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DOV GRUNER must die, Britain's Palestine High Court ruled in Jerusalem yesterday, rejecting the appeal of Gruner's uncle, Frank Gruner of New York. The death of the Irgun Zvei Leumi member (above) is expected to bring new protest actions that will, in turn, provide the excuse for more drastic repressions. In New York, Mrs. Helen Friedman of Lancaster, Pa., said she hopes to see her brother Dov in Tel-Aviv and appeal to the British for his freedom.

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Sister From U. S. Visits Gruner In Cell Before Making Appeal

Mrs. Friedman Seeks
To See Cunningham
On Commutation

By the Associated Press

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Helen Friedman of Lancaster, Pa., visited her brother, Dov Bela Gruner, in his death cell today but refused to make public the subject or result of her conversation with the condemned man, whose plight has increased Palestine's bitter tension.

Mrs. Friedman, who flew here from America to try to save her brother from the gallows, said on her arrival yesterday that she would try to convince Gruner that he should make a direct appeal to the



MRS. HELEN FRIEDMAN.
—A. P. Photo.



MAJ. GEN. G. H. A. MACMILLAN
New commander of British
troops in Palestine.

—AP Wirephoto.

Palestine

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Privy Council, British equivalent of the United States Supreme Court.

Gruner, a member of Argun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organization, was condemned to die after being convicted of participation in a raid on a Ramat Gan police station last May. He has refused to recognize British authority in the Holy Land by taking an appeal, but lawyers acted for him at the direction of an uncle, Frank Gruner of St. Petersburg, Fla., and New York. The execution has been postponed by official order.

Mrs. Friedman also applied for an audience with High Commissioner Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham to appeal for commutation of the sentence.

At an extraordinary meeting today, the Executive Committee of the General Federation of Jewish Labor (Histadruth) declared in a resolution that "in fact martial law is already working in Palestine, although it is not formally imposed."

The resolution, protesting recent large-scale military measures, said that through evictions of civilians from their homes and other such acts, economic harm had been caused to many people known to be innocent of membership in or sympathy with any terrorist organization.

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Meanwhile, Hagana, Jewish underground organization, stated in a broadcast over its secret radio that it was responsible for the explosion in Haifa harbor early yesterday which sank a government fisheries barge and damaged a military landing craft.

"This sabotage," the announcer said, "was designed to show Hagana's unwillingness to tolerate deportation of uncertified immigrants from the shores of their homeland, as was done with more than 600 from the ship La Negev a few days ago. We express our satisfaction with the fact the operation was carried out without casualties, which was according to plan."

This was Hagana's first reported sabotage since the demolition of the Allenby Bridge, connecting Palestine and Trans-Jordan, across the River Jordan, last June. At that time, the organization said the blast was to show the "British cannot maintain Palestine as a military base, without the consent of the Jewish defense organization."

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Privy Council Rejects Gruner Plea; Terrorist's Sister to Seek Appeal

By The Associated Press.

LONDON, March 26 — Britain's highest judicial body, the Privy Council, blocked today a "despairing effort" to prevent the execution of Dov Bek Gruner, terrorist who seeks martyrdom for his cause in Palestine.

Britons feared the action would touch off new violence in the Holy Land, where Gruner's sentencing set off previous periods of bloodshed. The Cabinet was reported to be discussing the situation with Britain's two top Palestine officials, called home to report on security. They are Lieut. Gens. Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner, and G. H. A. MacMillan, military commander.

A Jerusalem dispatch quoted Max Seligman, an attorney, as saying that Gruner's sister planned to attempt a new appeal to the Privy Council. The sister, Mrs. Helen

Friedman of Lancaster, Pa., flew to Palestine last month, to plead for Gruner. Mr. Seligman said General Cunningham's absence from Palestine might result in delaying the execution.

A high British Government source said General Cunningham and MacMillan had told the Cabinet that the recent period of martial law in major Jewish sections of Palestine had failed to stop organized terrorism. The informant said the Cabinet and the two officials would probably also discuss ways of tightening the blockade against uncertified Jewish immigration and of maintaining stability until the Holy Land's future had been settled by the United Nations.

Other Whitehall sources said General Cunningham was pressing

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for an increase in the present Jewish immigration quota of 1,500 a month to a minimum of 2,500. They added, however, that it was unlikely that the Government would agree because of commitments announced during the recent conference of British and Arab leaders here.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi, terrorist organization, has threatened revenge against the British if Gruner is executed. Several other terrorists are also under death sentences in Palestine, and some sources have said that Gruner's case is a "cause célèbre" that would determine the fate of all.

Petition Filed by Uncle

The Privy Council's judicial committee rejected a petition by Gruner's uncle, Frank Gruner of New York, for permission to appeal in his behalf. The committee held that the uncle was not "personally affected" and, therefore, not legally involved.

The ruling meant that Gruner, who was sentenced by a Palestine military court, would be executed unless he changed his mind and successfully asked for an appeal, or unless British military authorities intervened. Gruner has refused to appeal. The Palestine High Court has already rejected an application for an order to prevent the Government from executing him.

Frank Gruner's lawyer, Constantin Gallop, told the Council's committee that "Dov Gruner will not submit himself to the jurisdiction of the court in Palestine, and his uncle is making what may be described as a despairing effort on his behalf." He called Dov Gruner a "man of exemplary character," and said that his record of five years' war service in the British army "must have appealed" to the Palestine court, which held earlier that it had no jurisdiction. The real point of the appeal, the

attorney said, ~~was whether~~, "under a very dubious set" of regulations, the Palestine administration's power "to stop military-court death sentences was cut off. The High Commissioner's voice has been silenced in favor of that of the general officer commanding Palestine," Mr. Gallop declared.

