



AFTER BLAST STREET IS JAMMED AS RESCUERS WORK IN RUBBLE (RIGHT) WHERE ATLANTIC HOTEL STOOD



TERRIFIED WOMAN CLUTCHES A CURLY-HAIRED GIRL

EXPLOSIONS KILL JEWS AS ARABS DEFY THE U.N.

Just before dawn on Feb. 22 in Jerusalem, three trucks and an armored car lumbered around the corner into Ben Yehuda Street in the Jewish business section and squealed to a stop. The truck drivers, dressed in British uniforms, ran over and climbed into the armored car, which roared away. Minutes later the trucks—and Ben Yehuda Street—blew up. Four buildings were demolished, dozens damaged. Terrified residents stumbled away from the wreckage (above, right). Behind them in the rubble 57 lay dead, more than 100 wounded.

Arabs promptly took "credit" for the explosion, the biggest yet in Palestine's Jewish-Arab warfare, claiming it had been executed by Arab "commandos" masquerading in British uniforms. The Jews made the unlikely claim that the British actually did it and in the ensuing skirmishes killed nine British soldiers.

Meanwhile Arab League leaders (right) met in Cairo to discuss their moves when the British mandate ends on May 15. The league announced plans for an "Arab Liberation Army" and threatened U.S. oil holdings in Saudi Arabia.

Last week the U.S. further confused the issue by declaring at the U.N. Security Council that it would support enforcement of peace but not partition. This occurred as an advance party of U.N. investigators took off for the Holy Land. They would find plenty in Palestine to investigate—if they were not blown up.

ARAB LEAGUE PLANS STRATEGY IN CAIRO



THREE PRIME MINISTERS hold informal conference. They are (left to right): Riad Bey Solh of Lebanon, Nokrashy Pasha of Egypt and Jamil Mardam Bey of Syria.