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## Squatter Total Britain Voids Was 39,539 in Terms of 243 in British Camps Malaya Mutiny

Most Stay On, Commons Is Told; Churchill Taunts Bevan on Inferior Homes

By John Chabot Smith

From the Herald Tribune Bureau  
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LONDON, Oct. 10.—No less than 39,539 squatters took possession of 1,038 army camps in Britain during the summer's wave of self-help and forcible entry among the homeless, and almost all of them either are staying where they are or are being moved to more suitable places by the government, Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health revealed today.

Bevan and Home Secretary J. Chuter Ede reported to the House of Commons on the respective roles of the local housing authorities and the police in the battle of the squatters, which would have given the Conservative opposition useful ammunition for attacking the government if it had not taken place for the most part during Parliament's summer recess. At it was, Bevan and Ede bested their critics at question time.

Winston Churchill taunted Bevan for allowing the squatters to live in places far below the Health Minister's standard for adequate housing, but Bevan retorted: "The standard is much higher than the slums which the party opposite left the people in."

Quentin Hogg, Conservative, complained that the squatters might never have invaded London apartment houses if the government had warned them in advance that they would not get away with it.

Ede replied, amid laughter from the benches: "It is well known that the policy of the government is against all breaches of the law. In this case no notice was given by the persons intending to commit a breach of the law that they meant to do it."

### Eisenhower Dinner Guest Of Attlee and Churchill

18 Others Include Top British Military Leaders

LONDON, Oct. 10 (AP).—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, dined at No. 10 Downing Street tonight with Prime Minister Attlee, Winston Churchill and eighteen other guests, including ten of Britain's top-ranking generals, admirals and air marshals.

A communique gave only the guest list, without indicating whether the dinner was anything more than a stag affair devoted to war reminiscences.

Military guests included Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff; Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham and the Marshal of the Royal Air Force Viscount Portal.

Civilians present included Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council; Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, and Harold Macmillan, who served as British Resident Minister at Eisenhower's North African headquarters.

### Coal-Mine Strike in Japan

40,000 on Hokkaido Reported Out, Seeking 25 Per Cent Pay Rise

TOKYO, Oct. 10 (AP).—Hokkaido coal miners struck today for a 25 per cent wage increase. Unconfirmed reports said 40,000 miners from fourteen of the island's forty-six union locals had walked off their jobs.

General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said it expected the strike to be settled in a few days, but if the walkout extended any length of time the national economy would be severely crippled. MacArthur can intervene if occupation work is affected.

### New War Secretary Acts as Thousands Plead for Paratroops Who 'Struck'

By Don Cook

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LONDON, Oct. 10.—Prison sentences for 243 men of one of the crack paratroop battalions of the British Army, who were convicted of mutiny in Malaya, were quashed today by P. J. Bellenger, new War Secretary in the Labor Cabinet.

The action closes an episode that had stirred thousands of residents of Midland communities, from which the men were drafted, to deluge the House of Commons and 10 Downing Street with petitions and pleas.

The men went on "strike" in May, complaining about food and living conditions in their Malaya camp. The Army admitted that the conditions were bad, but camp commanders labeled the affair "mutiny" and ordered a mass court martial of the entire group.

Two weeks ago sentences of two years in prison, away from England, and dishonorable discharge were imposed on the group, and the protests from homes in England began. The men were all young, many with excellent wartime service records.

In Britain, dishonorable discharge from the army means a great deal more than in the United States, for it practically ruins a man's social and economic chances for life.

Announcing the decision to quash the sentences in the House of Commons, Bellenger said the Judge Advocate General of the army found "irregularities of a substantial nature" in the mass trial, and that the convictions "ought not to be allowed to stand."

### 3d Wife Sues to Divorce The Duke of Westminster

Wealthy Peer, 67, Fails to Contest Action

LONDON, Oct. 10 (UP).—The Duke of Westminster, one of the wealthiest and most spectacular of British peers, is being sued for divorce by his third wife, publication of record lists for the Michaelmas term of divorce court starting Monday, revealed today. Grounds for action were not disclosed, and the sixty-seven-year-old duke is not contesting the suit.

His marriage in 1930 to the former Leila Ponsmoby, twenty-three years his junior, was Britain's social event of the year. Winston Churchill attended the duke, who gave his tenants—he owns 600 acres in London and many thousands of acres elsewhere in Britain—a week's free rent in celebration.

The duke, who won renown for his exploits in the Boer War and World War I, has established a reputation as a sportsman and traveler. Both his former marriages were dissolved. He has no sons, and his heir is his cousin, Captain Robin Grosvenor.