Lord Thunkerton, who presided over the five-man judicial committee, said he realized "the situation of Gruner," but "we must have some regard to the limits of the question before us, which is the competence of the petitioner before the Privy Council." Gruner was convicted of participating in an attack last April on a police station. Two police officers were

Sister Plans Appeal

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

JERUSALEM, March 26—All British army and air-force personnel in Palestine were confined to barracks tonight if not on duty. The order was not immediately explained. The apparent reason was to forestall the possible kidnapping of any men who might be held as hostages for Gruner.

Another petition for leave to appeal to the Privy Council will immediately be made to the High Court here by his sister, her counsel said tonight. Its basis will be the contention that the defense emergency regulations under which Gruner was arrested, tried and sentenced were incompatible with the British mandate for Palestine. The sentence will not be carried out while the appeal is pending.

Trial of Four Opens

Four other terrorists appeared before a three-man military court today, facing possible death penalties on charges of participating in the bombing of a Jerusalem railway station last Oct. 30. Two, Meir Feinstein, a former soldier in the British Army, and Daniel Azulai, refused to recognize the court's jurisdiction and will offer no defense.

Two other defendants, Massoud Bouton and Moash Horowitz, were represented by counsel. Asked what his defense would be, Bouton said: "I am going to demand compensation for false arrest."

At 2:30 P. M. on Oct. 30, the prosecution charged, a taxi drove

up to the station with four or five people. A woman got out with two handbags and a man followed with one bag.

Blast Killed Constable

The bags were placed in the vestibule and covered with a white cloth inscribed "Danger" and marked with terrorist insignia. Two bags subsequently exploded, wrecking the station and killing a constable.

The taxi and its occupants fled under police fire. Police followed two blood trails to Feinstein and Azulai in separate houses, both wounded and with ammunition and bombs nearby. Horowitz, wounded in the head, was arrested when seen running along a road and a flash bomb was found in his pocket. All claimed to have been in the vicinity of the bombing by coincidence and to have been wounded either as innocent bystanders or after their arrest.

An explosion was reported from Tel Aviv tonight. There was no immediate information on the cause or results.

Irgun Denies Truce

JERUSALEM, March 26 (AP)—The Irgun Zvai Leumi broadcast today a declaration that its members would not conclude an armistice with the British and would not "lay down our arms as long as the British prevent Jewish immigration to Palestine." The broadcast was apparently made to deny recent reports that the Irgun and the Stern gang were negotiating for an armistice.

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78 Arrests in Palestine Linked To Unofficial Jewish Cooperation

By JULIAN LOUIS MELTZER

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

JERUSALEM, March 13 — The Government announced tonight the arrests of seventy-eight persons, including fifteen members of the Stern gang and twelve of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, as a result of assistance from members of the Jewish community.

Fifty-one of those arrested were officially said to be "connected with terrorism." The announcement said that the police had also been enabled to detain wanted persons found during screening operations as a result of similar cooperation by the public. It added that "other arrests are still to be made."

Tonight unsubstantiated reports said that Army authorities believed they had arrested a top member of the Irgun in Tel Aviv today. There was no official announcement of the arrest.

Terrorists attacked two trains on the Government-operated railroad system tonight. Although

fifty miles apart, the attacks were coordinated at 9:15. Late tonight there were no reports of casualties.

One of the trains was a freight train traveling toward Jerusalem, about four to five miles south of the city near Beit Safafa. A landmine planted from a bridge blew up under the engine. The second was an oil train on the main Haifa-Lyddra junction line. As it blew up, heavy firing from ambush was directed on it. Half the tank-cars were derailed and the other half of the train rolled downhill.

The communiqué on the arrests began: "In spite of the refusal of Jewish official bodies to assist security forces in combatting and rooting out gangsters, help has been received from members of the Jewish community." It concluded: "Further public cooperation will

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greatly assist in restoring normal conditions in everyday life and commerce."

Political observers were inclined to see in both passages two Government aims. The first is an attempt by the British authorities to go over the heads of the central Jewish bodies—which have refused active cooperation in fighting terrorism—and to enlist direct public aid against extremists. The second is a clear hint that if the Jewish community continues such effective assistance, it will be rewarded with the early removal of martial law, affecting the economic lives of nearly 300,000 Jews.

The Government is obviously appealing to those elements that feel that terrorist activities are solely responsible for the present distress resulting from martial law. But observers believe it more likely that the Jewish public at large, feeling that the Government intends to by-

pass their elected control bodies by psychological warfare tactics, will refuse to play ball on these grounds and will withhold further help.

Some resistance was encountered by British troops today when 703 Jews who arrived in Palestine waters yesterday after running the naval blockade were taken aboard the steamer Empire Rival. Their destination was presumably Cyprus.

Police and troops searching the Bokharan Jews' quarter inside Jerusalem's martial-law area found a cache of ten grenades, a quantity of explosives, detonators and caps, and five stretchers. Twelve persons in the house were taken away for questioning.

Eight armed Jews robbed a small bank in Tel Aviv and escaped with \$65,000.

The traffic curfews imposed last night in Haifa and the southern districts of Palestine were removed tonight.

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GRUNER HANGS WITH THREE OTHERS

Palestine Curfew Order

DOV GRUNER, 33-year-old Hungarian Jew, sentenced to death for his part in an attack on a Tel-Aviv police station last year, was hanged at Acre Prison today, it was officially stated in Jerusalem.

Three other Jewish terrorists were also executed, the statement added.

Two British police officers visited Mr. Max Seligman, Gruner's counsel, to tell the news, and then went to the Savoy Hotel in Tel Aviv to tell Mrs. Friedman, Gruner's sister.

She was waiting there to join Mr Seligman in a visit to Gruner in Acre, says AP.

Mrs Friedman burst into tears and asked: "Why did they have to do this?"

She said she had been promised that she would be allowed to see her brother today.

Later she left Tel Aviv in a police car for the burial.

GRUNER FIRST

A prison official stated that Gruner went to the gallows first.

A rabbi was present, but his name was kept secret.

The news followed imposition of the biggest-ever security measures in Palestine.

