

ERETZ ISRAEL

General News

(per J.T.A., Palcor and Private Sources).

Preparing for the Royal Commission

PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR SESSIONS

Jerusalem, November 10th.

FULL preparations are in progress for the reception of the Royal Commission. It is stated that the Commission will have the palace building, which at present houses the offices of the Government. The first meeting of the Commission is expected to take place about the middle of the month in the residence of the High Commissioner. It is believed that the meeting will be public, and that representatives of the various communities and also representatives of the press, will be present. Sir Arthur Wauchope will introduce the Royal Commission, and will be followed by an address from the Chairman, Lord Peel.

It is further learned that, contrary to other reports, most of the sittings of the Commission will be in public. The reports that the Commission will make a comprehensive tour of the country immediately after the opening of the inquiry, are not correct. A brief interruption of the sittings will be made later, after the Commission will have heard the evidence of the Government, to inspect the country.

(News of the Commission's opening session will be found on the cable page).

CHIEF RABBI OF PALESTINE To be Elected Next Month

Jerusalem, November 10th.

THE election of a Chief Rabbi for Palestine, to succeed the late Rabbi Kook (which was postponed owing to the disturbances) has now been fixed for the 1st of December. There are two candidates for this rabbinical position, Dr. Herzog, at present Chief Rabbi of Ireland, and Rabbi Jacob Harlap, head of the Yeshibah Merkaz Harav in Jerusalem.

Progress of Tel-Aviv Harbour

Jerusalem, November 10th.

FROM May 19 till October 19, 47 steamers and 20 sailing coasters called at the port, discharging 16,994 tons of goods and loading 6,415 tons. The Jewish press heralds every mark of progress in the construction of the Tel-Aviv Jetty with enthusiasm. No detail fails to be recorded. Each day the papers report the number of tons loaded and unloaded and the names of the steamers that have called at the port. The outside observer may be somewhat baffled by all this display of enthusiasm, but the Yishuv, which knows how hard has been the struggle to gain an outlet to the sea for the all-Jewish city, realises the significance of whatever has been achieved so far, and is prepared zealously to guard its rights.

TEL-AVIV MAYORALTY: PROTEST AGAINST INTERFERENCE

Chelouche Suggests a Compromise

Tel-Aviv, November 10th.

THE General Zionist Federation of Palestine has issued a vigorous statement against the High Commissioner's appointment of Mr. Rokach as Mayor, contrary to the decision of the majority of the Municipal Council of that city, pointing out that this action tends to undermine the autonomy of Tel-Aviv. The statement urges Mr. Rokach to resign his post.

Mr. Chelouche, who obtained a majority of one vote for the position of Mayor, has

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issued a manifesto calling upon Mr. Rokach not to accept the nomination of the High Commissioner, but to come to some agreement with all the factions whereby the Mayoralty should be jointly occupied by the two Vice-Mayors, Mr. Rokach and Mr. Dov Hos, until new elections take place, in the same way as it was agreed upon during the lifetime of the late Mr. Dizengoff.

The labour section of the Tel-Aviv municipality has notified all the parties of its readiness to accept the compromise suggested by Mr. Chelouche.

THE PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Huberman's Plans for Inauguration

Jerusalem, November 8th.

THE inauguration of the ambitious new Palestine Symphony Orchestra was the subject of a press interview with Mr. Bronislaw Huberman, its founder, in Vienna recently. The opening concert is to take place on December 25 and will be conducted by Arturo Toscanini, the world-famous conductor, who will travel with Huberman from Italy by air to Palestine. The rehearsals of the orchestra are to begin soon under the baton of Herr Steinberg, an emigre musician from Germany. The programme of the first concert will include the famous third "Leonora" Overture of Beethoven's, and items by Brahms, Mendelssohn and Schubert.

The second concert of the orchestra will have Herr Adolph Busch, as soloist, and Mr. Benno Moisewitch is to be the soloist at one of the subsequent concerts.

ECHO OF THE RIOTS

Jerusalem, November 5th.

SHOOTING occurred in Meshek Haotzar near Kfar Saba last night. During the attack Jewish ghaffirs captured an Arab, the son of the Mayor of Kalkilyah, who had a rifle and was trying to hide. Shots were also heard at Ness Ziona and Ekron last night.

Palestinian Citizenship

DURING 1936, 6,276 persons took out Palestinian nationality papers. Of these 98 per cent. were Jews; 2,305 of those who became Palestinian citizens in 1936 were formerly Polish subjects, and 822 German subjects. Figures for previous years are as follows:

1933	1,146
1934	1,997
1935	7,866

RESERVISTS RETURN TO ENGLAND

15,000 Troops to Remain

Jerusalem, November 10th.

A SECTION of reservists are preparing to leave this week for England. It is reported that 15,000 troops are remaining in the country until the completion by the Royal Commission of its investigations.

MUFTI ORGANISING FASCIST MOVEMENT

Jerusalem, October 28th.

IT is reported that the Mufti's party is about to organise a Fascist Youth movement, known as "The Iron Guards," to be on a military basis with Jamal Husseini as leader.

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