

# 8 Jews, 4 Arabs Die in Fights on Tel Aviv Road

## Zionist Jerusalem Convoys Attacked; Agency Calls British Border Guard Lax

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JERUSALEM, Jan. 22.—Arabs today resumed their campaign to harass Jewish traffic between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, attacking at four places on the highway in the absence of British military patrols. Casualties were seven Jewish settlement police and a Haganah member killed, four Arabs dead in subsequent fighting and fifteen Arabs and seven Jews wounded.

Meanwhile, the press spokesman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Gershon Hirsch, complained that the mandate government appears to be guarding the northern borders inadequately against Arab infiltration. Haganah intelligence, he said, reports some 500 armed Lebanese nationals have entered Palestine in the last ten days to join Arab attacks on Jews. He charged that about 600 Syrians are in the country for the same purpose.

"We have the impression that government officials admit infiltration is going on, but that they find it difficult to keep the borders controlled," Mr. Hirsch said.

An Arab source later said the Jewish figures were high. Lebanese, Syrians, Iraqi and Egyptian volunteers have come to Palestine, the Arab said, but their number for the present totals no more than a few hundred.

Whether "strangers" took part in the highway incidents was not known tonight, but Arabs here believed the attacks were directed at least by military leaders. Pending actual war against partition, part of the Arab program is to make it as difficult as possible, without unduly antagonizing the British, for Jews to supply Jewish Jerusalem.

The Jewish settlement police, riding in a Ford pick-up truck, were out on reconnaissance at 7 a. m. ahead of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem passenger convoy when they were stopped at a makeshift roadblock in Yazur village, six miles from Tel Aviv. When four of them left the truck to remove the stones Arabs surrounded all seven, took their rifles and stabbed and beat them to death. The truck was burned and a military patrol

found the bodies in a near-by orange grove.

The passenger convoy reached Yazur an hour after the attack, exchanging shots with the Arabs on the way through the village.

During the rest of the morning, Jews on that part of the highway attacked passing Arab trucks. In one case, police said, they fired sub-machine guns at a truck load of orange pickers, killing two men and a woman and wounding twelve, among them five children.

A second Arab attack occurred about the same time seven miles from Jerusalem on a convoy of ten empty trucks headed for Tel Aviv. Snipers in the roadside hills killed a twenty-year-old Jew and injured two, one of them a Haganah girl of nineteen.

Mrs. Goldie Meyerson, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, left by air for New York today to enlist support of American Jewry for the Jews of Palestine. An Agency spokesman said she will ask financial, political and moral aid.

## SovietGermanZone Stresses Recovery

### Officials Say It Has Far Surpassed Bizonia

DRESDEN, Germany, Jan. 21 (Delayed) (UP).—Russian and German officials interviewed during a seven-day conducted tour of the Soviet zone of Germany asserted it has far surpassed the Anglo-American combined zone in industrial recovery.

They contended the production level in eastern Germany has reached 70 per cent of the 1938-'39 figure in most industries. A recent Bizonia report showed the combined zone still was more than 50 per cent behind the 1936 level, which, in turn, was lower than the figure for 1938-'39.

During the tour, American newsmen were escorted to many plants and talked to several German officials. A request to visit the Buchenwald horror camp, now reported to be a political detention prison, was not granted.

A Russian official said the awarding of production bonuses, the appointment of politically dependable German officials, co-operation among eastern zone states and imports from the Soviet Union have contributed to the higher production level in the east.

Dr. August Froelich, president of the Thuringia State Legislature, flatly denied reports that Russia plans to convert its zone into a socialist republic. These reports occasionally appear in Bizonia newspapers, sometimes attributed to Dr. Rudolf Paul, former Thuringia Minister-President who fled to the American zone last September.