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## 14 MORE ARABS DIE IN HAGANAH BLASTS

Zionist Militia Dynamites 3 Houses Around Safad—Says It Blew Up Jerusalem Hotel

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (AP)—Haganah, Zionist defense force, announced tonight the dynamiting of three houses in villages around Safad, north of the Sea of Galilee. Eight Arabs were killed in one house, five in another and one in the third, Haganah said.

Arab volunteer fighters from Syria and Lebanon are reputed to have entered Palestine in that region. Haganah said that the house in which five Arabs had been killed was reputedly owned by Subhi Hadra, whom the Zionist militia described as a lieutenant of the exiled Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini.

In Cairo the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, defying the United Nations proposal to partition Palestine, announced that it would establish "a national administration for all Palestine," and that the work of organizing such an administration would begin next month. It said the Palestine administration would have a president, a national assembly and an executive council.

### 8 Bodies Sought in Ruins

By SAM POPE BREWER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5—Haganah took the responsibility today for the bomb that killed at least seven persons in the Semiramis Hotel here earlier in the day. A total of thirty-four persons were killed in this attack and in one yesterday on the Palestine Arab headquarters in Jaffa. The Jaffa bombing has been ascribed to the terrorist Stern Gang.

A spokesman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine said that the Semiramis Hotel attack was an act of war by Haganah and asserted that the hotel was being used as headquarters for an armed Arab group.

Among the known dead in the hotel bombing was the Spanish Acting Consul, Manuel Allendes Salazar Travesedo. Eight others were missing under the great mound of smashed masonry. They were presumed to be dead although rescue workers are still digging.

A gale and an icy rain added to the rescue difficulties. The known deaths in the bombing in Clock Tower Square in Jaffa reached twenty-seven. Twenty more were injured seriously and seventy-eight slightly.

### British Sergeant Killed

A Jew was killed by a sniper near Jaffa and a British Army sergeant was shot dead in mysterious circumstances at a Jaffa road-block.

Two Arabs were wounded by snipers near a bridge in Haifa and seventeen in the Semiramis bombing. A Jew was wounded by a sniper near Jaffa. Two soldiers of the Royal Irish Fusiliers were injured on a road near the Salameh-Jaffa area and a British officer was wounded near Gaza.

Tension has reached a new high as a result of the bomb outrages. A British newsreel cameraman narrowly escaped death by persuading his Arab captors to take him to the Arab Higher Committee for identification. Carl Gossett, a staff photographer of THE NEW YORK TIMES, was threatened by an Arab mob but was rescued by an Arab who knew him.

All Jerusalem was shaken by the blast of the powerful bomb that demolished half the three-story Semiramis, a stone building in the prosperous Katamon residential quarter.

The Old City of Jerusalem was still in a state of siege. The situation there will soon become more acute since the British police are preparing to withdraw tomorrow and British troops in a few days. Food convoys are unable to reach the Jewish quarter in the Old City and the residents are depending on whatever stores have been put by.

### Palestine Asks Red Cross Aid

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (UPI)—The Palestine Government appealed today to the International Red Cross to send a representative to the Holy Land "in view of the

## IN A PALESTINE DIVIDED OVER PARTITION



Oil wagons, which must travel in a convoy to minimize attacks by Arabs or Jews, halt opposite the bomb-damaged Goldsmiths Club in Jerusalem.



Arabs man a new outpost set up after a Haganah attack on one of their villages. The city on the hill is Jerusalem.

The New York Times (by Gossett, Jerusalem)

## COMMUNIST REPLACES JOUHAUX IN LABOR JOB

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PARIS, Jan. 5—Alain le Léap, Communist head of the Civil Service Federation, today was elected co-secretary general of the General Confederation of Labor to replace Léon Jouhaux, who resigned last month with other Socialists to form the Force Ouvrière.

M. le Léap will share the secretaryship with Benoit Frachon, the most important Communist in the labor movement. Four other officials who resigned with M. Jouhaux also were replaced today at a meeting of the various federations who remained in the General Confederation. The replacement

all were considered to be Communists or sympathizers. M. Frachon strongly assailed the split in labor's ranks, terming it part of "a general action of the great French and foreign capitalists against the unity of the national and international working class."

## Western Europe Has Warm Day

LONDON, Jan. 5 (UPI)—Millions of Europeans, who a year ago suffered through a spell of intense cold, wore light clothing today as freakishly warm weather held sway over the Continent. Lilac buds were swelling in London and Paris. Snow was thawing in some regions of Switzerland. Norway and Sweden reported temperatures considerably above freezing.

## ASKS AID FOR PALESTINE

Head of Hadassah Urges U. S. U. N. to Provide Arms

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, national president of the Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., and the only American woman member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, called yesterday on the United Nations and the United States Government to provide for the new Jewish state the arms necessary to protect it and prevent further trouble in Palestine.

She spoke at an emergency conference of the national board of Hadassah in the Park Central Hotel. The conference, which closes its meeting today, is discussing a program of expansion in the fields of health, child welfare, youth rescue and allied programs conducted by Hadassah in Palestine.

The conference agreed to continue and expand wherever possible its projects of school lunch-rooms, nutrition study, recreation and vocational education in Palestine.

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## GERMANS IN WEST SEEK AN ASSEMBLY

Drive for Constitutional Body Begun Among Members of Bizonal Economic Council

By JACK RAYMOND

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

FRANKFURT ON THE MAIN, Germany, Jan. 5—A movement among Germans in the Bizonal Economic Council to seek permission from the United States and British Military Governments for convening a national constitutional assembly became known today.

The reason given for this bold step was that information had reached here that the Russians planned to have their German satellites call such an assembly.

One German official already has transferred the request for permission to the United States and British authorities. At a private meeting with United States and British officials, it was learned, Dr. Karl Spieker, a member of the Executive Committee and until last week its chairman, urged immediate action to forestall a similar maneuver by the Communists, which he said would have "obvious attractions."

Dr. Spieker, who met a few days ago with Kenneth L. Dayton, United States political adviser in the Bipartite Control Office, and Hugh Klare, deputy political adviser on the British side, said he was speaking as a "private individual," but he gave assurance that other German officials in western Germany would respond favorably. A competent Allied official said Dr. Spieker's proposal was regarded as representing German sentiment.

This same Allied official cited the cryptic assurance today by Dr. Erich Koehler, president of the

Economic Council, that "it is true that political parties have reached complete agreement" on proposals to be made to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor, and Lieut. Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor, when they meet with German leaders here Wednesday and Thursday to discuss future plans.

An indication of how much support Dr. Spieker, who is a Centrist, would get from other parties is afforded in an authoritative report of a secret meeting in Hanover of Dr. Kurt Schumacher, titular head of the powerful Social Democratic party, and his aides. Dr. Schumacher is reported to have said that under no circumstances must they themselves suggest an assembly, but that they should cooperate once the proposal shows sign of fruition.

Other political parties, excepting the Communist but including the Christian Democrats, have for some time indicated that they are ready to take even bolder steps than that sanctioned by the Social Democrats, who are seeking to avoid at all costs any indication that they favor action that might split Germany. There are some among the Christian Democrats who would openly call for a Western German state.

Dr. Spieker, who participated in a lengthy session of the Executive Committee this evening, confirmed afterward his meeting with Messrs. Dayton and Klare. He said that the proposed assembly should be open to all Germans, including those in the east. If the parties in the Soviet zone refused to participate, he said, at least they would have been asked and the Germans in the west could go ahead by themselves.

Victory for Germany may rest with those who take the first step, Dr. Spieker continued. The present proposals for strengthening the Economic Council, he declared, are "mere palliatives."

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