

News From Palestine

MILITARY COMMANDERS AS FOOD COMMISSIONERS

Move Against "Profiteering"

Jerusalem, November 14th.

A SPECIAL Emergency Regulation under the Palestine (Defence) Order-in-Council has been enacted to provide for the appointment by the High Commissioner of all Military Commanders, who govern the defence and security measures of the different districts in Palestine, as special commissioners within their areas in respect of food supplies.

It will be lawful for them to take possession of any food, forage, fuel, material or stores, and any articles (including animals alive or dead) essential for the life of the community.

They are also empowered to give directions concerning the production, manufacture, treatment, use, distribution, sale or purchase of all such articles, and may fix maximum prices.

The latter move against possible "profiteering" has been deemed necessary owing to experience during the recent European international crisis when prices were forced up without justification.

The ban recently imposed upon the export of all foodstuffs, with the exception of citrus fruit, has now been removed. This was another measure dating from the crisis period when it was feared that excessive foodstuffs exports might deplete stocks in the country and cause a shortage in the event of a vital emergency.

Tel-Aviv Community Council Joins Municipality

Jerusalem, November 14th.

THE Tel-Aviv Community Council has decided to amalgamate with the Municipality, provided an assurance is given regarding religious matters and the interests of its employees. The Tel-Aviv Municipality has already agreed to the amalgamation.

Arab Leaders Refused Visas

Jerusalem, November 16th.

THE Arab paper "Falastin" reports that the British Consul in Cairo refused the grant of a visa for England for Jamal Hussein. It is also stated that the British Consul at Beirut refused a visa for Alfred Rock who wanted to join the delegation of the Arab Congress in London.

Palestine's Day Of Prayer For German Jewry

Jerusalem, November 13th.

THE Palestine Rabbinate proclaimed a day of special prayer for German Jewry with blowing of the Shofar—a ceremony usually performed only on the New Year and Day of Atonement. Otherwise the Shofar is blown only in times of great disaster and tribulation for Jewry.

A moving appeal to the "leaders of civilised mankind" in the name of God and common humanity to protest against Germany's appalling mass retaliations against the Jews has been issued by Dr. Isaac Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Palestine.

New Work And New Employment

Jerusalem, November 14th.

SAND levelling in a Haifa Bay area belonging to the Jewish National Fund will begin shortly. The work will employ 550 people, and will thus help to alleviate unemployment in the town.

DEVELOPMENTS IN PALESTINE FISHING

100-Ton Fishing Boat Being Constructed

Tel Aviv, November 14th.

A notable undertaking for Tel Aviv, the construction of a 100-ton fishing boat, is proceeding in a shipyard along the river Yarkon. The builder is Zalman Cohen, and he is making the boat to specifications by Mr. Rosengart, who owns a fishing establishment. The boat will have an 80-h.p. engine as well as auxiliary sails, as well as a refrigerated hold.

Mr. Rosengart came to Palestine twelve years ago with a boat and fishermen from Europe, and has spent some thousands of pounds in experimenting in the meantime. At Aqaba, at the top of the Gulf of Aqaba which flows into the Red Sea, he arranged a fishing establishment and also erected a small ice-factory.

Jewish Government Official Wounded

Jerusalem, November 10th.

YAKOV RACZVOLSKI, an employee of the Government Post and Telegraph Department, was shot and seriously injured by an Arab while he was entering the Jaffa Post Office. The assailant escaped. Curfew was immediately imposed.

More German Jewish Capital For Farming

Tel Aviv, November 14th.

AN additional LP.100,000 is to be invested in colonising institutions in Palestine from the proceeds of debentures or preference shares to be purchased by German Jews. "Haavara" Ltd. is to purchase goods in Germany for LP. 250,000, of which a large amount of German Jewish capital will be taken in Palestinian securities.

Of the LP.100,000, the sum of LP.70,000 will be invested in the Palestine Agricultural Settlement Association, established by the Jewish Agency Executive with Keren Hayesod funds; LP.20,000 in the Nir Company; 6 per cent in the Rural and Suburban Settlement Company (Rasseco); and 4 per cent in the "Mekoroth" Irrigation Company, Ltd.

A SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR PALESTINE

Owing to Shrinkage in Revenue

London, November 10th.

IT was announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald that a supplementary estimate will be laid before Parliament to enable additional financial assistance to be given to the Palestine Government as a result of the present situation.

Mr. MacDonald said that the disturbed conditions in Palestine during last year have caused both a serious shrinkage in revenue and a heavy and increasing expenditure in public security.

"It has become clear that the Palestine Government is unable to meet the unavoidable liabilities from the resources of a depleted civil budget. Certain measures of financial relief are therefore necessary, and proposals will be laid before Parliament in due course in the form of a supplementary estimate."

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

Deficit For Last Six Months

Jerusalem, November 13th.

GOVERNMENT expenditure for the six months ending 30th September, 1938, amounted to £2,275,000, representing a deficit of £242,000. As a result of the new deficit the Government surplus obtained in former years is reduced by £2,159,000.

Brigands Suffer Heavy Losses

Jerusalem, November 10th.

BRIGANDS suffered heavy casualties during an engagement near Nablus yesterday, when troops and aircraft engaged a large band, capturing firearms and many documents of the terrorists. One aeroplane was forced to land, and the pilot was injured.

Vaad Leumi's Condolences To Turkish Government

Jerusalem, November 11th.

THE Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council) to-day cabled condolences to the Turkish Government on the death of Kemal Ataturk.

PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Wagner Omitted

Jerusalem, November 12th.

THE Palestine Orchestra season opened to-night in Tel-Aviv in the presence of a large gathering, including many British officials. The Orchestra was to have played Wagner's "Meistersinger" Overture, but this was omitted from the programme.

A Sack-weaving Venture

Tel-Aviv, November 14th.

THE "Sack" Cooperative group of Tel-Aviv is to start its own weaving department for the production of sacks. Some eighteen months ago this group was established for the purpose of purchasing old, torn sacks and repairing them for further use. Then it began purchasing the raw material abroad for manufacture here. In view of the great demand, it has been decided to instal machinery in order to weave the sacking on the premises. This will be the first sack-weaving venture of its kind in the country.

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