

# Jerusalem Explosion

## 11 Killed, 86 Hurt As Jewish Agency Building Is Blasted

*By the United Press.*

JERUSALEM, March 11—A wing of the Jewish Agency headquarters was blown up today by an explosive-laden truck which apparently was stolen from the United States Consulate General. It was still flying the American flag.

The Palestine government announced 11 persons were killed and 86 wounded. All were Jews. The wounds of 33 were serious.

Among those killed were four officials of the Palestine Foundation Fund. Gershon Hirsch, official spokesman for the Jewish Agency, was slightly wounded.

Police sent out an alarm for Abton Daud, a missing American Consulate General chauffeur, believing he drove the car which planted the explosives.

Jews were convinced Arabs were responsible for the blast. Their anger reached a new high and throughout the Jewish quarters there were threats of vengeance.

### STOLEN CARS

A green-gray 1947 Ford sedan and a green station wagon were stolen Saturday from the Consulate General.

Police believed that Daud, a Christian Arab, drove one of the two cars into the courtyard of the horseshoe-shaped Agency building, containing a central headquarters and two wings, and planted the explosives.

It was reported that Daud had cast his lot with the militant Arabs and was at the Ramallah headquarters of Abdul Kader Hueesini, commanding the Jerusalem area for the Arabs.

The car was driven into the carefully guarded Jewish Agency area from a British security zone, the gate of which is only five yards from the Agency building.

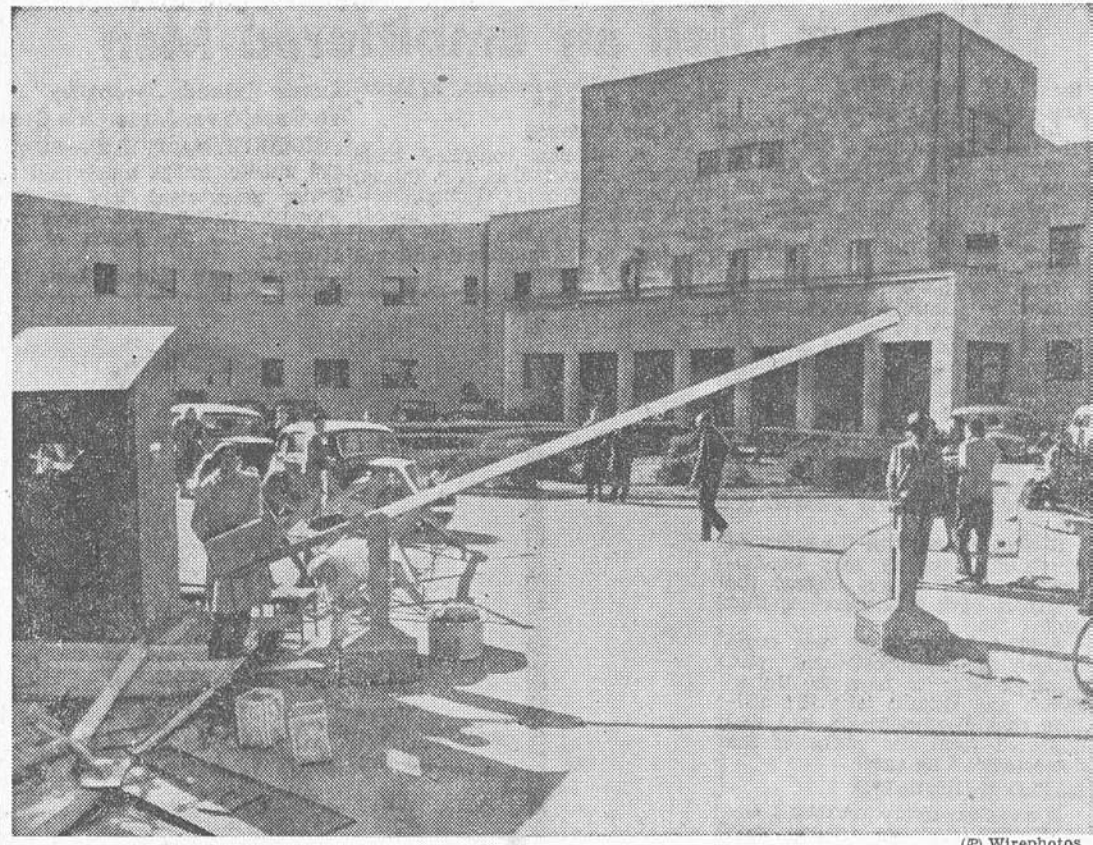
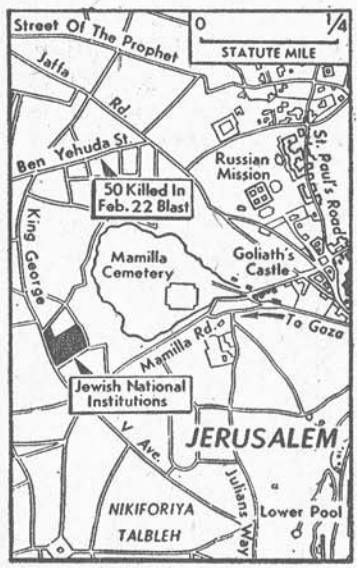
The car's driver managed to pass into the Agency area because the car flew an American flag.

The wing which was blown up houses the Palestine Foundation Fund and the National Council of Palestine Jews, or Vaad Leumi. The Jewish Agency for Palestine occupies the central part of the building. But now that a future Jewish

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# Jerusalem's Latest Scene Of Terrorism

Another act of violence brought death and destruction to the Holy Land yesterday, when a heavy explosion blew up the Jewish National Institutions building in Jerusalem. Map below shows location of the blast; only a few blocks away is Ben Yehuda street, scene of a disastrous explosion on February 22, when more than 50 persons were killed. Yesterday's blast took 11 lives and wounded 86, all Jews. The Institutions building, pictured at right, housed the Jewish Agency and other important Jewish governmental offices.



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 government is being formed, high officials of the Agency make their headquarters in Te Aviv. Haganah, which is to be the basis for a future Jewish army, occupies the wing opposite that which was bombed.

### AGENCY OFFICES

The Jewish Agency part was damaged, as was Rachlin House near by, which has been used for some months as a British troop billet.

## Palestine Discussions Gromyko Threatens to Quit Talks If Arabs, Jews Invited to Join

NE WYORK, March 11 (AP)—Russia threatened today to wialk out of the big power Palestine talks if the Jews and Arabs were invited to take part in the discussions. Russian Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko rebuffed a new American attempt to call the Arabs of Palestine and the Jewish Agency before the big power conferees.

Gromyko said he could not participate if the Jewish and Arab

eralized government for Palestine instead of partition—if the Jewish Agency agreed. It said the American policy "has not changed."

Faris Bey said the Arabs, who have boycotted partition discussions, might be willing to sit down and try to settle differences with the Jews, should the partition plan be dropped. The Jews opposed any further talks with the Arabs on the ground such conversati-