### Dutch Stock Brokers Strike

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 10 (AP).—Amsterdam stock brokers today went on strike and refused to do any trading in protest against the attitude of the Dutch Minister of Finance, Professor Pieter Lief- tinck, Mifitnick, back from the United States and Canada, in a press conference yesterday dashed hopes of the stock exchange that free trading in American shares would be allowed in the near future.

Register this week if you want to vote Nov. 5 for Governor, United States Senator, Congressman, State Legislature and various state, county and city officers.

## PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S STATEMENT ON PALESTINE

*"I believe and urge that substantial immigration into Palestine cannot wait a solution to the Palestine problem and that it should begin at once,"* President Truman declared in a statement issued on Friday, October 4th.

We look forward to the implementation of the high purpose thus stated by the President, which reflects the position taken by Congress, and by both the Republican and Democratic parties. President Truman has given utterance to a demand of the American people. It is his right—his duty—to insist that Great Britain, as trustee over Palestine, fulfill her obligation to "facilitate Jewish immigration," in accordance with the terms of the Anglo-American Convention of 1924.

This is not the first time, however, that President Truman has spoken out in favor of immediate Jewish immigration into Palestine. More than a year ago he made such a request of Prime Minister Attlee. At that time the President called for the immediate immigration of 100,000 homeless Jews into Palestine—and the entire civilized world applauded this step.

During all the months that followed, however—months of suffering and bitter disillusionment for the Jewish people—no effective action was taken to carry out his request. The failure of our Government to achieve any positive results is fully documented by the record as reviewed in President Truman's statement. The President's pronouncement makes it clear that, instead of insisting with all its authority

that Great Britain carry out her obligations, our Administration agreed to participate in a series of British-sponsored "projects" designed to cause delay and to whittle down the Jewish people's historic rights to Palestine.

In the meantime, the Jews suffering in the Displaced Persons' Camps were asked to wait patiently and the British Government intensified its tyrannical rule in Palestine.

Other bitter memories come to us out of the recent past. We recall that following Presidential pronouncements similar to the one just made by President Truman, our Department of State proceeded immediately to send contradictory "assurances" to Cairo and elsewhere—"assurances" which invariably minimized the importance of such declarations by our Chief Executive. The sincerity of Presidential statements has thus been laid open to question by the State Department of the United States. . . .

We trust that such is not now the case. But in any event, we need not be long in doubt. We should know very soon to what extent our National Administration is of one mind and determined to fulfill its promises on Palestine.

Does President Truman's statement mark the beginning of real action by our Government NOW?

Will the United States at long last bring the full weight of its authority behind the President's request NOW?

The coming days will provide the answer.

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# KEEP AT IT, MR. PRESIDENT!

**W**E ARE confident that we speak for an overwhelming majority of the American people when we say: more power to you, Mr. President, in your efforts to bring about the immediate immigration to Palestine of the homeless Jews of Europe. Such action is long overdue. The failure to permit those pitiful men, women and children to emigrate to their internationally-guaranteed National Home is a blot on the conscience of the civilized world.

Nearly two years have elapsed since V-E Day marked the triumph of the armies of democracy and the liberation of Europe. The Jewish survivors had clung to life within the concentration camps and ruins — where six million of their number had been murdered—in the belief that with the victory of the democratic nations, the healing qualities of democracy itself would replace the horror and degradation of fascism.

But they still wait for liberation in the DP Camps. Their hope has turned to bitter disillusionment. They have been "investigated" and "studied." Voluminous reports on their condition gather dust in the archives of the victorious powers. A seemingly endless series of "conferences" and "negotiations" has been sponsored by the British Government—all of them having one objective: to delay the action so desperately

needed by the Jewish people and to evade Great Britain's obligations under the Palestine Mandate to encourage and facilitate Jewish immigration and development.

To cap his record of broken pledges and brutal repression in Palestine, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, has sought to shift responsibility for his ignominious failures to you, Mr. President. His insulting references to your humanitarian requests for the immediate immigration of 100,000 Jews into Palestine merited the contempt with which they were received by the American people. We applaud your firm and dignified reply to the British Foreign Secretary. In pointing out that you had merely reaffirmed America's traditional policy, you once again served notice on those who would betray the Jewish people that the United States means to honor its commitments.

