

South African At Press Conference



Lieut. Lionel Feitelberg (centre), former South African, who is now serving as liaison officer for the overseas press. He is seen talking to Mr. Mordecai Bentov, Minister of Public Works (left). On the right is Col. Moshe Perlman.

Wailing Wall Undamaged OLD CITY IN RUINS

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Following the agreement between the Jerusalem Arab and Jewish commanders, three British correspondents, from the "Times," "Daily Telegraph" and the "News Chronicle," were allowed to cross from the Jewish part of Jerusalem into the Arab-held Old City for a visit to the holy places.

These correspondents, who returned to Jewish Jerusalem after a few hours, stated that they found the Jewish quarter of the Old City completely ruined. The Wailing Wall was undamaged and the approach to the Wailing Wall was closed. The correspondents found that Christian and Moslem holy places were almost undamaged, and only occasionally a

place received slight superficial damage.

The correspondents reported that food in the Old City was abundant and that the streets were crowded.

The Arabs received the correspondents cordially and suggested that more foreign reporters should visit them.

ARMY CHIEF'S WIFE



At the cocktail party arranged by the Israeli Foreign Office. Gershon Agronsky is chatting with Mrs. Yadin, wife of Col. Yadin, the Chief of Israeli Army Operations.



The cocktail party given by the Israeli Foreign Office was one of the big social events of the year, and was attended by Diplomats, Consular officials and newspapermen from all parts of the world. The picture above shows (left to right): Mr. Heren ("London Times" correspondent), Mrs. Heren, Miss Moncia Dehn, member of the staff of the Press Office of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Roy Elston, an Englishman who writes a daily column in the "Palestine Post" under the pen-name, David Courtney.

... In Trouble

this is a long shot, and if Nahas failed, the hard fact is that there exists no centre of power in Egypt except the British troops in the Suez Canal area.

These troops are in ample strength to occupy Cairo and Alexandria. Whether they could bring order out of bloody confusion in the whole of Egypt is, however, quite another question.

At any rate for the political leaders of Syria and Iraq, the proposal to negotiate with Israel means political death and perhaps personal death. For the King of Egypt, it means the probability of handing over Egypt either to his deadly personal enemy, Nahas Pasha, or to the British. An all-round reluctance to do anything at all, and an almost pathetic eagerness to snatch at any straw (such as the U.N. order to Israel to evacuate the Negev) is the inevitable result of these considerations. Anything, anything to put off the evil day when the decision must be faced at least.

Maybe something will turn up.

Mr. Micawber's philosophy has never had more faithful adherents than are to be found to-day in Baghdad, Damascus and Cairo.

Tel Aviv to Cover Nearly 10,000 Acres

TEL AVIV, Monday.—The map of the extended Municipal Area of Tel Aviv has been approved by the Ministry of the Interior and sent back duly stamped to the Mayor. The town will include the Jewish quarters formerly incorporated in Jaffa and the Abu Kibir and Salameh areas.

Tribute To Israeli Orchestra

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—More than 1,200 persons paid 75 dollars each to attend a concert last week, arranged as a tribute to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The concert was organized by the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions, and was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria.

Addressing the gathering at a dinner which followed the concert, Eliahu Epstein, Israeli envoy to Washington, emphasized that the victory of Israel "was not due mainly to material weapons, but primarily to the spiritual and moral impulses which animated our people and which gave them the inspiration to fight for the most cherished treasures in life: liberty and independence."

The concert programme included selections by Arthur Rubinstein Gregor Piatigorsky and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Charles Munch. Norman told the guests that the beneficiaries of the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions include five institutions for theatre and music, two conservatories of music, eight institutions for literature and language, seven welfare agencies, eight agricultural schools and training agencies, eight vocational training institutions, eleven teachers colleges and secondary schools, twenty-two theological schools, five relief agencies, one hospital for mental diseases, three museums, three libraries, three research institutes and two physical training agencies.—(JTA)