

# Jews Up Toll In Offensive Against Arabs

(By the Associated Press) Jewish commandoes, striking from Haifa to Hebron, killed 14 Arabs today. The 13-day death toll in the communal strife over the impending partition of Palestine rose to 187 in the Holy Land and 303 in the Middle East.

The Jewish attacks were made on the Moslem Sabbath. A dozen Arabs were killed at the village of Tirez near Haifa. Two more were shot dead near Gaza. The Jewish raiders were believed to be squads of the extremist Stern and Irgun Zvai Leumi underground organizations. At Ramle, an Arab bus company was bombed and 22 vehicles were reported destroyed.

Some authorities conjectured that Jewish bands were beginning a widespread offensive against Arab masses, which outnumber the Jews in Palestine two to one.

A Syrian newspaper said mobs in Aleppo recently burned a 2,750-year-old synagogue and set nine others afire. Fires also were started in 150 houses, 50 shops, an orphanage, restaurant and youth club in the Jewish quarter. A library containing a rare old Bible was reported ruined.

Foreign Secretary Bevin told the House of Commons that May 15 is the latest date on which Britain intends to abandon her Palestine mandate.

Bevin said he hoped the Jews "in New York" and Jews and Arabs everywhere would not exasperate and make more difficult the task that has to be faced in the partition of the small, strategically placed country.

Bevin pleaded that the situation in Palestine not be aggravated "and thus make more difficult the task that is to be seen through." He expressed hope that a plea for an end to strife in the Holy Land would be weighed "in Great Britain, New York and outside" as well as in Palestine itself.

Defense Minister Sharabati of Syria voiced in Cairo Arab determination to fight against creation of a Jewish state, saying all Palestine would become a battlefield with the Arabs "going into a blood bath to cleanse themselves."

"The people's army is more than capable of defeating the Zionists," he said, referring to a volunteer force of some "tens of thousands" which the Arabs planned to use, rather than regular armies, until British troops leave Palestine in August.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Dr. Alexander Mark of the Jewish Theological Seminary said today an ancient Bible destroyed in Aleppo, Syria, by a rioting mob was "probably the most valuable text of a complete Hebrew Bible which had been preserved."

Dr. Marx said the text had been completed about the tenth century by the Ben-Asher family.



**TURKEY MEN DISCUSS SHOW**—Caught in a casual pose at the judging table, between judging of various classes at the Northwestern Turkey Show at the Armory this week, are, left to right, C. E. Hacker, Yamhill, clerk; W. L. Adams, Pleasant Grove, Utah, turkey grower, and Harvey P. Griffin, senior judge.

Dec. 15—a "police force" of 5,000 men will be needed to maintain order in that area alone, Kaplan said.

Hagana, the Jewish Agency militia, has sufficient trained manpower "to meet any emergency," Kaplan said.

## Continued Price Support Urged By Farm Conference

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Continued price support for agricultural products after the present program expires at the end of 1948 were recommended yesterday at the closing session of the National Production and Farm Marketing Conference.

The meeting of farm officials representing all 48 states took no action on various committee reports which were made at the request of department of agriculture officials meeting with PMA state officers for the first time.

Other recommendations by the national organization which, it was learned, were made at the closing administrative session, included:

1. Election of county committees to administer farm programs and policies at the county level.
2. Increased total payments for conservation practices.
3. Continuation of the rural electrification and school lunch programs.
4. Assistance for the expansion of bonafide farm cooperatives.
5. Federal and state assistance for housing migratory labor.
6. Closer cooperation between Washington and the state and field PMA and commodity credit corporation offices.
7. Improvement of marketing facilities.
8. Support of cotton, wheat, cattle and other basic commodities at from 75 to 90 per cent of parity after 1948.
9. Designation of soybeans and flax seed as basic commodities.

## Truman Asks Millions For Reclamation Work

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—President Truman asked Congress today to appropriate \$29,375,000 for the reclamation bureau to enable it to continue work on four big western reclamation projects.

He asked that \$11,725,000 be appropriated for the Columbia Basin project in Washington; \$10,700,000 for the Central Valley project in California; \$4,150,000 for the Colorado-Big Thompson project in Colorado and \$2,800,000 for the Davis Dam project in Arizona-Nevada.

The amount asked by the president is approximately \$10,000,000 less than the reclamation bureau has said is necessary to continue work on the four projects this fiscal year.

## Slash in Lumber Prices Proposed

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Rep. Gamble (R-N. Y.) says lumber producers are prepared to slash prices as much as 25 per cent and that Congress will act, if necessary, to legalize an industry-wide agreement to implement such a reduction.

Gamble, speaking yesterday before the Metropolitan Association of Real Estate Boards, said that Congress, by granting lumber producers partial immunity from the anti-trust laws, would be acting to alleviate the present housing shortage and help curb inflation.