They began with house curfews in the Jewish areas of Haifa, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Pethatiqua, which confined 600,000 Jews to their homes, as well as a road curfew enforced by armoured cars.

An application to appeal to the Privy Council was lodged by Gruner's lawyer late on Monday night in London.

This was the last of a long series of appeals since Gruner was sentenced to death on January 1.

Gruner, with three other men, was removed from Jerusalem prison to Acre yesterday.

OTHERS NAMED

The others were Mordecai Aikoshi, Eliezer Kashani, and David Rosenbaum, who were arrested on December 29 after being found with arms and a whip on the night when terrorists flogged a British Major and three NCOs in retaliation for a whipping sentence executed against a member of Irgun Zvei Leumi, the Jewish terrorist organisation.

Gruner was the first Jew to be hanged as a result of a British military court sentence since the British mandate over Palestine began more than a quarter of a century ago.

The bodies of the executed men were taken from the prison to be buried secretly at Roshpina, near Naphtalin.

Jews heard the news over the Government-operated radio, which broadcast it first in Hebrew and then in English.

Since only a few Jews were allowed to leave their homes under the curfew, there was little immediate reaction.

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TIMEBOMB IN WHITEHALL

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Dover House, Whitehall, photographed after the discovery today.

"Star" Reporter

TWENTY-FOUR sticks of gelignite, wired as for a bomb, were found today in a basement of Dover House, part of the Colonial Office, adjoining the Privy Council Offices, in Whitehall.

Mrs Hart, of Helston House, Kenning's Way, Kennington, a cleaner, made the discovery. It was revealed within a few hours of the execution in Palestine of Dov Gruner, the Jewish terrorist (reported on the Back Page).

Describing how she found the gelignite in a parcel, Mrs. Hart said: "I undid the outside brown paper covering and then I saw a clock on it. I heard it ticking."

"I took one look at it and ran straight to the night porter and reported it to him. A bomb disposal squad was called in to take it away."

Within a few minutes detectives arrived. Mrs Hart went on: "All of us cleaners were ordered out."

Scotland Yard experts were rushed to the building and the parcel containing the gelignite was taken to Cannon Row police station for examination by Home Office experts.

Detectives called at addresses in London and the provinces, and more than 100 men and women were questioned in their homes.

Finger-print experts made a microscopic examination of the bomb and photographs were taken by Scotland Yard photographers of all parts of it. Supt Frederick Cherrill, head of Scotland Yard finger-print department, was in charge of the finger-print check up.

A conference was called in which chiefs of MI5 and the Special Branch took part.

"The bomb could have wrecked the building," said a Colonial Office official. "Scores of lives might have been lost."

A search of other offices and basements in Whitehall began at once.

YARD CHIEFS CALLED

Four senior police officers of Scotland Yard were put in charge of the investigations.

They are Supt T Thompson and Chief Insp E. W. Jones, of the Special Branch (the section which deals with political offences) and Supt T. Barratt and Div-Det Insp McGrath, of the Criminal Investigation Department.

The gelignite lay in a brown paper parcel in the ladies lavatory on the first floor of the four-storey building.

Access could have been gained by two methods only—through the front door of Dover House or by climbing the 20-foot wall confronting the building along Whitehall then clambering down 20 feet onto a small flat roof and getting into the passage of the lavatory by a back door.

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ments in Dover House are Marketing, Production, and Commercial Relations. Normally about 100 people work in the building.

Officials thought that there was no link between the incident and the Gruner execution, but that it was part of Jewish terrorist activities against this country.

Constant guard had been kept for security purposes at Dover House for some time.

Dover House is visited daily by many callers, some interested in trade with Palestine.

Visitors have to sign a pass before entering, but whoever laid the gelignite could have got inside the building by asking to see an official.

Orders were given for precautions to be increased at once, and the CID bodyguard on Cabinet Ministers was warned to be on the alert.

In some cases their numbers were increased.

Jewish Terrorists in Palestine

Issues in Palestine---Questions and Answers

By Joseph Clark

Q. Why were three Jews executed in Palestine last week?

A. The day the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) opened its first meeting June 16, a British court sentenced three Jews to death. The three had participated in a raid on Arce prison, May 4, which liberated prisoners of the British war against the Jews of Palestine.

Q. Did the UN condone the British executions?

A. UNSCOP adopted a resolution after it started its inquiry in Palestine asking the British to suspend their war and commute the death sentences imposed by the British. The majority of the Committee adopted this after a vigorous fight for it led by Yugoslavia, Guatemala and Uruguay.

The British authorities denounced the UN committee resolution. Not only did they criticize it, but they went ahead with the executions and fixed the final hanging date before the UN Committee left Palestine.

Q. What stand did the U. S. government take on the executions?

A. The U. S. government refused to act against the executions. Those countries in the UN committee which followed the British and U. S. lead during the UN discussions of Palestine tried to prevent the UN committee from requesting an end to the executions. The Slav states, which had led the fight for a Jewish voice and Jewish rights in Palestine (Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia) at the UN Assembly, also led the fight against the executions.

Q. What is UNSCOP. How was it formed?

A. The United Nations Special Committee on Palestine was established by the special session of the General Assembly which discussed the Palestine issue April 28 to May 15. It consists of Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Guatemala, India, Iran, Netherlands, Peru, Sweden, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

Q. What is UNSCOP supposed to do?

A. It is supposed to investigate the Palestine question and recommend solutions to the next regular session of the General Assembly which will meet in the middle of September.

Q. What were the issues at the last General Assembly Palestine debate?

A. There were two main controversies.

One was whether there would be free discussion of the Palestine question. The second was whether the Jews would be represented in the discussion.

The British and U. S. delegations opposed both free discussion and a vote for the Jewish Agency of Palestine in the Assembly meeting.

The Soviet Union, the new democracies of Europe (Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia), a number of Latin American countries demanded such discussion and a vote for the Jews.

