

Arab Leader Says Legion In Jericho

Top Officials Fear That Holy Land Fostering War

By The Associated Press
Warrior King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan said today his Arab legion scouts have occupied Jericho, whose walls tumbled to the blast of the Prophet Joshua's trumpet 3400 years ago.

The city is less than 20 miles northeast of Jerusalem. It is equidistant from Amman, the Trans-Jordan capital whence Abdullah has vowed to ride into Palestine this week at the heads of regular armies of his country, Syria and Lebanon. Jews in Haifa said the Arab legion had shelled a Jewish settlement near Naharain on the Trans-Jordan border, killing 10 Jews. The Jewish militia, Haganah, was said to have occupied border fortresses at Samakh and Jir El Majmie, abandoned by the withdrawing British.

Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organization, claimed the capture of all the Matusleh quarter of Arab Jaffa, which adjoins Tel Aviv. Haganah and Irgun troops fought side by side in an intensifying battle for the port city.

War Fears
Top American officials are gravely disturbed lest an invasion of Palestine by outside Arab armies lead off World War III. The United Nations still talked of means to block war in the Holy Land. An act of aggression, such as invasion, will test the U. N.'s resources and prestige to the utmost.

Despite the germs of another worldwide explosion, Russian-licensed newspapers in Berlin declared: "There will be no war." Then they proceeded to devote

European Transport Runs Planned

SEATTLE, April 28 (AP)—Sudden & Christensen, Inc., Pacific coast agents for Waterman Steamship corporation, Tuesday announced plans for regularly scheduled service direct from the Pacific coast to Europe. The agency has applied for membership in the Pacific Coast-European conference. It plans a fortnightly schedule from Seattle and other west coast ports to the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. S. H. Guenther, Sudden & Christensen manager in Seattle said Waterman-owned C-2 freighters, flying the American flag will be used.

More Weather Stations Set

OTTAWA, April 28 (AP)—Canada, pushing her program to use the Arctic regions for both defense and civilian purposes, will establish two more Far Northern weather stations. C. D. Howe, minister of reconstruction and supply, announced today the stations will be on northwestern islands of the Canadian archipelago between the Canadian mainland and the North Pole. One will be on the southern side of Prince Patrick island and the other on the southern sector of Isaacson peninsula. It is presumed they will be completed this summer. They will be in addition to the nine joint Canadian-U. S. weather stations announced March 5, 1947. The U. S. and Canada also are establishing a series of long-range navigation aid stations in the Far North.

Howe emphasized the use of the new stations in weather forecasting.

LEAVE

DUBLIN, Eire, April 28 (AP)—A U. S. naval force which has been on a goodwill visit here since last Tuesday left Tuesday for Bergen, Norway.

The ships were the Cruiser Fresno and the Destroyers William R. Rush and Johnston. In the Irish sea they made a rendezvous with the Carrier Valley Forge, which also will make the Bergen visit.

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The Finnish parliament ratified a treaty of friendship and military assistance with Russia. Abdullah said the Arab force which took Jericho was "scout troops which always precede the regular army." The British, who trained his legion and command most of it, said yesterday the legionnaires were assigned only to secure Allenby bridge over the River Jordan.

Abdullah recalled to active service all retired legion officers. He said "Trans-Jordan tribes assured him "we are at war with the Jews." The British insisted they had heard of no declaration of war. Despite official Egyptian denials, sources close to the Egyptian army said Egyptian troops had crossed the South Palestine border, probably as volunteers.

Haganah troops renewed their attacks on Arabs in Jaffa with heavy mortar and machinegun fire. An arms cache, some of which was wrapped and addressed to persons in Palestine, was found in New York and two youths were arrested.

Tom Breneman Drops Dead In Encino Home

HOLLYWOOD, April 28 (AP)—Tom Breneman, who turned odd hats, orchids and kisses for old ladies into a top-flight radio program, dropped dead of a heart attack today. He was 47 years old.

He had just finished breakfast, and was preparing to leave for the studio for his early morning broadcast, said his wife, former stage actress Billie Dunn. She said she heard a thud, and found him lying on the floor of his Encino bedroom. Breneman only recently returned from the air after a month's vacation at Palm Springs, ordered by his doctor because of a slight heart condition.

More than 600 persons, gathered for his broadcast in a new restaurant on Vine street which he opened only a few months ago, were shocked at the news of his passing. Breneman, prematurely gray, was a particular favorite of elderly ladies, who made "Breakfast in Hollywood" a favorite stopping place whenever they came to Hollywood. The program was sold out for weeks in advance.

One of the features of his broadcast was presentation of an orchid to the oldest feminine member of the audience. He had a chatty, home-town approach which in nine years had built the program to top-rating among audience participation shows. Matrons, young and old alike, enjoyed being kidded about their hats. In addition to his widow, Breneman is survived by a daughter, Gloria, 19, and a son, Tom Jr., 14.

Ruling Outlaws Gambling Ships

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Gambling ships, on water or in the air, are outlawed under legislation approved Tuesday by President Truman. The legislation was initiated by Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) to strike at gambling ships operating off the west coast.

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