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BRITISH SEIZE 376 IN PALESTINE DRIVE

New Round-Up Follows Hot
Blast — Death Toll Is 76,
With 46 Hurt, 29 Missing

PARTITION RECEPTION COOL

Jews Remain Noncommittal
While Arabs Reiterate View
for Independent State

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By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM, July 26—Without waiting for a self-purge by the Jewish community, the Palestine police made a country-wide round-up early today of 376 Jewish men and women suspected of having connections with terrorist organizations.

The arrests followed by less than four days the dynamiting of the Government offices in the King David Hotel, the ruins of which are not yet cleared of dead. The casualty toll for the bombing stood tonight at seventy-six dead, forty-six injured and twenty-nine missing. Some persons previously reported missing have been found safe.

Twenty-seven men were arrested immediately after the bombing and one of them, Joseph Tzadok, who was found wounded in Jerusalem's Old City, had been under police supervision for suspected connections with terrorist groups.

All those arrested today were in the same category, the official report said, and many of them had been detained previously. Those under police supervision were obliged to remain at home from an hour before sunset until an hour after dawn.

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POLISH JEWS DETAINED

Flight to Czechoslovakia Halted
by 'Some Trouble'

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, July 25 (Delayed) (AP) Welfare officials at Nachod reported today that the border in that area had been closed "due to some trouble on the Polish side," cutting off illegal Jewish immigration.

Officials also reported that Jewish underground leaders at a main staging point for refugees in Poland had been arrested. Neither the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Interior and Welfare had any information on the sealing of the border.

No Jews entered Nachod in the past twenty-four hours, the officials said, but an organized group of 700 crossed at Broumov, northwest of Nachod.

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The latter remark appeared to be aimed at the Jewish Agency for Palestine, some of whose officials are accused by the British Government of having connections with terrorist organizations.

News from London that the creation of a Federal Palestine had been proposed by the Anglo-American conferees elicited no immediate positive response. Both Arabs and Jews appear to have followed a single line so long that they are unprepared to branch off quickly on a new tack.

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British Position Clarified

Britain's acceptance of the Arab
States' proposal indicates:

First, reluctance to embark upon
a policy for Palestine that might
arouse the Arab world at a time
when Britain is trying to adjust
her relationships with the Arabs
on a broad basis, including a mil-
itary alliance with Egypt as the
keystone for her Middle East de-
fense system.

Second, disinclination to disre-
gard the processes of the United
Nations which the Arab States
have invoked.

Third, perhaps genuine bewilder-
ment as to how to satisfy all the
conflicting interests in the Pales-
tine situation—Arab, Jewish, Brit-
ish, American and Russian.

Fourth, the intention to fulfil
the pledge that no decision, includ-
ing the admission of 100,000 Jews,
be taken without consulting both
Arabs and Jews.