Q. What solutions did the U. S. and British have for the Palestine issue?

A. Neither delegation wanted to discuss solutions. Both favored im-

quiries similar to the 20-odd previous investigations which have added up to zero, except that they all helped perpetuate British imperialist rule in Palestine. That is why the Anglo-American bloc in UN favored strict limitations on UNSCOP, blocked any efforts to eliminate British imperialist rule and terror in the Holy Land.

Q. What did the Soviet Union propose for Palestine?

A. Russian delegate Andrei Gromyko said any solution must take into account the aspirations of the Jewish people for a state of their own in Palestine, as well as the national rights of the Arabs in Palestine.

He therefore proposed a dual state, with equal rights for Jews and Arabs. The British imperialists have always played up Arab-Jewish conflict to perpetuate their military occupation. Realizing that they would still try to use this to prevent the ousting of foreign rule. Gromyko also added that if there were no chance of forming an Arab-Jewish state, he would support partition into free and independent Jewish and Arab states in Palestine.

Q. Do any groups in Palestine favor Jewish-Arab unity and a bi-national state?

A. The group headed by Dr. Magnes of the Hebrew University, the left-wing Zionist group Hashomair Hatzair and the Communists all support a bi-national state.

Q. What do the dominant Zion-

ist groups, who control the Jewish Agency, favor in Palestine?

A. They still insist on an exclusive Jewish state for all of Palestine. But they have made it clear they would settle for partition.

Q. How do the British, and their American diplomatic aides, interpret partition?

A. They favor keeping foreign troops in Palestine, holding Jews and Arabs at sword point and perpetuating imperialist control. They would use partition to maintain foreign control.

Q. What is the role of the Jewish underground in Palestine?

A. The three Jews executed last week belonged to the Irgun Zvai Leumi. That organization is a small group, which practices individual terror and has enlisted the support of numerous Jewish youths who sincerely want to fight to oust the British occupation troops.

However, many leaders of Irgun have been anti-labor and have hindered the development of a truly mass, anti-imperialist struggle.

The Stern group, another of the underground groups is still smaller, makes a cult of terrorism and is even more reactionary in its political character.

The largest underground organization, a sort of Jewish militia, is Haganah, which includes many Zionist labor elements, and which opposes Irgun and Stern group tactics.

Despite the opposition by mass Jews of Palestine to the philosophy of Irgun and the Stern group they are united in opposition to British terror against the real fighters.

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35 ZIONIST LEADERS DETAINED AS BOMB KILLS 3 CONSTABLES

Revisionist Chiefs and Mayors Among Suspects Seized as Terrorist Sympathizers

JERUSALEM CURFEW BACK

Cunningham Bans Youth Group as Recruiting-Ground for Irgun and Stern Gang

By GENE CURRIVAN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5—Thirty-five leading Zionists were sent to the Latrun detention camp today as police and troops launched a wide round-up of suspected terrorist sympathizers. While the operation was going on a bomb placed in the Labor Department killed three British policemen.

The detained men included mayors and many outstanding members of the radical Revisionist party. The Government's official explanation tonight was that "some have shown sympathy toward the policy of violence, while others are known to have been in contact with terrorists." Early today the police went from house to house in the principal communities, placing the men under what the Government first announced was "arrest" but later changed to "detention."

All airlines and railroads were ordered to check passengers and permit none on the "wanted" list to leave the country. One of those caught was Arieh Altman, chairman of the Revisionist party, booked to leave for Paris tomorrow. KLM, the Dutch airline, had to cancel its inaugural flight from Lydda to Amsterdam because so many of the prospective passengers are wanted here.

Tel Aviv Mayor Dead

The detained group included Oved Ben Ami, council chairman of Nathanya, recently under martial law after two British sergeants were kidnapped there and hanged in the outskirts, and Mayor Israel Bokach of Tel Aviv, which has been a hot spot of terrorist activity and the suspected capital of the Irgun Zvai Leumi. Mayor Arieh Krintzki of Ramat Gan, another center of terrorist activity, was also held. Three British soldiers were kidnapped from a swimming pool there but later found, and Dov Bela Gruner, later executed, was captured there while attacking the police station.

Another prominent figure detained was Max Kritzman, Gruner's lawyer. Others included David Stern, said to be a brother of the late Abraham Stern, who organized the terrorist Stern gang; Yehuda Schneirson, an extreme Revisionist, shot during the 1938 Arab uprising; Eliahu Merridor, formerly detained in Eritrea; Wolfgang von Weisel, also a former detainee, and Itzhak Gurion, another Revisionist leader. The British also held Benjamin Lubotzki, who broke with the Revisionists two years ago, and so incurred his enemies' wrath that a bomb was exploded in his home.

The High Commissioner, Lieut. Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, declared unlawful the B'rith Trumpeldor youth movement. The organization was called a "recruiting ground for dissident groups."

Policeman Hurt in Rescue

The bomb that killed the three policemen seriously injured indirectly another when a wall collapsed while he was digging for his comrades' bodies. The chief clerk gave the first warning after two armed men walked into the building, left a mine, which, they said, would explode in twenty minutes, and left. The clerk evacuated the small staff and notified the police.

A short time before the explosion telephone calls warned the police and The Palestine Post that the building had been mined. An armored police car with a crew of three was ordered to the building and two constables entered. They found what appeared to be a mine on a desk in the chief clerk's office.

It is believed that they put a rope around it and were about to drag it out when it exploded. The third constable killed was standing in an outer doorway and was blown across the street.

This was apparently the terrorists' retaliation for the British destruction of a building where a large cache of arms, ammunition and explosives had been found. In fear of possible reprisals by troops against the population, all troops were ordered tonight to remain within protected zones unless on

duty, and the curfew was reimposed.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 5—The Palestine Zionist leadership's ability to carry through its intended anti-terrorist campaign was put seriously in doubt by today's wholesale detentions of Revisionist and Right-Wing leaders.

Only yesterday a Zionist spokesman expressed hope that the Palestine Government would do nothing to jeopardize the plan. Today's arrests involve just such jeopardy.

