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Thirteen killed, sixteen injured, was the toll at the Goldsmith Officers' Club, bombed in Jerusalem by terrorists. Murder is again abroad over the land in Palestine.

This outrage, biggest since Jews bombed the King David Hotel, came close on the news that Britain will refer the Palestine question to Uno. It proves that the terrorists and their foreign supporters count upon bombing into submission all that oppose them.

(three after carpet) Opposite the Club, across the road, the Jewish Agency was covered by troops and smart work by the military quickly resulted in the rounding up of a few suspects, though not the men who threw the bomb. Four sunbathing officers made an incongruous appearance in their shorts, ^{as if} were brought down by firemen.

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(3 short) Meanwhile the Army authorities proclaimed martial law. Time was given to the population concerned to shop for milk and other necessities. Similar arrangements were made at Telaviv, also put under martial law.

After the curfew hour the people watched from behind closed doors as troops and police began house-to-house searches, ~~for the wanted men~~. The Palestine Government ~~knows~~ knows who were responsible for the outrage, but as the Jewish Agency refuses to co-operate in bringing the killers to justice there was no immediate arrest of the ~~wanted men~~ ^{murderers}.

Highly significant was the entraining at Lydda, thirty miles from Jerusalem, of four hundred Jews who are actually leaving the Promised Land. Poles and Austrians they came to the country before the war and now took the first opportunity to return to their native lands. ~~Experience~~ ^{Lydda} ~~has taught them~~ that Palestine is ^a land flowing with ^{Blood,} ~~milk and honey~~. ^{not} But at Haifa there was another ship laden with illegal immigrants - the third in a few days - leading the rush to enter Palestine before the future of the country can be decided by Uno. The much-overcrowded ship was run aground close in. The passengers had spent some exciting days running the naval gauntlet. Now that the ship was hard ~~aground~~ ^{on shore they} it could not be turned back, and only a few yards of water lay between them and the land of their hearts' desire. Landing craft brought them ashore.

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~~However, the immigrants were not allowed to stay. They~~

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were reshipped at Haifa and sent for the time being to Cyprus, where they will remain till accommodation is found for them in Palestine. May Uno deal swiftly with this daily more pressing problem.