

The Arlosoroff Murder.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE.

(By Air Mail.)

Jaffa, Aug. 24th.

In view of new evidence which has been received, the charge against Yehuda Minz, who was accused with Stavski and Rosenblatt of being concerned in the murder of Dr. Arlosoroff, has been withdrawn.

A Confession of Murder?

A confession of murder by Rosenblatt, one of the prisoners accused of being concerned in the murder of Dr. Arlosoroff, was alleged in Court to have been made to a young Jewish worker who had been placed in the cell.

The worker, Moses Cohen, who was charged with theft, was put into Rosenblatt's cell, and pretended to be a Revisionist, thus gaining his confidence, he told the Court, and Rosenblatt had said to him:—

"I shot Arlosoroff for political reasons. Stavski was connected with the murder, but not Minz. Had Mrs. Arlosoroff known that I was her husband's murderer, she would not have looked straight in my eyes."

Both Rosenblatt and Stavski shouted that the witness was telling lies.

Sensational Statements in Court.

Sensational statements were submitted to Court in the hearing of the charge against Abba Akhi-Meir, the Palestine Revisionist leader, who has been joined with Stavski and Minz in the proceedings in connection with the murder of Dr. Arlosoroff. They consisted mainly of extracts from his letters, notes and passages in his diary.

One note stated that a Revisionist Council meeting was held at Petach Tikvah. Group A was in favour of the murder. Dr. Weinsshall proposed that it should be postponed until after the Congress, and when this proposal was not accepted, he left the meeting. A second note says that one evening a party was held at Akhi-Meir's house and that on this occasion there was a "great victory," the words "great victory" being put in inverted commas. Another note said that the friend of the English eater of rulers' bread fell at the hands of an unknown. There was a detailed passage in which Akhi-Meir emphasised the difference between a political and non-political crime, saying that the first was both for the accused and for others a positive act.

Akhi-Meir then produced an issue of the Palestine Revisionist organ, "Hazit Ha'am," published after the murder, full of mourning. The Public Prosecutor thereupon produced a copy of the "Hazit Ha'am" of June 16th (Dr. Arlosoroff was murdered on the night of June 16th), full of bitter attacks upon Ben Gurion and Arlosoroff.

Revisionist Organisation Denial.

The Mercaz (Central Committee) of the Palestine Revisionist Organisation has published a statement declaring in connection with the statements made at the last hearing of the case against the Palestine Revisionist leader, Abba Akhi-Meir, that:—

(1) No Revisionist Council meeting has ever been held at Petach Tikvah;

(2) No Revisionist Council or meeting has ever discussed terrorist actions;

(3) Akhi-Meir's note relating to the murder of Dr. Arlosoroff, which the police have

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An Agricultural Bank in Palestine?

HALF-MILLION POUND CAPITAL.

According to the special correspondent of "Haaretz" at Prague, negotiations have been concluded on the initiative of the Palestine Government for the establishment of an Agricultural Bank in Palestine, with capital of L.P. 500,000. This amount will come from: The Palestine Government—L.P. 150,000 (apparently from the proceeds of the projected loan of two million pounds); the Prudential Assurance Company—L.P. 125,000; the Eastern Guardian Insurance Company—L.P. 125,000; Palestine Economic Corporation of New York—L.P. 50,000; Palestine Economic Board of London, L.P. 50,000; Anglo-Palestine Bank—L.P. 25,000. Barclay's Bank and the Ottoman Bank of Palestine are also expected to participate.

The director of the new bank will, it is stated, be British, and he will have two assistants, a Jew and an Arab. Among those to be on the Board of Management are Mr. Felix M. Warburg, the New York banker (probably representing the Palestine Economic Corporation), and Sir Robert Waley-Cohen, of London (probably representing the Economic Board for Palestine).

A Higher Musical Institute in Palestine.

FAMOUS MUSICIANS TO COLLABORATE.

Jerusalem.

Mr. S. Rosovsky, the Palestinian composer, has received a letter from Arnold Schoenberg, the famous German Jewish composer (who recently returned to Judaism in Paris), telling him that he entirely approved of his plan to establish in Palestine a higher musical institute with a view to furthering the development of Hebrew musical culture, and that he is prepared to assist him in this aim. Oskar Fried, Darius Milhaud and Ernest Hoch have likewise announced their willingness to help in the realisation of the plan and have promised to secure the assistance of Gabrilovitch, Huberman, Heifez, Elman, Godowsky, Schnabel, Bruno Walter and other eminent musicians.

A petition signed by over forty Palestinian musicians was sent to Arnold Schoenberg requesting him to proceed to Prague and to take up the matter at the Zionist Congress.

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made the main charge against him, is nothing more than his noting down one of a large number of rumours circulating in Palestine at the time, which he had intended to deal with in an article for the Palestine Revisionist organ, "Hazit Ha'am."

Mr. Gurion, the Secretary of the Revisionist Labour Organisation in Palestine, and Mr. Guzman, member of the Grossmanist Revisionist Central Committee in Palestine, which long ago disowned the extremists

Trade Agreement between Palestine and Germany?

STATEMENT BY GERMAN AGRARIAN DEPARTMENT.

Colonial Office and Palestine Government Unaware of Agreement.

(By Air Mail.)

Berlin, Aug. 27th.

The Deutscher Landhandelsbund states that an agreement has been concluded for the import of oranges from Palestine into Germany. According to the agreement Germany will buy oranges from Palestine to a sum of eight or ten million marks (about £700,000) and Palestine will in return buy for double that amount industrial and manufactured goods made in Germany.

Both the oranges imported into Germany and the manufactured articles exported to Palestine from Germany must be sent only on German vessels.

The German Government, it is estimated, will obtain about a million marks from this trade in customs duties.

A German Government commission has been appointed to settle the details of the agreement and ratify it.

Agreement Not Finally Concluded.

The Landhandelsbund, which is the Department for Agrarian Trade and Industry of the Agrarian Political Office of the National Socialist Party, tells the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the agreement has not yet been finally concluded. Negotiations are being conducted by the Reich Ministry of Food and the foreign representative of the Palestine Government, it says.

The Palestine Emigration Office in Berlin of the Zionist Organisation is unable at the moment to make any statement on the subject.

Official Sources Not Aware of Agreement.

The Colonial Office tells the J.T.A. on enquiry that it is not aware of any trade negotiations being instituted with Germany either by the Palestine Government itself or by the British authorities on behalf of the Palestine Government. The only explanation that is suggested is that the report may have relation to efforts being made by some Palestine orange growers to secure the German market.

The Palestine Government, too, has no information on the matter, nor has the Zionist Organisation in London, nor the Zionist officials who attended the Zionist Congress in Prague, the J.T.A. having made enquiries in all these quarters.

belonging to the Akhi-Meir organisation, have each been separately interrogated on oath by the police for eight hours, and have given evidence that they were both with Akhi-Meir a fortnight after the Arlosoroff murder, when he had noted down various rumours that were circulated among the public with regard to the murder. One of the notes referred to the story of a supposed Revisionist Council decision at Petach Tikvah which he put down as one of the fantastic rumours going about the country.