As a spokesman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine noted in Jerusalem today, those detained included some of the very men who participated in the decision to undertake a painful and dangerous campaign against terrorism. He said the Government's action came near breaking the united front formed last Friday.

It is undoubtedly true that some of those detained strongly sympathize with the Irgun and some have actual political connections. They are not, however, men who direct its operations, and their detention will not halt terrorism, as was demonstrated immediately by the bombing. On the contrary, it is fairly certain that the Irgun and the Stern gang will seek revenge.

The formal connection between the Irgun and the Revisionists has long since been officially severed, but the Irgun originated in the Revisionist movement and the two organizations' line of thought virtually identical.

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Irgun Denounces Killing of Arabs

JERUSALEM, Palestine, Aug. 17.

One person was killed today in Arab-Jewish fighting, and a dispute over the "reprisal" slaying of Arabs appeared to have brought three Jewish organizations to the brink of open conflict among themselves.

The victim in today's fighting was an Arab. A gang of Yemenite Jews seized him while he was drinking coffee in a Tel Aviv restaurant, dragged him into an alley and stabbed him to death.

The Jewish Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern Gang, outlawed underground organizations, distributed pamphlets denouncing as "traitor" any Jew who touched the hair of an Arab's head.

"When we executed British sergeants we were called murderers," the Irgun said in a broadcast over its secret radio tonight. "The Haganah, however, killed women and children who are beyond any political controversy."

Haganah has been taking part in the feud against the Arabs, and admitted blowing up a house Friday in which 12 Arabs were killed.

Haganah today took the unprecedented step of stationing scores of guards around banks and other financial institutions. Haganah had heard that the Irgun and Stern Gang planned to stop the Arab-Jewish fighting by making a big attack against the British, possibly against their banks.

Irgun and the Stern Gang took the attitude that the British were stirring up the fighting between Jews and Arabs and that any Jew who took part in it was playing into the hands of the British.

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Explosive jam-jar without detonators is found in arcade opposite No. 10

BOMB IN DOWNING STREET



A jam-jar bomb was found by a policeman to-day under the arches leading from Downing-street to the Foreign Office quadrangle—40 yards from the door of No. 10.

It was just after 9 a.m. when hundreds of people were on their way to work in Whitehall, that a cleaner sweeping under the arches saw the bomb, partly hidden by packing cases. He called Blair, who was on duty near.

Blair called Scotland Yard and the chiefs at Cannon-row police station, who went along and disconnected the bomb.

Greyish powder

It was made up of two electric batteries bound together and wired to a small glass jam-jar with a white metal cover which contained a greyish powder.

Jam-jar and batteries were taken to Cannon-row police station, where Home Office experts at first said they were harmless, and then to Scotland Yard for fingerprint tests.

A late report from the Home Office said the powder in the jam-jar had some explosive qualities, but the bomb would not have exploded as no detonators were attached. The explosive powder was probably home made.

As soon as the bomb was found Scotland Yard began an inquiry to try to find out how it was placed under the arches, where there is a constant police patrol.

Police on duty in Downing-street and at other Government buildings have been told to keep an extra sharp look-out.

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The bomb was placed behind these packing cases where indicated by the arrow. The door of No. 10 is seen through the arcade.

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M.P. ACCUSES RUSSIANS OF BACKING PALESTINE THUGS

A CONSERVATIVE M.P.—admitting that he had no means of checking his information—told the Commons last night that he had learned that Palestine terrorists were being intensely trained in hundreds in Northern Caucasia, with a senior Soviet officer as chief inspector of the training course.

The member, Major T. V. Beamish (Lewes), speaking in a debate on Palestine, said his information came from a publication the name of which he did not propose to disclose because the people who obtained the report had to run considerable risks.

The trainees, said the document quoted by Major Beamish, numbered 600 or 700 Kurds and Jews, and the course was given in a sanatorium which was the property of the Central Council of Soviet Trade Unions.

Mr. A. Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary, however, attributed the terrorist outrages to a relatively small and well-trained body of misguided criminals who operated under the cover of the Jewish community in general.

He referred to the bitter campaign pursued by some American nationals, and said the Jewish Agency, in passionate criticisms of British policy, had lent themselves at times to the grossest misrepresentations.

"Will not flinch"

After paying tribute to the Hagana's "helpful preventive work" Mr. Creech Jones called for "relentless action" by the Jewish community to end terrorism.

The British authorities, he said, would not flinch from any measures calculated to destroy the evil and restore order and law, and bring to justice the people responsible for the hideous crimes committed.

The High Commissioner had full emergency powers to take any action which might be necessary.

Mr. Creech Jones deplored and condemned the recent outbreak of anti-Semitism in Britain.

Brig. H. R. Mackeson (Con. Hythe) referred to the barbaric hanging of two British sergeants. People apart from the criminals must have known where the two sergeants were hidden, he said, yet not a word reached the authorities.

Bold decision

Brig. Mackeson went on: "I believe a bold decision has to be taken in Palestine, but I believe the first thing is to get our boys concentrated so that we do not wake up one morning and find two more of them hanging from a tree."

Col. Oliver Stanley (Con. Bristol West) urged that British troops and services in Palestine should be put on a war footing until the final decision is taken.

After the United Nations' meeting the Opposition would demand a definite answer on what the Government's policy was to be.

Cannot "walk out"

Several Labour members called for a Government declaration now.

Mr. M. H. Lyster (Lab. Manchester, Exchange) said: "If the Colonial Secretary goes on much longer in his attitude to Palestine, he will cover his hands in more purposeless blood than any Minister of the Crown in this generation."

Mr. Ivor Thomas, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, replying to the debate, said that to evacuate Palestine we must go to the United Nations.

Col. Stanley: Cannot we give up that mandate without the consent of the United Nations?

Mr. Thomas: We must give up the mandate to someone. We cannot just walk out of Palestine without consulting the United Nations.

