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Artist Howell Dodd Reports Battle With Sea

Howell Dodd braced himself on the bridge of the S.S. "X", a 10,000-ton Liberty ship, to catch the north Atlantic in a white water mood.

Dodd, AP Features artist on his way to sketch the warfronts, found that the crossing is more often a battle WITH the Atlantic than the battle OF the Atlantic.

The S. S. "X" pitched and rolled through two old-fashioned storms that made the war seem very far away, and, for the moment, unimportant.

Standing on the port wing of the bridge, Dodd sketched the forward deck of the ship battened down for the crossing. Up ahead are two more Liberty ships, wallowing in the swells. Not shown in the picture are other lines of freighters making up the convoy. The S. S. "X" is in position three of the eleventh line of the convoy.

The U. S. Navy signalman (left) on the bridge wing with Dodd, was simply "Flags" to his mates.

Dodd suffered only slightly green gills during the crossing but the "X" shipped water five days running and suffered some damage to life boats. The emergency life rafts (one is shown in foreground) remained intact. Heavy seas stove in the armor plating in the bow and some gear was washed away. One iceberg was encountered.

(Monday: The Bridge)

Before the war, Bulgaria supplied 15 per cent of Germany's chromium imports.



BRIDE—Dolores Moran of the films models a white organdy bridal gown made with long, fitted bodice and a full train. White eyelet embroidery is used as ruffle trim.

WHAT IT MEANS—

The Palestine Question

By NED NORDNESS

WASHINGTON — The British government has closed the gates of Palestine to Jewish immigration after this April, and again attention is focused on the strife of two peoples who claim the Holy Land for their own.

Both the Arabs and Jews regard Palestine as their homeland. The Arabs cling to their ambition for national status and independence. The Jews yearn to realize an ancient dream of establishing a home for their people in the promised land.

Five million Jews in this country are vitally interested. Millions of dollars of American money are invested in Palestine Jewish enterprise.

The state department is much concerned with the lot of the Jews, but the problems attached are delicate and the department is not losing sight of other issues, mainly our war interests. The U. S. government has no desire to make a move that would interfere with Britain's winning the war.

Britain's Hot Potato

Many Jewish organizations, notably the Zionist Organization of America, are pressing for U. S. intervention in Palestine. But there is little this country can do. Government officials concede the United States has been interested in the creation of a Jewish national home in Palestine, but this country cannot assume responsibility. It has no legal contract under which it is committed to share in the rule of Palestine.

In short, since Palestine is a British mandate, the hot potato is hers.

The Arabs appear to have the edge on the Jews. A 1939 British "white paper" sanctioned Jewish immigration of 75,000 during the following five years to bring the Jewish population of Palestine up to one-third of the total. Then further Jewish immigration is banned.

The 1940 census showed 550,000 Jews, more than 1,000,000 Arabs and a smattering of others.

The status of Jews during the World War and leading up to and during the present war undoubtedly influenced Great Britain's stand against further Jewish immigration against Arab wishes.

During the World War the Balfour Declaration was issued. It was this declaration which really brought about the pulsing headache which is the Palestine problem. Issued in 1917, it stated:

"The British government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of the project . . ."

The declaration undoubtedly was motivated by the need of drawing to the Allied cause the support of Jews in neutral countries, and in part was believed to be a reward to Dr. Chaim Weizmann of London, president of the

Jewish Agency for Palestine, who had turned over to the British a base for a powerful explosive.

Today nothing is needed to make Jews all over the world long and work for the defeat of Hitler and Nazi-ism.

Arab Relations Important

Peaceful Allied relations with the Arabs are vital. Allied troops are stationed in territory populated by strongly-armed Arab groups who could prove troublesome. Much oil and potash are provided from Arabic areas. Railways, airlines and strategic roads terminate or course over Arab-dominated territory. It is quite apparent Great Britain was anxious not to disturb Arab tranquility as war clouds gathered in 1939.

The Arabs contend the British to them in 1915—two years before the Balfour Declaration—when the Germans were winning and the British needed Arab help.

