

Arabs Paralyze Palestine By 12-Hour General Strike

JERUSALEM, May 3 (UP).—A 12-hour general strike paralyzed the Holy Land today, highlighted by violence within the old walled city of Jerusalem when 15,000 Arabs attempted to storm through Damascus Gate into the modern city.

The strike stopped all commercial life in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon and brought Arab demands for United Nations intervention and a "holy war" against the Anglo-Americans.

The paralysis lasted from dawn to dusk. Then stores and restaurants reopened and the British command lifted extraordinary military precautions that had been clamped down when violence flared shortly after noon within the walled city.

The Arabs that stormed Damascus gate were led by Jamal El Husseini, chairman of the Arab Higher Committee. It formed as Arabs emerged from mid-day prayer at mosques and converged on the gate screaming "down with the Americans and British."

Alerted British troops slammed shut the ancient iron gate and sent

details racing to close four other gates opening into the modern city from the walled town.

Many of the Arabs carried pic-

tures of Ha) Amin Effendi El Husseini, pro-Nazi former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem whose support of Hitler caused his exile from Palestine.

3 MORE RAIL BROTHERHOODS JOIN \$2.50 RAISE DEMAND

CHICAGO, May 3 (UP).—Three additional operating brotherhoods of railway employes today petitioned the railroads for an additional wage increase of \$1.20 a day and threatened to strike if their request is turned down.

The firemen, conductors and switchmen, in a joint statement, said a previous raise of \$1.28 a day granted by an arbitration board was "wholly inadequate."

They asked for an additional \$1.20, to bring the total raise up to the \$2.50 a day originally requested.