

**ARAB ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ**

Jaffa, March 17th.  
 WITH increasing frequency Arabic papers here are publishing reports of activities in Baghdad in favour of the Palestine Arab nationalists which, if true, indicate that the Iraqi Government is at least semi-officially promoting their cause.

The latest of these signs is a dispatch from Baghdad to the newspaper "Falastin," to the effect that the Iraqi Government has ordered heads of all consulates to assist in collection of funds for the "needy" in Palestine.

The "Falastin" report added that a delegation of Iraqi Arab nationalists, headed by a well-known Arab agitator, Akhram al-Kharrat, had left for the Kerem Salama and Naged districts, in Mesopotamia, to negotiate with the Shiites (a leading Moslem sect) on the Palestine question.

Muhammed-Din el Kawakji, the most famous of the terrorist leaders in the 1936 Arab revolt, who is living in Baghdad, has recently been highly vocal in engaging the Palestine bands in announcing what he intends to do on their behalf. According to the latest report, Kawakji has stated that if enough money is collected, he will enlist several hundred guerrilla bands in Damascus, and the Hebrew daily "Davar" reports from Arab sources that as a result of Kawakji's announcement, terrorists extorted \$100,000 in cash from wealthy Jews in Nablus. It is also reported that bands in the South of Palestine intend to raise \$100,000 by terrorising wealthy Jews.

**TEN MILLION CASES OF CITRUS**

Jerusalem, March 21st.  
 EXPORTS of Palestine citrus fruit from the beginning of the season until March 9 were assessed at approximately 10,000 cases of both oranges and grapefruit, compared with 1,000 for the previous season. Of the quantity exported, 9,000 or 86 per cent. were oranges, 1,248,000 cases or 13 per cent. were grapefruit.

It is estimated that by the end of the shipping season some 100,000 cases will have been exported.

**JERUSALEM JEWISH COMMUNITY**

Jerusalem, March 17th.  
 The Praesidium of the Jewish Community in Jerusalem, which was elected recently, includes Professor David Yellin as President, and Mr. A. A. Kischin, Mr. Chaim Solomon and Dr. Jacob Thon as members.

# In The Yishuv

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**THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Stockholm, March 17th.

THE well-known Swedish conductor, Simon Pergament-Parmet, brother of the well-known Stockholm composer, Moses Pergament, has been invited by Mr. Bronislaw Huberman to conduct the Palestine Symphony Orchestra next summer. He will conduct for the first time his brother's "Hebrew Rhapsody," as well as a phantasy for violin orchestra "Dybbuk."

**HELPING AUSTRIAN JEWRY**

Jerusalem, March 16th.

A DELEGATION of the Austrian Jewish Association, which also included Miss Henrietta Szold, today met Viscount Samuel, who is chairman of the Council for German Jewry, and asked him to give the Austrian Jews aid similar to that given to German Jews.

The delegation states that Lord Samuel showed very great interest in the position of the Jews in Austria, and promised that immediately after his return to London he would discuss with his friends the possibility of extending the assistance of the Council for German Jewry to Austrian Jews.

The Austro-Palestine Chamber of Commerce is expected to dissolve. The Hitachduth Olei Austria is expected to combine with the Hitachduth Olei Germania.

**CIVIC SERVICES FOR JEWISH SUBURBS**

Tel-Aviv, March 20th.

SINCE the outbreak of the disturbances in 1936, no civic services had been provided by Jaffa Municipality for its Jewish suburbs. But at the end of February street-cleaners were sent to the Yemenite quarter. When the Arab sanitary men arrived, the Yemenite Jewish residents objected on the ground that they had arranged for their own labour.

The leading residents were thereupon summoned to the District Officer, Azmi Eff. Nashashibi, and warned that if they interfered with the provision of services by Jaffa Municipality, they would be sent to Acre Concentration Camp.

It appears that the Jaffa civic authorities have been compelled to take action by the District Commissioner as a result of the charges in the British Parliament recently of their neglect of the Jewish suburbs, and the latter's demand for affiliation with the Tel-Aviv municipal area.

**TEL-AVIV MUNICIPALITY**

Jerusalem, March 15th.