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Stern-Gang in Paris
14 Arrested in Terrorist Plot To Bomb London From Air
 By Joseph W. Grigg

Paris, Sept. 7 (U.P.)—The Ministry of Interior announced today that the Surete Nationale, France's FBI, had seized 14 persons involved in a fantastic plot of the Jewish Stern-Gang to bomb London from the air.

Rabbi Baruch D. Korff, 33, of New York; Reginald Gilbert, described as a former United States Army pilot, and Mrs. Judith Rosenberger, a 23-year-old Hungarian, were also arrested last night as they prepared to take off and shower London with 10,000 pamphlets signed by the Stern-Gang and saying, "We are prepared to fight a war of liberation now to avoid a war of enslavement tomorrow."

The Ministry of Interior would not say specifically, however, whether Korff, Gilbert and Mrs. Rosenberger were involved in the actual bomb plot. Two Sternists named "Jacques" and "Olga" were captured yesterday in an apartment where Surete agents discovered six bombs, made of fire extinguishers, which the French said were to be dropped on London.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Interior said more arrests were expected as Surete agents ran down leads they had discovered in the homes of those already in jail. The alleged plotters had been shadowed for more than two weeks, but only a few were known until yesterday when the first arrests began to involve others.

The Surete Nationale would not announce the names of any under arrest, nor would they give any details of the case.

The bombs they discovered when they arrested "Jacques" and "Olga" were made of red fire extinguisher cases, packed with gellignite and fitted with fuses and detonators.

The plan of the Sternists, who have a long record of killings, bombings and kidnappings, allegedly was to bomb London in "retaliation" for the British decision to send 4300 illegal Jewish immigrants back to Germany. They were caught trying to run the blockade around Palestine and are now on three transports at Hamburg, Germany, awaiting unloading.

Rabbi Korff, promoter of a plan to parachute thousands of illegal immigrants into Palestine, was arrested at a private airport near

Former U. S. Pilot Exposed Terrorists

Arrest of the alleged Stern-Gang terrorists plotting an "air raid" on London was brought about by the undercover work of Reginald Gilbert, the former United States Army Air Forces pilot who was "arrested" with them. Story on Page 2.

Versailles, while he and his confederates were preparing to take off for London with the pamphlets.

"This is a warning," the pamphlets said. "Your government has plunged the crown of His Majesty in Jewish blood and soiled it with Arah oil. We will carry the war to the very heart of the empire. We will strike with all the force of our arms."

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French report of 14 arrests

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Plot—From Page 1

14 Terrorists Seized in Plot

bitterness and anger of our servitude and our slavery . . . Call your sons and daughters back from Palestine now. Otherwise you risk never seeing them again."

The pamphlets were signed "Fighters for the Freedom of Israel," the name by which the Stern Gang prefers to be called. Police said Korff had chartered the plane specially to fly over London.

Threatened London

When he described his 10-million-dollar plan for a parachute "invasion" of Palestine, he told correspondents that if the Jews at Hamburg were forced to land, "London will be a more dangerous place to live than Palestine itself."

French newspapers said the Surete had worked on information from "a mysterious personage well-informed about the activities of Jewish organizations in France." Considering the timing of the raid on the apartment where the bombs were found and Korff's arrest, there was some belief that the informant had been in with the plotters.

Gilbert and Mrs. Rosenberger were arrested at the airfield with Korff. The Ministry of Interior would not say whether any specific charges had been filed against any of those arrested. But it was learned that Korff's luxurious suite in the Hotel Crillon, Paris, guest, had been raided.

Arms Caches Discovered

Korff came to Paris from New York recently to organize his parachute "invasion" of European refugees. Cochairman of the Political Action Committee for Palestine, he said that he "morally and financially supported" the Stern Gang. One of the two bands of extremists in the Holy Land. The other is the Irgun Zvai Leumi.

He asked the French government to let him use France as a base for the training of the would-be parachutists. The French Foreign Office announced yesterday that it refused to consider the requests.

Police have discovered secret caches of Jewish arms belonging to the Stern Gang and Irgun in Paris in recent weeks, and the Surete was trying to determine whether there was any connection between the caches and the bomb plot.

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JEWISH TERRORISTS IN PALESTINE

MISS STERN OF STERN GANG IS CAUGHT

A FIVE-YEAR hunt ended in Jerusalem last night with the reported arrest of Hannah Stern, 25, sister of the founder of the Jewish terrorist Stern Gang.

She is said to have been one of two women terrorists picked up by Palestine C.I.D. in a routine check-up of cafes.

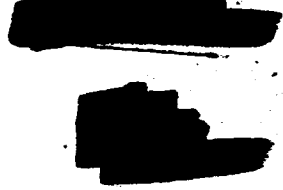
Both women are described by the police as "top grade" terrorists.

They made a dash for freedom, but did not get away.

Hannah Stern's brother, Abraham, was killed in a gun battle with police in Jerusalem early in World War II.

The fanatical gang he founded was responsible, among other outrages, for the murder in Cairo in 1944 of Lord Moyne, British Resident Minister in the Middle East.

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Jewish Terrorist Groups

IRGUN DENOUNCES PARTITION SUPPORT

Terrorists Call Palestine Plan a Disaster—Warns of War Between Zionists

Special to The New York Times.
JERUSALEM, Sept. 7—A secret broadcast by Irgun Zvai Leumi, terrorist organization, emphatically denied published reports, which it described as of British origin, that the organization had welcomed the proposal of the majority of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine for partitions of the Holy Land.

The broadcaster said the proposed partition would be "a national disaster." He added, "we will fight and call upon all loyal sons of our people to fight with us against any partition plan."

The speaker scorned the plan of Zionist institutions for a two-hour work stoppage tomorrow in protest against the deportation of Jewish refugees to Germany. "Hamburg Day" will be observed as a day of mourning in the Jewish areas of Palestine, with flags at half staff and all businesses closed for two hours in the afternoon. Mass meetings will be held in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv.

