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A.M. Shot at bend around our property turning from Salah-ed-Din road to road going to Museum at Neska taxi carrying P.W.S. Jewish workmen to Museum.

P.M. Shot very near the same place; do not yet know what the shooting was about.

Two heads found in sack on Damascus gate last night; belonged to two Moroccans, who had been captured in Jericho by bands, their bodies found near Tel Karem, & now their heads on Damascus gate.

Hassan Sidki Sajeri, Iliffe's landlord, shot dead last night, his body found near Ramleh. He had organized car-strike in 1936 against the government; was a councillor of the Municipality. Arabs terrified.

Oct. 17. Curfew in old city, which bands practically hold. Continuous shooting practically from and around walls of old city.

Arab school-children sent back home this morning. Yesterday kids blocked corner back of our school on way to Museum.

Oct. 17. Iliffe left after lunch. Marjorie Iliffe, David, & the nurse were here for lunch.

Oct. 18. Curfew in Old City now for two days. Airplanes flying round & round over the old city. Constant machine-gun & rifle fire; machine-guns and signal apparatus on Museum tower; very lights. Impossible to buy vegetables & meat, eggs etc. from normal sources of supply.

Oct. 19. Planes began flying at dawn this morning. Pamphlets dropped by planes all over Old City & immediate surroundings warning people to stay inside their houses. Iliffes & other English evacuated from behind us near Wate Jis & have gone to Y.M.C.A.

I went to Mesh Sheerin to buy vegetables, because servants afraid to get out and paths are closed. Arab shops nearby after all the shooting of yesterday & the night. Very lights, some of the bands vacated last night by patrol over Harat's gate. Big signs would do better than the English.