

Arabs Wondering If Truce Will Stand In Palestine As Mandate End Nears

(Note: Max Boyd surveys the possibility of war or peace in Palestine in the following dispatch from Cairo. Boyd has been studying problems of the Middle East for more than two years as chief of The Associated Press bureau in Cairo, a major capital of the Moslem world and headquarters of the Arab League.)

By MAX BOYD
CAIRO, May 14 (AP)—Arabs wondered today whether a truce will prevail in Palestine or if regular Arab armies will be moving across the borders when the British mandate ends at midnight Friday.

Egyptian newspapers reported that American proposals for a general truce in Palestine are under discussion by Arab leaders in Damascus. Many factors appear to be pushing the Arab governments toward acceptance of a truce, if they can get one postponing the proclamation of a Jewish state and limiting Jewish immigration. Many other factors, however, still are working in favor of some action by their regular armies.

Partition In
Leaders of Arab units adjoining Palestine realize that the Zionist army already has partitioned Palestine in spite of Arab guerrilla opposition. They know this Jewish army is smart, well equipped and well entrenched. It has powerful allies. They are reluctant to risk reprisals at home that might result from military reverses. Most of them fear war in the Middle East would improve an already fertile field for communism.

On the other hand, powerful political oppositions are waiting in several Arab countries to accuse the existing governments of betraying Arab honor if they back down without sending armies into Palestine. No one knows for sure what reaction to a truce would be among the people, who have been warned repeatedly by political and religious leaders against the creation of a Jewish state.

The situation is complicated by the long standing rivalries and current confusion among Arab leaders.

Scoutmaster Certificates Given Out

Eighteen Klamath basin Scoutmasters, their assistants and certain members of their committees received certificates from Chet Hurnaker, district Scout chairman, on behalf of the national council, BSA, at the conclusion of a troop operation course last week.

The course was held for four nights at the Altamont Junior high school and began with a dinner at 6:30 each evening. Sessions closed at 10 p. m. An overnight session of the course was conducted in connection with the Klamath Scout Camporee on Denny creek on April 24 and 25.

Hamaker served as leader of the course assisted by Duane Alexander, Bill Ely, Maynard Paugh, Jim Hubbard, Clifford Strom, Paul Tanner, Alvin Olson, Harold B. Ashley, Dr. F. Cecil Adams, John Raffetto Jr. and Bob Lamont.

The course represented 36 hours of study and demonstration for those who completed. More than 10 men other than those receiving certificates indicated that they would complete make-up work to qualify for a certificate. The average attendance at the course was more than 40 men.

Those receiving certificates were Stewart Balsiger, Byron Welch, Al Culver, Harold Anderson, John Hershfield, Frank Husted, Homer Husted, Dr. F. Cecil Adams, Hal Ogle, Atone Schiro, J. W. Pinner, G. E. Pedersen, M. W. Anderson, Fred Schreier, Herbert Landis, Melvin Sutherland, W. D. Harlan, Joe Bruner and Chet Hamaker. Advanced certificates were given to men who were leaders in the course but who had already completed previous courses of the same nature. They are William G. Ely, Paul Tanner, Dwayne Alexander, Jim Hubbard, A. C. Olson and Maynard Paugh.

Klamath Firms Low Bidders

TULELAKE, May 14—Pinner and Watkins, Klamath Falls contractors, placed the low bid of \$43,405 with the Tulelake Community Presbyterian church board and the office of Sheldon Brumbaugh, architect, for construction of the proposed new church here.

Other bids were made by the Tulelake Cabinet shop, Earl Barnum, Dynamit contractor, and Leo Huls, Klamath Falls.

Construction on the building that will incorporate the present structure will start as soon as a technicality is ironed out.

Authority must be had from the Presbytery of Southwest Oregon and to accomplish this a meeting of a board of three ministers of the Presbytery is to be called for Tulelake May 24.

Bly Forms New Lions Club

LAKEVIEW, May 14—A new Lions club was organized at Bly Tuesday night with 15 charter members, and a list of 18 others who will join soon. The new club was sponsored by the Lakeview Lions.

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School Children Get Wild Ride When School Bus Goes On Bender, But All Safe

ELGIN, Ore., May 14 (AP)—Things have simmered down at the Elgin school but Earl (call him Casey Jones) Hansen still wonders what might have happened if that wheel hadn't come off.

Hansen was driving 24 children to school Tuesday in his 1934 bus. As he reached the summit of Fish Trap hill north of here and headed down, he put on the brakes. Nothing happened except more speed. He tried the hand brake. It didn't work either.

The bus was roaring down the hill—and at the foot was a curve he knew he'd never make.

The children—most of them in the elementary grades—became frightened as the bus roared in its out-of-control flight toward disaster. They stood up; some of the girls began to scream.

Hansen looked back over his shoulder, grinned, and said, "sit down, kids. We're going to ride this thing out just like old Casey Jones did."

They sat down. Perhaps they didn't remember or know that old Casey stayed with his engine and died in the wreck. Maybe Delbert Rysdan, 16, didn't remember it either. For he stood up and told the kids sure, take it easy, they'd ride it out just like Casey did.

The bus still gathered speed, the curve was just ahead.

Then came a crash, the tail of the bus hit the pavement and bounced, children were thrown from their seats, and a rear wheel went rolling by. The bus stopped.

Hansen got out, shakily, and took a look. The rear axle had broken in two, causing his brake failure, but also ending the wild ride when the wheel let go.

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California Water Table Level Gains

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—The geological survey said today its stream-flow reports for April show that the water supply outlook in drought-ridden Nevada and Northern California has improved considerably.

The stream flow in the Pacific Northwest was generally above normal except in parts of British Columbia.

The April reports by regions included: West-Northern California's critical water shortage alleviated considerably during April, but runoff remained deficient south of San Francisco. Shasta reservoir spilled as result of high runoff, but Santa Ynez river near Lompac was dry all month—the first time this has occurred in that river in April in 32 years of record-taking. April storms greatly improved the irrigation outlook in Nevada, but the prospects for May in Arizona was "not encouraging." The rate of seasonal decline in New Mexico ground-water levels was greater than a year ago.

Long Sleep Ends, Patient Okay

LA GRANDE, May 14 (AP)—Mrs. Darris Eccles, 22, of Baker, regained consciousness Thursday after a "sleep" which started Monday evening.

Her physician said she probably would recover. An overdose of sleeping tablets was thought responsible for the long period of unconsciousness.

She was found asleep Monday evening by her sister and when she did not awaken the next morning, was taken to a hospital.

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"Old Pete," 61-year-old baseball immortal, fell on the stairway at his hotel Monday night and was taken to a hospital. X-rays, his attending physician said, showed he fractured a vertebra in his neck.
This morning, the physician said, Alex refused to stay in the hospital any longer, signed a release and went on his way. The physician says another fall or slip could sever the spinal cord.
Alexander is here to visit a World War I buddy, Dr. Chester F. Beber.

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Chewelah Creek Roars Over Banks

CHEWELAH, Wash., May 14 (AP)—Chewelah was flooded for the first time in its history Thursday as Chewelah creek burst over its banks. The city hall was isolated and sand bags were being placed to prevent further damage. A county road north of here was flooded in two places. Two blocks of highway 399 through the town were under water. Waters still were rising this morning in the wake of a heavy rain last night. Water was pouring over two dams north of town.

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