Denunciations of the British deportation of 4,300 refugees to Germany continue to fill the press, and protests against the detention of civic and professional leaders continue to press on the government.

Zionist institutions were accused by the Irgun Zvai Leumi broadcast of "plotting to start civil war shortly" in Palestine, a war between the official Zionist underground forces and the dissident groups. These institutions, the broadcast said, are "actually preparing to open an inner front of terror."

Presuming that an attempt would be made to suppress them, the Irgunists issued this warning: "We shall give the terrorists in the camp of the defeatists their due. We shall repulse their attacks by continuing to fight the Nazo-British enemy."

Eighteen Jewish income tax employees of Tel Aviv who had been warned by the Stern Gang last week to resign reported for work today. Persons entering the income tax office were searched. Further threats to income-tax employees were reported and one man was arrested but he could not be identified by any of those threatened.

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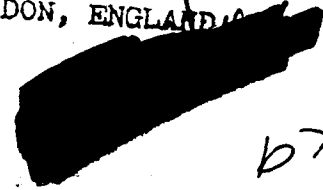
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YARD SEARCH FOR TERRORIST
WARNING TO U.S.

Daily Telegraph Reporter
 A country-wide search which has lasted for more than a month has so far failed to reveal the whereabouts of a man Scotland Yard believe to be the principal agent in Britain of Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Jewish terrorist organisation in Palestine which is being disbanded.
 He disappeared from London within a few hours of Special Branch raids on a number of houses suspected of being used by terrorist agents or sympathisers. It is now thought that he has left the country.
 The United States authorities have been warned that the man may have entered America. His identity is known and his description has been circulated to every police force.
 It is believed that he organised a small group of agents just over a year ago to carry out terrorist activities. The discovery of cases of Mills bombs in a North London garage last year enabled the police to trace his lodgings in North-West London, but he had left several days before.

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Irgun, in Secret Interview, Says It Won't Fight Jewish Regime

By THOMAS F. REYNOLDS

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First of two articles.

JERUSALEM

PM Irgun Zvai Leumi, the dread underground terrorist force which is in almost open civil war with the organized force of the Jewish community, claimed in a secret, exclusive interview with this correspondent that it will not fight a Jewish state if such be created.

Haganah, the semi-official underground army of the Jewish community, claims that the Irgun must expire when the Jewish state comes into being by UN order, since its excuse for existence would then vanish.

"We shall not raise our arms against a Jewish government," an Irgun spokesman said, in a statement given behind locked doors

guarded by armed gunmen of the terrorist organization.

The spokesman couped this avowal with a denial and a denunciation of charges made by Socialist forces of Palestine Jewry that it is tending to become the sabre of reactionary forces in the beginning of a struggle for power in the Jewish state.

Rendezvous Guarded By Tough Irgunists

Haganah, which is comprised principally of members of Socialist labor movements, has set out systematically to halt Irgun terrorism, by an open fight if necessary. This effort has brought the Palestine Jewish community to the verge of open civil war which could readily become a violent fratricidal fight at any moment. But the Irgun claims that the issue of a progressive, democratic government is not involved in this intra-Jewish fight.

This statement was given this reporter "somewhere in Palestine" outside Jerusalem by the Irgun spokesman who is being sought intensively by the British military occupiers. Armed Irgun gunmen covered every approach to our rendezvous during the 90-minute talk.

I was conducted to the rendezvous by a pretty Irgun girl, who couldn't have been more than 20 years old but who was carrying a gun in her purse. She, in turn, was escorted by a tough-looking Irgunist who was carrying automatics in shoulder holsters under each armpit.

Torn Bus Ticket Used as Signal

Contact was made by prearrangement at a designated spot by a system of passwords and a torn bus ticket, of which I had one half and the girl the other half, which she matched up in order to establish

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that I was not a British agent. While this went on Irgun gunmen covered the scene from a few yards distance. After I established my neutrality they conducted me through back yards to a car standing with motor running. I was driven to an austere office room where the spokesman was waiting for the interview.

The Irgun considers these precautions necessary since it is under attack by both British troops and the Jewish Haganah and its leader, Menahem Beigin has a £2000 (\$8000) price on his head.

Will Strive to Win

All Palestine

"Can you exist under a legally-constituted Jewish state established by UN authority?" I asked the spokesman.

"We are taking every possibility into account and it is premature to reveal our plans," he replied. "We shall not give up our striving for the restoration of the whole of our national territory and we shall decide our course of action when the time comes. We shall not raise our arms against a Jewish government."

He admitted that the Haganah, which is trying to extirpate terrorism, is comprised mostly of the forces of Jewish labor and progressive socialism, but claimed that this does not mean that the Irgun therefore is a rightist force or anti-labor.

Claims Haganah

Wouldn't Fight British

"The *de facto* struggle between us and the Haganah has no relation whatever to the question of Socialism," he said. "It arises from the fact that the forces against us were not prepared to fight the British, to force them out and to make possible the erection of a whole Jewish state—while we were and are prepared."

These statements, however, appear to put Irgun in a very difficult position, since if a Jewish state is created Haganah would become the official army, or the police power, of such a state and it is now openly dedicated to stamp out Irgunist terror tactics. The Irgun thus has pledged at this interview not to raise arms against a Jewish government, yet such a government would

be comprised of the very forces that are pledged to extirpate Irgun.

But the Irgun spokesman claimed that the Irgun could find room in a moral Jewish political state for existence. Rejecting the Haganah and labor charge that it is acting as a "sabre" of reaction, he said:

"There is not in our activities or in the composition of the Irgun any element likely to create a trend in our ranks to 'ultimate rightist partnership.' We are conscious, however, of powerful feeling among all our members not only for national freedom, but for democratic freedom and for social justice. And this feeling we do our utmost to foster.

"We have every reason to believe that our members, to whatever party they may belong in a Jewish state when it arises, will prove by example their fidelity to democracy and social justice, just as they proved their loyalty to the national struggle."

