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Story: Exodus 1947

Location: Haifa, Palestine.

Length: 400 ft.

Most of data on enclosed given me by an American Rev. John Stanley Grauel, Wooster, Massachusetts, who claimed he was an American correspondent for a religious publication called "Churchman." He has worked with American Christian Palestine Association for 3 years. 7 months ago he boarded the former ship President Warfield, an American vessel, and came overseas where 8 days ago in France the ship left port with 4,545 illegal Jewish immigrants aboard from camps in the occupation zone of Germany, Poland, France and a few from Morocco. This is the largest shipload immigrants to come to Palestine and the ship is the largest to be hauled into Haifa port. The ship, renamed "Exodus 1947" was the former President Warfield. During the war she hauled for a time British troops along the coast of Scotland. According to Grauel she was at one time claimed sunk as the Queen Mary by the German Navy. A number of the American crew were arrested when the boat docked under escort at Haifa. The first mate, an American named William Bernstein, 24 years old, of Boston, Massachusetts died shortly after he was taken to a hospital in Haifa from a ~~fr~~ fractured skull sustained when he was struck over the head with a club wielded by a British sailor during boarding operations. Grauel claimed he saw the blow and also claims that the ship was taken over in boarding attempts by the British Navy while still outside the territorial waters of Palestine. Newspaper accounts will give fuller information on these facts. 2 other persons died as a result of trouble ~~with~~ experienced while boarding operations at sea were being carried out. They were Jewish immigrants. One is still, at the time I write these captions, in very grave condition and is not expected to live. One woman died and was buried at sea two days

after giving birth to a child. The ship was escorted by five British destroyers and the British Cruiser Ajax. Fighting at sea went on for two hours during boarding operations. Two destroyers squeezed in on the Exodus 1947 during operations and caused damage shown in some of the scenes. No trouble was experienced in the harbour at Haifa during unloading operations and transshipment of the immigrants to the troop transports "Ocean Vigour" and "Runnymede Park" for deportation to camps on the Island of Cyprus.

ROLL 1.

LS - Long lens of President Warfield renamed Exodus 1947 in Haifa Harbour.

LS Key with Ocean Vigour at right and Exodus 1947 in rear.

LS Immigrant ship standing in to quay

MS - showing sign reading "Haganah Ship Exodus 1947".

ROLL 2.

CU Showing sign.

MS Getting ready to place gangplank for unloading operation. Scene shows hole in side made during boarding operations at sea.

CU Long lens shot of Star of David banner at masthead.

LS Ship at right; soldiers on dock (6th Airborne Division); City of Haifa in far BG

CU Soldier cutting gangway entrance with acetylene torch.

MS Pan from Exodus 1947 to Ocean Vigour.

MS First two male Jewish immigrants off Exodus.

ROLL 3.

CU Long lens shot of Unscop Chairman Sandstroem watching operation (man in centre wearing straw hat and first to point finger at ship.)

CU Long lens shot of refugees coming off gangway.

CU Wounded being carried off quay

MS Women with babies

MS Pan of soldiers carrying off dead Jew

MS Carrying off wounded.

LS GV damage to ship.

ROLL 4.

LS - Search pen with refugees entering. One side is for women and at left men enter.

MS - Wounded Jew being carried off ship.

MS - Searching small luggage for explosives or weapons.
Note children.

LS - Searching larger luggage for explosives or weapons

LS - Immigrants going aboard Ocean Vigour for deportation to Cyprus. Stretcher case is carried aboard by British soldiers, Children follow up gangplank.

MS - Immigrants going aboard.

CU - Damage to ship.

Opposition: Pathe & Movietone.