BRITISH SERGEANTS HANGED

Martial law was imposed on Mathanya, seaside resort north of Tel Aviv. It was here, on July the twelfth, that Sergeants Martin and Paice, of the Field Security Service, were kidnapped on leaving this cafe at one-thirty in the morning. Irgun Zvai Leumi, the terrorist organisation, took them as hostages for three Jews sentenced to death for the attack on Acre Prison. House to house search by the army went on for days, with no success.

Mayor Ben Ami issued through the Jewish Press an appeal to the terrorists not to carry out their threat. He assured the British army that his people, like organised Jewry throughout the world, would be horrified if the sergeants were hanged. 19 days after the kidnapping the bodies were found.

Sergeant Martin Paice joined the army after leaving Bristol Grammar School. Like Serg. Martin, aged 20, he was in the Intelligence Corps.

At him home in Coventry mother was too ill to be interviewed. The boy's married sister, Mrs. Kemp came to the door. The doctor had given her mother a sedative, mphny hoping that sleep might bring a few hours peace. Mrs. Martin is a widow with two daughters.

Clifford was her only son.
The dead boy's sister, here with her husband,
made a statement.