34	22	—
Mobile	59	24	2.47
Montgomery	56	46	.08
New Orleans	68	57	1.56
New York	58	28	—
Norfolk	53	45	—
Philadelphia	46	34	.04
Pittsburgh	63	52	.23
Portland, Me.	41	25	.02
Richmond	58	38	—
Savannah	62	42	—
San Antonio	78	55	—
San Francisco	63	52	—
Seattle	60	43	.16
Tampa	80	61	.22
Washington	71	59	.10
Washington	49	34	—

WILEY IN FAVOR OF NATION UNION

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We are experience in the United Nations," he said.

He acknowledged that it is not for this country to tell the European policy should be.

"However," he added, "in view of the fact that we have already spent some 400,000,000 dollars in two wars for the preservation of European democracy, it seems to me we do have a right to submit our respectful recommendations."

Wiley proposed the nations join in political union "with common citizenship, without losing their respective governments, although surrendering some of their separate prerogatives."

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Gets Free Air Ride Home MINNEAPOLIS

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Clifford Mulzahn, St. Paul, Minn., and ferry pilot, got his discharge at Altus, Okla., the army ordered someone to fly a P-38 to the airport. So Mulzahn took the job and got a free ride home.

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