The chairman of the joint congressional committee on housing said that materials are the chief cause of high housing costs, adding that the greatest increase had occurred in lumber with prices now averaging 221 per cent more than the 1939 level.

Gamble said he had been informed by big timber interests that they are ready to work out a price-cutting plan "if it can be executed with the approval of the Department of Justice."

Asserting that he planned to call a Washington meeting of 150 of the largest lumber operators "at once," Gamble added: "I believe industry wide agreements can be reached reducing prices as much as 25 per cent."

## Superfort Crashes in Flames; Crew Survives

SPOKANE, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A B-29 with three engines on fire crash landed in a field and broke into three pieces near Medical Lake, Wash., last night, but all 10 crew members escaped serious injury.

The Superfort was from the Spokane Army air field and had just taken off on a long-range navigational flight. The engine fires were extinguished by crew members before Medical Lake firemen arrived on the scene.

Fred Hauzer, a rancher living nearby, said he was told the plane bounced into the air four times as it swept over the ground and once sailed over a country road in the vicinity.

Two crew members were treated for minor facial cuts and bruises.

## Real Estate Pyramiding Puts Woman in Court

SPOKANE, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Sentence was deferred today on a 59-year-old woman who pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny in which she was accused of having pyramided real estate holdings in her name to more than \$200,000 in five months.

Prosecuting Attorney Carroll said the woman, Garthea Warren, had admitted orally making down payments on houses, renting them to persons willing to pay a year's rent in advance, and using the rentals for down payments on other houses.

"When she was arrested, she had about \$3 in her purse, and that seems to be all the money she has," Carroll said.

After her plea of guilty to the grand larceny charge, Superior Judge Bunge deferred sentence pending further study of her financial dealings.

Tuberculosis kills approximately 53,000 Americans a year. It kills at the rate of 145 persons a day, one person every 10 minutes.

## New Tax Reduction Bill Introduced

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A \$5,500,000,000 tax reduction bill was introduced yesterday by Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.), a member of the tax-framing Ways and Means Committee.

Dingell, who opposed the Republican-backed income tax cutting bills vetoed by President Truman during the last session of Congress, said his measure offers "an equitable system of tax reduction."

Among other things, he proposed:

1. A cut of more than \$2,000,000,000 annually in federal excise taxes levied on many products;
2. Increasing personal exemptions on income taxes by \$100 and reducing surtax rates one per cent in each bracket; and
3. Allowing husbands and wives to split their incomes for tax purposes to bring down their income tax rates.

Before Dingell acted, the Senate Expenditures Committee recommended removal of the excises on gasoline, admissions to theaters and athletic events, and local telephone and electric bills.

The expenditure groups also suggested that Congress:

1. Equalize federal taxes between the so-called "community tax states" and other states. Under community property laws, husbands and wives are permitted to divide income for tax purposes and thus reduce their taxes.
2. Allow states to collect the present federal tax levied on employers to pay for administering

state unemployment compensation and employment programs. The committee said the states then should assume responsibility for the administration.

## Winter Registration at S.O.C.E. Scheduled

SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE, Ashland, Ore., Dec. 12.—The registrar's office at Southern Oregon College has just announced that three official registration days have been set for the winter term. Students will be able to register Jan. 2 from 8 to 5; Jan. 3 from 8 to 12 noon; and Jan. 5 from 8 to 5. Classes will begin on Jan. 6. The additional registration days have been opened as an aid to students, especially veterans, who must register by Jan. 5 or lose a percentage of their subsistence allowance.

**SLICK TRICK 'COPPED'**  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A motorist parked his car in a restricted zone and placed a traffic ticket under the windshield wiper.

Policeman Ray Sanford, making his rounds, noticed the ticket was three months old. He brought the motorist up to date with a new one.

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## Western Forestry Assn. Names Heads

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—E. J. Filberg, Vancouver, B. C., was elected president of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association at its annual convention here yesterday.

The 400 foresters attending elected F. D. Edgell, Seattle, first vice-president, and named five state vice-presidents: E. B. Birmingham, Samoa, Calif.; E. B. Tanner, Portland, Ore.; W. C. Lubrecht, Bonner, Mont.; H. C. Shelworth, Boise, Idaho; H. R. MacMillan, Vancouver, B. C.; C. S. Martin, Tacoma, Wash., was elected secretary and C. S. Cowan, Seattle, treasurer.

The association recommended a coordinated program of government and private groups in forest cutting, declaring that the bulk of mature timber is on federal lands.

The convention also endorsed a research by government and industry to find new uses for wood by-products.

Other resolutions called for insect control in the forests, and experimentation in rain-making for use in combating forest fires.

Speakers this morning described the development of tree farm programs and more intensive wood utilization. C. W. Richon, Portland, chief forester of Crown-Zellerbach Corp., estimated that the amount of wood left unused after logging is half as much as it used to be several years ago.

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