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Israeli Freedom Party Denounced by Einstein

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The Israeli Freedom Party headed by Menachem Beigin was denounced yesterday as fascist in a public letter signed by Albert Einstein and 22 others.

Members of the party "have preached an admixture of ultra-nationalism, religious mysticism and racial superiority" in Palestine, the letter declared.

"Like other fascist parties, they have been used to break strikes and have themselves pressed for the destruction of free trade unions."

The signers included Dr. Yael Dowker, Dr. Bruria Kaufman and Dr. Fritz Rohrliek of the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton, N. J., where Mr. Einstein also is a staff member; Prof. Sidney Hook of the Department of Philosophy at New York University, Dr. Fred Karush of the Sloan-Kettering Institute, Rabbi Jessurun Cardozo of Philadelphia and Dr. Samuel Pitlick of Glatz College, in Philadelphia.

Mr. Beigin, now in New York, was not immediately available for comment.

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CZECH AIDED STERNIST

Air Hostess Testifies That She Took Letters to Friedman-Yellin

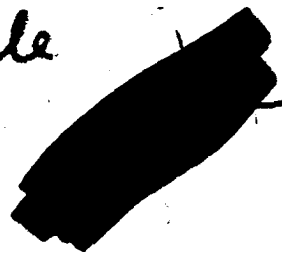
ACRE, Palestine, Dec. 6 (AP)—A Czech airline hostess testified today that she carried letters and messages between Stern Gang leader Nathan Friedman-Yellin and associates in Prague.

The Sternist leader and one of his lieutenants are on trial before an Israeli military court on charges of being active in a terrorist organization outlawed by Israeli law. Conviction could mean prison for twenty years or less.

The hostess, Editha Moravcova, 22 years old, was arrested on Mount Carmel after delivering a message.

Friedman-Yellin is conducting his own defense. The trial started yesterday.

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STERN GANG LEADERS ON TRIAL—Nathan Friedman Yellin (right), leader of the Stern Gang, and Matiyah Schmuelewitz, one of his chief lieutenants, are pictured as they appeared before a Jewish military court at Acre on Monday. Friedman-Yellin, who will direct his own defense, and Schmuelewitz are charged with being active in a terrorist organization outlawed by Israeli law. —AP Wirephoto.

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STERNIST DENIES KILLING

Leader on Trial Says That Death of Bernadotte Was Surprise

ACRE, Palestine, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—Nathan Friedmann Yellin, reputed leader of the former Stern band, said today that the murder of Count Folke Bernadotte, Palestine Mediator, came as a complete surprise to him.

Mr. Yellin, together with Matatiah Schmulevitz, is being tried by an Israeli military court for his membership of an illegal organization, the Stern band, recently outlawed by the Israeli Government.

He maintained, in a six-hour speech in his own defense, that his trial was the equivalent of France's trying the Maquis (French resistance force) instead of Marshal Petain (former Vichy chief).

His counsel had said that Mr. Yellin would deny any terrorist actions after the establishment of Israel.

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STERNISTS ACTIVE IN ELECTION DRIVE

Former Terrorist Group, Now Known as 'The Fighters,' Pushes Israeli Campaign

By GENE CURBIVAN
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

TEL AVIV, Israel, Jan. 14—A battle of election posters has begun in Israel, offsetting the peaceful calm of the cease-fire. The most aggressive of the poster pasters is the erstwhile terrorist Stern Group, which now is above ground and known simply as "The Fighters."

This political organization is now legal, respectable and law-abiding, but has not fully abandoned its aggressiveness if its manner of posting election material can be used as a criterion. Its flying squads of poster pasters think nothing of plastering Sternist material over any opposition posters that may be on display, and they are particularly fond of main street show windows.

Mapam, Mapai or any of the other election parties may think they have found a conspicuous place for their posters, but before long they are blotted out by The Fighters. The others retaliate, with the result that the battle of the posters becomes a twenty-four-hour engagement.

The Fighters' list of candidates for seats in the 120-man Constituent Assembly is one of the strangest ever presented to an electorate. Of the twelve candidates, six are in prison, four are in hiding and two are serving in the Army. Under the law, if any of those now in prison are elected, they must be freed unless otherwise decreed by the Constituent Assembly.

Their leading candidate is Nathan Friedman-Yellin, who conducted terrorist activities against the British since 1942, when Abraham Stern, founder of the group, was killed by the British here while being arrested. Friedman-Yellin is on trial, along with his former aide-de-camp, Nathan Shmulevitz, for having engaged in acts of terrorism.

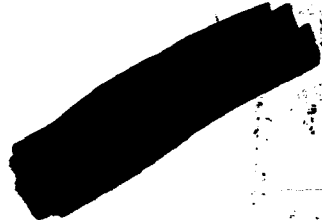
The charge does not include an accusation for the murder of United Nations Mediator Count Folke Bernadotte, a crime for which the extremist branch of the Stern Group was believed responsible. When the Count was murdered, an organization known as the "Fatherland Front" claimed "credit" for it. Friedman-Yellin has persistently denied that the Fatherland Front was a part of the Stern Group.

Also in Acre Prison with Friedman-Yellin and Shmulevitz is Sheikh Youssef Abu Gosh, whose band of Arabs at a town named for him near Jerusalem worked with the Stern Group in many anti-British attacks. The town of Abu Gosh, on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road, is one of the few large Arab villages left intact during the war because its inhabitants never fired a shot against the Israelis. All are still there, living normal lives.

Another interesting candidate whose whereabouts are unknown at the moment is Guela Cohen, 23-year-old comely Yemenite who used to conduct illicit Stern Group radio broadcasts in English. She taunted the British with Stern Group intelligence reports that must have worried them. She was arrested while making a broadcast from a mobile station virtually next door to the central police station here, but escaped from a Jerusalem prison ward.

The Fighters' present election slogan is, "Despite everything, we are in the open." A new slogan, coming up in a few days will read: "Elect us to remind [British Foreign Secretary] Bevin we are still here."

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