Thus, after the Balfour Declaration, claims and counterclaims were hurled at the British and each other by the Arabs and Jews. The claimants of Palestine fought each other with knife, bomb and rifle. More than 2,000 lives were lost, millions of dollars in property destroyed.

Great Britain attempted mediation, suggesting an Arabian and a Jewish state in Palestine with the British holding mandate over a third Partition. The proposal fell upon deaf ears. Finally the British issued the white paper of 1939 and declared the Balfour Declaration did not envisage an independent Jewish state. The government denied, also, any promises of an independent Arab state.

Colonial Secretary Oliver Stanley last Nov. 10 disclosed only 43,000 Jews had arrived in Palestine by September, 1943, since 1939, leaving 32,000 yet to enter. He indicated Great Britain would not exclude the number needed to fill the 75,000 quota, arriving after April, if their documents were in order and it could be shown they had been detained by difficulties of war.

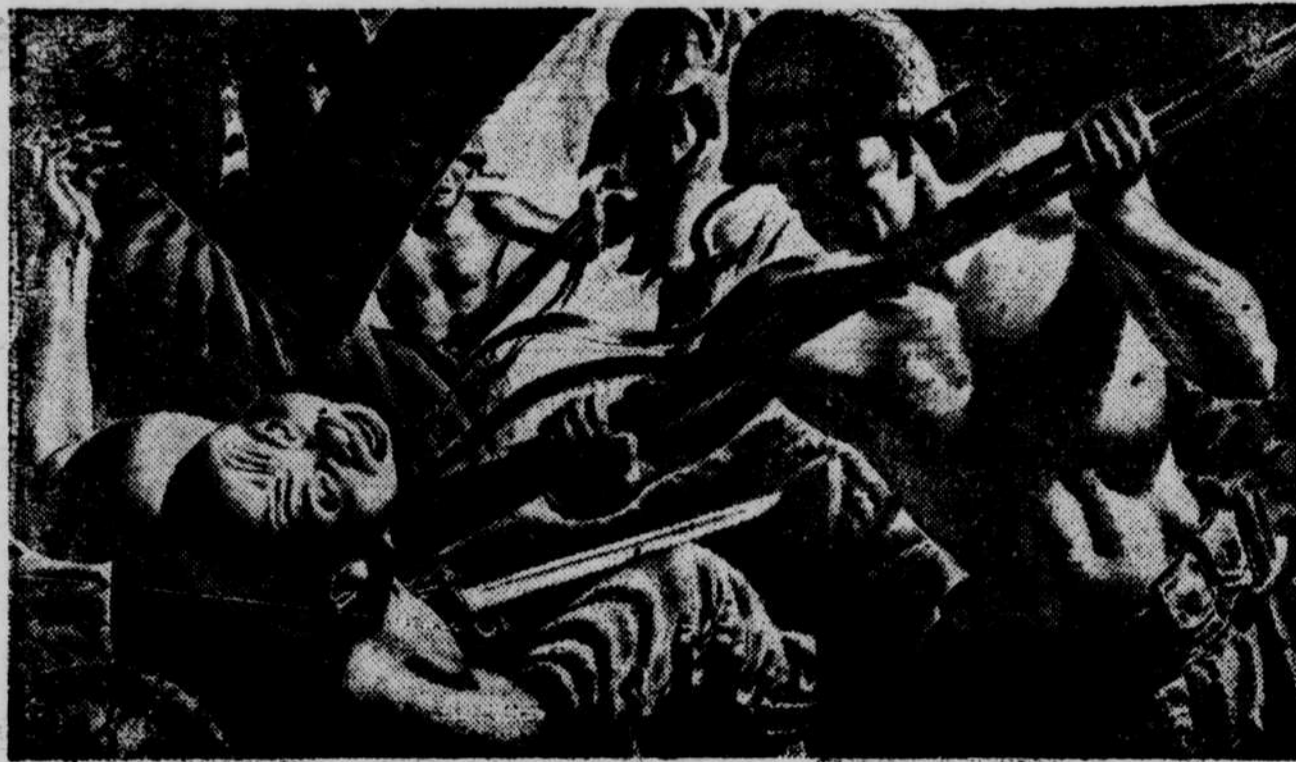
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