

Nov. 7, 1938.

Traffic strike still on. No Arab traffic, in as much as Arab drivers refuse to get identity cards + drivers' cards. The food prices are rising catastrophically.

Rice now 8 instead of 5;
Rice Tomatoes 15 piastres instead of ~~10~~ 10.

Rice flour 8 instead of 6
Rice potatoes 4 " " 2 1/2

Eggs 13-15 for a shilling, now 8-10 for a shilling.

Many vegetables unobtainable.

Nov. 8, 1938. The torrential downpours of the past three days here, at Lydda Airport gauges, provided a rainfall of more than half the long year's average, which is normally reached in mid-January; this is more than a quarter of the ^{year's} rain in the hill country.

all of the members of the School have obtained general travel permits for Palestine.

Nov. 9. The Partition Commission's report came out, cancelling in effect the Peel commission's report, and being in turn rejected by the London government, which proposes to hold a conference of Jews on the one side, and representative (?) Arabs of Palestine + neighboring Arabic rulers on the other side, with the Government in between.

The students with Dr. Fisher went to the Museum yesterday to see Schick's models of the temple.

Nov. 11. Took the students to Solomon's pools, passing military barricades along the way several times, where soldiers examined our passes. Wires down + telephos poles down. Arrived in Bethlehem just as the troops were standing to attention + bugle blowing in celebration of Armistice. The entire front court of church of Nativity used as car-park for military automobiles. Had to get permission of the adjutant to get in.

Nov. 12. Drove Gliddens to Jaffa to get their baggage out of customs house, where it had been lying for weeks, + no one could move it because of Arab car strike. The day before there had been curfew in Jaffa. It was Saturday ^{over}. Practically only military cars on the road.