

EXODUS REFUGEES REACH GIBRALTAR

**Docks Guarded, Sealed Off—
British Crews Resent Job
—Danes Refuse Haven**

ON BOARD THE RUNNYMEDE PARK, Gibraltar, Aug. 26 (Reuters)—A double cordon of soldiers and police, machine gun posts and barbed wire entanglements sealed off the docks when the Exodus 1947 refugee fleet tied up here today and immediately began coaling for the journey to Hamburg, Germany.

Dense clouds of coal dust blanketed the decks of the three British ships, increasing the already uncomfortable lot of 4,300 Jewish visalea immigrants being taken to Germany after their vain attempts to reach Palestine six weeks ago.

The refugees were being restricted to the stuffy, crowded holds and the cages on the fore-deck until the coaling was completed.

There have been signs on the Runnymede Park that the tension of the long odyssey is beginning to fray the immigrants' nerves. During yesterday afternoon the fingers of one of the refugees were crushed accidentally when escorting soldiers closed a hatch and a group of about a dozen younger, more hot-headed refugees were restrained with difficulty by their leader from making a violent demonstration.

In a "parley" with the ship's officers the leader asked that the soldiers responsible for closing the hatch should be punished. The officers refused, telling him that the soldiers were not to blame as they had not seen the refugee's fingers in the hatch.

Members of the British crews of the ships are also increasingly dis-

satisfied with their assignment. Several of them have said that they were "fed up" and planning to leave at Hamburg.

Another sign of nerves was when a violent scuffle broke out between two young refugees in the forward hold. One of them was nearly strangled. Everyone refused to give an explanation of this fight.

Despite the increasing tension the refugees on board the Runnymede Park have been bearing the hardships of the voyage philosophically. They are now on hard rations, and their chief complaint is against British Army biscuits which, they have claimed, are so hard that they are uneatable.

The British authorities have ordered extra blankets and new tarpaulins for the holds and have requested a more palatable substitute for the hated biscuits.

Seamen Reach Agreement

GIBRALTAR, Aug. 26 (U.P.)—It was reported today that agents of the Ocean Vigour, one of the ships, were frantically seeking a new crew to replace some who were walking off at Gibraltar. Later, however, it was announced that the crew's contract had ended Sunday and that a new agreement was reached whereby the crew would remain on the job.

Denmark Bars Transfer

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug. 26 (AP)—The Danish Government has decided not to initiate any steps to have the Exodus 1947 refugees, now en route to Hamburg aboard British ships, transferred to Denmark, a reliable source said today. It was pointed out that Denmark already has the problem of caring for more than 86,000 German refugees.

Berlin Jewry Observes Fast

BERLIN, Aug. 26 (P)—Berlin's Jewish community observed a special day of fasting today in protest against the trans-shipment of Ex-

odus 1947 refugees from the Mediterranean to Hamburg.

The Berlin press reported that the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the United States occupation zone also had called for work strikes.

Protest Staged in Milan

MILAN, Italy, Aug. 26 (Reuters)—Several thousand Jews living in a United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration camp near Turin joined the world Jewish fast, staged as a protest against the transfer of the Exodus 1947 refugees from the south of France to Hamburg.

Appeal to All Nations

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (P)—The Jewish National Council of Palestine issued an appeal to all nations today to intervene in the deportation of the Exodus 1947 refugees and sent encouragement to the refugees to "not despair."

ARABS BOMB ARAB'S SHOP

**Attack Is Linked to Belief That
He Sold Jewish Goods**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (U.P.)—An Arab shop, the second within a week, was bombed today by the Arab underground organization Hurrieh, probably for selling Jewish-made goods.

A group of Hurrieh members walked into the store, put a package on the counter and told the proprietor it was a bomb. One man fired three shots into the floor as he left.

The proprietor fled and three minutes later the bomb exploded, causing considerable damage to his stock. The Jewish goods he was selling were understood to be shirts made in Tel Aviv.

Meanwhile, the High Commissioner, Sir Alan G. Cunningham, conferred with leaders of the Jewish Oriental Community about some 300 Afghan Jews, now in Bombay on their way to Palestine.