THE differences of opinion in the Tel-Aviv Municipality that existed for some time have now been settled, and an agreement has been reached regarding the distribution of functions between the Mayor, Mr. I. Rokach, and the Deputy-Mayor, Mr. Dov Hos. Mr. Rokach is to consult Mr. Dov Hos on all matters, including negotiations with the Government.

**BIALIK PRIZE**

Jerusalem, March 15th.

THE annual Bialik Prize for Hebrew Belles Lettres awarded by the Tel-Aviv Municipality has been given for 1938 to Jacob Steinberg. Abraham Kahana is to be given the prize for scientific literature.

**HIGH COMMISSIONER RECEIVES ARAB DELEGATION**

Jerusalem, March 17th.

THE new High Commissioner received an Arab delegation today consisting of Ragheb Nashashibi, Jacob Farajh, and Said el Hussein.

In Arab quarters it is stated that Sir Harold MacMichael told the delegation that his first duty would be to restore law and order in the country, and asked the Arab leaders to support him in this effort.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Tel-Aviv, March 18th.

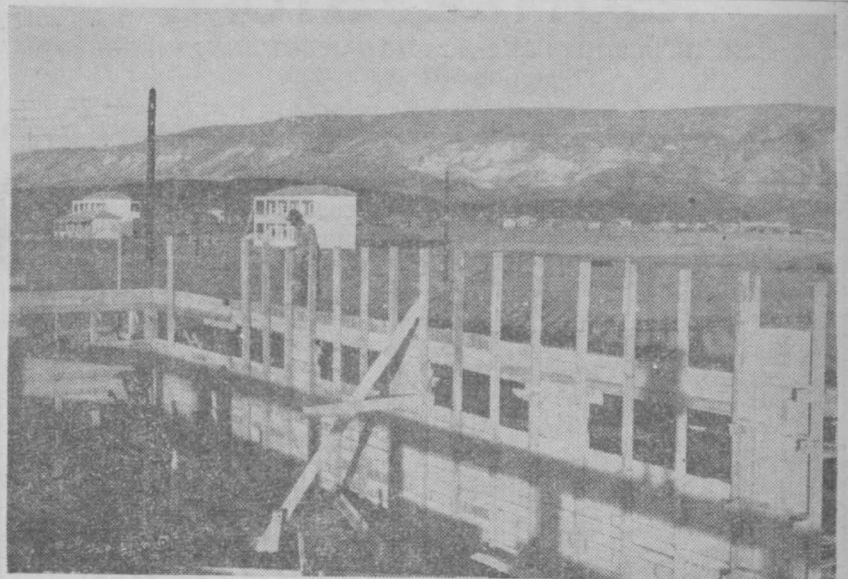
THE Tel-Aviv Municipality has obtained the Government's consent to undertake large public works at a considerable cost to absorb 1,300 workmen for six months.

The Municipality will shortly also begin the construction of a drainage system in the city at an estimated cost of £500,000, which will give employment to a thousand workmen for three years.

**LORD LLOYD IN PALESTINE**

Jerusalem, March 18th.

LORD LLOYD arrived in Palestine on a short visit. Guests at a reception given by the High Commissioner to-night included Lord Samuel, Lord Lloyd, and Mr. Shertok.



The watch tower and wooden stockade, which are the features of the new agricultural settlements on land of the Jewish National Fund, will soon belong to history. Our photograph shows the first permanent dwelling houses built with the help of the Keren Hayesod at En Hakore in the Jordan Valley. New buildings are likewise in course of construction at Massada, Gvul Joseph, Nir David and Sde Nahum.

**A GENERAL PARDON DEMANDED**

Jerusalem, March 21st.

THE moderate Arab Nashashibi Party is holding a meeting in Jaffa to formulate its demands to the High Commissioner. The meeting will consider the question of circulating a petition, which is to be signed by all the Palestine Arabs, for the repatriation of all the Arab exiles and refugees and for a general pardon.

**SENTENCE ON WOMAN COMMUTED**

Jerusalem, March 17th.

MAJ.-GEN. A. P. WAVELL has commuted the sentence of 10 years' imprisonment passed on a Druze woman by the Military Court at Haifa for carrying arms, to a fortnight's imprisonment. The General Officer in Command made it clear that he will not exercise any further clemency towards women.

**CUTHBERTS FOR BOYS' SCHOOL SHOES**