We believe, Mr. President, that you will meet the challenge of this desperate situation. Pending a final settlement of the question by the United Nations—which may consume many months or years—*there must be no further delay on Jewish immigration and land purchase in Palestine.*

We urge you, Mr. President, to stand firm on this pressing matter. We assure you that we will support a vigorous program of action to achieve its realization.

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# WILL WAR CRIMINALS DETERMINE PALESTINE'S DESTINY?

The man giving the Nazi salute in this picture is Amin el Hussein, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem. The troops are those of the Moslem SS Divisions, organized by the ex-Mufti along with the Arab Legion to serve with the German Army. This close collaborator with Adolf Hitler, who engineered the pro-Axis revolt of 1941 in Iraq, is still not listed among the war criminals. He lives comfortably in a villa in France, while his friends and lieutenants clamor for his return to Palestine.

## "Germany Was Not Our Enemy"

Another war criminal, Jamal el Hussein, the ex-Mufti's cousin and chief of staff, was released recently by the British and allowed to return to Palestine. The British not only re-admitted this active pro-fascist, but gave him complete freedom of action. And last week he was invited to present the Arab case before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

Encouraged by this singular forgetfulness of the British as to his pro-Axis record, Jamal el Hussein spoke cockily before the Anglo-American Committee. "Germany was not our enemy, and, therefore, we had not interest in the war," he said.

The ex-Mufti's second-in-command stated only a half-truth. He declared that the Third Reich was not the enemy of the Arabs, but he forgot to mention that both he and his notorious cousin, along with most of the political leaders of the Arab lands, took a very active interest in the war—on the side of the Nazis.

## The Arab Rulers Are Neutral on Fascism!

When one of the Committee members reminded Jamal of the hostile role played by Arab leaders in the war, Mr. Hussein replied: "I have read somewhere that it was a Jewish war anyway."

Now we know. The rape of Poland and Czechoslovakia, the brutal subjugation of Norway, Holland, Belgium and France, the horrors inflicted on the Balkans and Russia, the blitz over England—all this was "a Jewish war anyway," in which the Arabs had no interest.

But Jamal el Hussein went one step further. He told the Committee that the Arabs are spiritually neutral on the question of fascism.

One cannot be neutral on fascism! One is either for it or against it. The Arab kings and chieftains are for it. Fascism suits perfectly the type of society which they are ruling and trying to preserve.

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## Why Aren't They In The Dock?

Justice and decency demand that Jamal el Hussein and the ex-Mufti stand trial together with the other war criminals. But instead, British colonial imperialism allows Jamal to make a grandstand play before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry in Jerusalem. And slowly but surely the way is being cleared for the ex-Mufti to return to Palestine, where he is certain to resume his program of anti-Jewish terror.

It is deplorable that members of the Anglo-American Committee did not bother to interrogate Jamal as to his own shameful deeds before and during the war. He was treated with such consideration that when he was asked "whether in view of the Mufti's record, the Palestine Arab Higher Committee still felt that he enjoyed the confidence of the Arabs," Jamal felt encouraged to answer: "Yes."

## Falsifying The Record To Shield The Ex-Mufti

Significantly enough, this portion of Jamal el Hussein's testimony, as well as the statement of another Arab representative, Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, admitting that the ex-Mufti had been actively associated with the Axis, were omitted from the stenographic report of the Committee's proceedings. Clifton Daniels in the *New York Times* (March 16, 1946) and other press correspondents reported that this caused a heated discussion among members of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, with certain British members seemingly determined to keep this damning evidence off the record, as, in their opinion, the ex-Mufti's wartime activities were irrelevant to the inquiry.

There is as yet no indication that this all-important testimony has been re-incorporated into the text of the official record.

## Enemies Supported, Allies Persecuted

Thus we see one of the most brazen imperialistic intrigues develop before our eyes. Hitler's adviser on Arab affairs is tenderly protected. His cousin, who was caught red-handed taking a leading part in the pro-Nazi uprising in Iraq, is now recognized as the chief spokesman of Palestine's Arabs.

But Jews, who gave over one million soldiers to the United Nations and six million victims to Hitler's extermination camps, are barred from Palestine by every device known to Britain's Colonial Office.

The Streichers, Laval, Quislings and Joyces of every nation had to pay the price for their acts of treason. Even Petain, France's foremost hero of World War I, did not escape punishment. But Amin el Hussein and Jamal el Hussein are being treated as "high contracting parties" in the negotiations for the settlement of the Palestine problem.

## Why are these war criminals being shielded?

Why are the records of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry being "doctored" to protect Nazi collaborationists?

Americans who fought the War for Freedom and Democracy want to know!

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