

BRITISH BLAMED BY JEW GROUPS IN FATAL BLAST

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23 (AP)—Jerusalem was virtually paralyzed today as gun-carrying Arabs, Britons and Jews patrolled a city made bitter and tense by yesterday's bombing of the Jewish sector, in which at least 52 persons died.

Rescue workers cawing at the wreckage of two hotels, three apartment houses and scores of shops along two blocks of Ben Yehuda street extricated nine more bodies today, boosting to 52 the number of dead. At least 88 injured have been dug from the debris. Haganah workers at the scene said there possibly were more victims in the rubble.

Arab leaders said their commandoes set off the two truckloads of explosives which caused the blast but Jews seemed convinced that the British were somehow responsible. Nine British soldiers were killed in retaliatory gun fighting after the explosion and three Jews lost their lives. The death toll for the day thus stood at 64.

Streets were mined and a tripled guard stood duty at British security zone gates and at vital administrative and military buildings. Jews worked feverishly to strengthen their own barbed wire and cement block barricades.

All Jewish sections of the city were ordered out of bounds to the military. Jews warned even British police to stay out unless accompanied by Jewish police.

Irgun Zvai Leumi, extremist Jewish underground group, proclaimed: "As from today all British personnel, military and police, entering Jewish sections will be subject to execution."

The already crippled civil administration was rendered virtually non-existent as the city was blocked off into three zones of war.

Belief spread among Jews that the British had a hand in the explosion as the Jews claimed they did in the Palestine post blast on February 1.

Jewish rescue workers refused to use British firefighting and debris clearing apparatus rushed to the scene. One of the first British policemen to arrive after the blast was beaten. British correspondents were threatened.

Later in the day five British soldiers were killed and six injured when a mine shattered their army truck.

Elsewhere in the Holy Land violence continued.

(In Cairo, the Arab league council decided to forward to Arab coun-

tries for individual action a proposal for taxes to aid Arabs in Palestine.

(In Damascus, Syria, an Arab officer said British intervention in the Hula and Belsan areas of Palestine had checked Arab plans for an early offensive.

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The Strength Of Washington

By EARL WHITLOCK

An educator—not the progressive variety, but rather the old-fashioned kind—recently called attention to one phase of George Washington's development which ought to be heeded by parents. Especially the sort of parents who want the childhood of their offspring prolonged, and who look askance at the notion, which many youngsters have, of getting away from apron strings as soon as possible and going out on their own.



Earl Whitlock

Washington's time was entirely free from the current keep-em-babies complex. By the time George was twelve he knew the operation technique of his dad's six big plantations, he knew tobacco growing and stock-raising. At 14 he was surveying land for his neighbors and was buying land for himself.

He received his commission as Public Surveyor when he was only 17, and at 20, he was manager of the vast plantations owned by his half brother, who had died. He was a commissioned officer when he was 21, and by the time he was 25, he had added to his holdings of land until he owned 4000 acres himself.

One wonders how far George Washington would have gone if he had been haltered by the present-day hold-em-back system favored by so many parents.



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