

SUCCESS OF MUSICAL INSTITUTE

The Jewish Musical Institute, under the direction of Solly Aronowsky, gave a grand concert at the City Hall on November 12.

The Youth Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Solly Aronowsky, gave a fine selection on music by Tchaikowsky (arranged by H. Ichilcheck) and Rossini. The Balalaika orchestra played a selection of Jewish Folk Music and "Mozaika" arranged by Mr. Ichilcheck.

There were some fine traditional Jewish dances and a Russian dance duet by Sophie Levitt and Noreen Evans. Fanny Sugarman sang an aria by Verdi and Leo Alter rendered two Yiddish songs with the youth choir and orchestra.

As a grand finale the combined orchestras with the choir and ballet performed Palestinian dances and the Partisan Song, the solo part being taken by Mary Sher.

During the interval Chief Rabbi L. Rabinowitz addressed the gathering and praised the work of the Musical Institute.

The concert was an outstanding success.

Three Killed and Ten Injured in Arab Attacks

Sequel To Stern Group Outrage

JERUSALEM, Tuesday.—The murder of five Arabs by the Stern Gang last Thursday has outraged the Yishuv and is described as "sheer murder and the worst provocation." The Stern Group claimed that the Arabs, who belonged to the Shubaki family, informed the authorities about their training centre and that this information had led to the recent shooting by the military of five of their members.

The Government officially denied that the Shubakis had given the police any information. Raanana farmers condemned the Sternist murder very strongly, pointing out that these Arab neighbours had always maintained the friendliest relations.

As was expected, the Arab press and politicians made terrific capital of this and two separate reprisal incidents which occurred on Thursday and Saturday near Tel Aviv. Moshe Yorolowitz (39), a driver of a bus which was ambushed on Thursday night near the Abuhebir quarter on the Jaffa-Jerusalem highway was seriously injured when a bomb landed

on the bonnet of the bus and sent shrapnel flying through the windscreen. Shots were also fired but no one was hit by them. Other wounded were: Aryeh Baraban (18), who was seriously injured, Shulamith Markowitz (22), Sarah Salomon (29), Shmuel Askari (18), Leah Cohen (22), Dov Limoni (32), Yossef Bassan (18) and Arieh Sappir (30).

On Saturday night armed men, hidden in the bush on the banks of the Yarkon River, fired at a motorboat and Abraham Herman (16), of Ramat Gan, was wounded. Uri Besky (19), of Tel Aviv, who was sitting with Tamara Jacob near the Zablavi Bridge, Tel Aviv, on Saturday night, were held up and robbed by four men described as Arabs. Then they were taken away a few hundred metres and shot dead.

Mysterious Death

Mystery still surrounds the murder of Menahem Levi (21), of Jerusalem, who was shot in the back and robbed of about £200 near Latrun on Saturday. It is suspected that the victim

was a member of the Irgun Zvai who was on his way to buy arms from Arabs who robbed and killed him. Levi is said to have left home on Saturday clad in Arab dress to visit friends at Kfar Uria, but he never reached there. His body was found the next day on a hill, but there was no sign of the money. Previously his empty wallet and identity card had been brought to his mother in Jerusalem by two unknown men who said they had found them.

Shooting at Settlements

Settlers at Biryia, Upper Galilee, were aroused in the early hours of Sunday morning by a volley of automatic fire directed at the kibbutz. No one was hurt, and it is not known who the attackers were. At the same time an attempt was made to stone the watchmen at the Ein Zeitim settlement nearby, but there, too, no one was injured.

Attack Foiled by Arab Policemen

JERUSALEM, Tuesday. — Two Arab constables of the police traffic office in Tel Aviv were reported to have foiled an attack on a building on Sunday night. They claimed that when they challenged a dozen men believed to be Jews, a grenade was thrown. The police opened fire and the attackers fired back as they left.

Clashes With Soldiers

JERUSALEM, Tuesday. — The authorities are investigating reports that soldiers who were checking identity cards in Jerusalem on Friday night, were assaulted by a number of youths with sten-gun magazines. At about the same time other young men were alleged to have sustained slight injuries at the hands of soldiers in another part of the town. One youth, Yehuda Azulai, was returning home with his head bandaged when he was stopped and struck again by soldiers.

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British Remove Stores From Palestine

30,000 Troops Returned Home

JERUSALEM, Wednesday.—The removal of British military stores, large stocks of which were accumulated during the war, has commenced. The first British vessel to leave is already loading material at Haifa, and the removal will gather momentum with the completion of the scheme already in preparation which is designed to take six months.

Camps in various parts of Palestine are already on the move, and a special section of Haifa Harbour has been set aside for the removal. This section is a shed formerly used by the military to screen refugees who were intercepted while attempting to run the naval blockade.

At the end of this month 20,000 dunams of land held by the military forces in various parts of Palestine will be freed and will revert to use by the populace, but it is emphasised that this is not the beginning of evacuation, but merely represents a decrease in the garrisons, a normal demobilisation schedule, a move to have the troops home for Christmas, and a general scheme to return troops to England for home front needs as set out by Attlee. It is estimated that since then some 30,000 troops have left Palestine and have not been replaced.

The scope of the removal can be gauged by the fact that the 300,000 tons of stores marked for transfer equal Haifa's normal annual tonnage.

A British Government spokesman told the press in Jerusalem, however, that the Administration will continue uninterrupted till the last minute

of the evacuation. There will be no gradual liquidation of the departments but the regime will continue in full force until a specific date and as has been determined.

The evacuation of the British civil administration will cost £18,000,000, it has been learned from a very important source in Jerusalem. This includes compensation and gratuities for civil servants. The compensation figure is applicable to 37,000 Palestinian—about two-thirds Arab and one-third Jewish—personnel, of whom it is believed some 20,000 will remain in their present positions under the new regime, thus not necessitating the entire outlay.

The Government, however, is disregarding this fact and will attempt to burden the taxpayer with the entire outlay, although it will only be paid over a long period on the expiration of service, such as at retirement or death, when the family will benefit.

A message from London states that Mr. Rees Williams, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, in reply to a question in the House of Commons stated that recruiting for police for Palestine was now suspended.