

Blow to Arab Terrorists.

ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE DECLARED ILLEGAL.

LEADERS ARRESTED.

MUFTI DEPRIVED OF HIS OFFICE.

Drastic action has been taken in Palestine following the assassination of Mr. Lewis Y. Andrews, District Commissioner of Galilee, and a British constable by Arabs at Nazareth.

The Arab Higher Committee and all its constituent bodies have been declared illegal, and action has been instituted against certain persons whose "activities are prejudicial to the maintenance of public security and who must be regarded as morally responsible for these events."

The Grand Mufti has been deprived of his office, and leading Arabs have been arrested.

Official Communique.

The following official communique was issued in Jerusalem on Friday:—

"The Palestine Government has been gravely concerned by the existence of an organised campaign of terrorism and assassinations directed against individuals in this country. During the last four months the campaign has become intensified in its activities.

"Action now being taken is the direct result of this murder campaign," continues the communique. "On June 13th an attempt was made to assassinate Mr. R. G. B. Spicer, Inspector-General of the Palestine Police Force.

"There followed a number of assassinations of both Arabs and Jews, the campaign culminating on September 26th in the dastardly murder of Mr. L. Y. Andrews, District Commissioner of the Galilee district, and of a British constable, P. R. McEwan.

"The Officer Administering the Government has therefore found it necessary to institute action against certain persons whose activities have been prejudicial to the maintenance of public security in Palestine and who must thus be regarded as morally responsible for these events.

"In virtue, therefore, of the powers taken by the officers administering the Government by regulations made under the Palestine Defence Order-in-Council of 1937, the Arab Higher Committee and all national committees in Palestine have been declared to be unlawful associations.

"Warrants of arrest have been issued in respect of the following persons, who will be deported from Palestine: Jamal Effendi al Hussein, Ahmed Hilmi Pasha, Fuad

Effendi Saba, Yacoub Effendi Hussein, Dr. Hussein Fakhri Effendi al Khalidi.

"Hajamin Effendi al Hussein has been deprived of his office of President of the Supreme Moslem Council and of membership of the General Wakf Committee of which he was chairman."

Arrest of Leading Arabs.

Hussein Khalidi (Mayor of Jerusalem) a member of the Arab Higher Committee, and Fuad Saba (Secretary of the Committee), were arrested.

The President of the Arab Party, Jamal Hussein, was believed to have fled the country, but he has since been arrested at Beersheba.

The Mufti.

In the Mosque of Omar, in Jerusalem, the Grand Mufti waits, deprived of all his dignities, and bitterly disappointed that the British troops have made no attempt to force the gates of his mosque and thus arouse indignation throughout Islam.

Five Arab leaders on the way to exile on the Seychelles were transferred in mid-ocean from the cruiser Sussex to a destroyer.

Sensational disclosures of more arrests are expected following a swoop by the police on the headquarters of the Arab Bank.

Hilmi Pasha, the President of the Bank and one of the five deportees, and his associates used the bank for the distribution of sums totalling £100,000 during last year's disturbances.

All Quiet.

All is quiet throughout the country and the strike of shopkeepers has terminated, after the Government's warning that the strike was unlawful. The first battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment marched round the

walls of Jerusalem to demonstrate military preparedness.

The removal of the Press censorship in Jerusalem reflects improving conditions. Legislation has been enacted dispensing with the necessity for corroborative evidence in murder charges. The new legislation brings the law into close approximation with the English law on criminal procedure.

The Mufti has issued a proclamation urging the Arab strikers to return to work. He is also reported to have protested against the Arab arrests and deportations.

The report circulated on Monday that an attempt was made to blow up the British pipeline from Mossul territory to Haifa in Transjordan has since been confirmed.

British Cabinet's Policy.

It is understood that the situation in Palestine following the murder of Mr. Andrews was considered at a Cabinet meeting on Friday and that the arrests were carried out in pursuance of the Cabinet's policy, but the question was kept secret until arrests had taken place.

It is understood that the Government, faced with the murder campaign in Palestine, intend to do everything possible to restore the rule of law. It is pointed out that in dealing with the question the Palestine Government has hitherto shown great patience and forbearance and it is now felt that the time has come to show a firm hand.

The Government intends to establish an Arab Agency with functions similar to that of the Jewish Agency. It is reported, however, that the Arabs will not co-operate with the Palestine Government.

It is believed that Ragheb Nashashibi will be the future Arab spokesman.

LATEST CABLES.

Ghetto Benches in Polish High Schools and Universities.

Warsaw, Wednesday.

The Minister of Education in Poland has given discretion to the Directors of the High Schools to introduce separate benches for Jewish students, who protest and declare that they will not submit to Ghetto benches.

The rectors of the universities have ordered Ghetto benches for Jewish students on the decree of the Minister of Education authorising the measure at the discretion of the rectors. Jewish students have been officially ordered to occupy marked benches on the left side

of the lecture rooms. As a protest they are standing during lectures. The Jewish Deputies are intervening with the authorities and are calling a conference of Jewish Organisations to discuss the situation. The Polish Socialist Liberal students have issued a declaration that they will occupy Ghetto-benches together with their degraded Jewish colleagues.

Lithuanian-Jewish Co-operation.

Kaunas, Wednesday.

The Minister of the Interior, M. Caplikas, and the leader of the Government Party, M.

Janavicius, addressing the Conference of Jewish War Veterans in Jurburg, emphasised the friendship and co-operation between Jews and Lithuanians.

Huberman in Air-Crash.

Sumatra, Wednesday.

Mr. Bronislaw Huberman, the famous violinist who established the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, was slightly injured when the Royal Dutch airliner Specht crashed near Palembang, Sumatra. He was returning from a professional tour of Australia. Four people were killed in the crash.