

Jewish Agency's Economic Activity.

REPORT BY Mr. ELIEZER KAPLAN.

Jerusalem.

At a conference held at the Jewish Agency offices, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan reported on the Jewish Agency's economic activity. He emphasised that £P.176,000 had been spent during the year on the colonisation of all classes of settlers, of which over a third had gone for non-Histadrut organisations. Expenditure on security matters and the Political Department during the two years of disturbances had been £P.125,000, loans for unemployed of all organisations had been £P.70,000, while grants to industry and trade had been £P.42,000. Long-term credits and guarantees to banks had enabled the aggregate lending of over £P.150,000. In addition, the Guarantee Fund of the Agency had enabled the extension of loans to citrus growers, artisans and merchants, while the Jewish Agency Executive also participated in public works, which employed 1,300 men in Tel-Aviv alone, including the construction of the airport. Mr. Kaplan said that an agreement had been reached between the Jewish Agency and the "Atid" Shipping Company, which had assented to the Agency's supervision, and the latter was contributing a certain amount as a symbolical act of its support.

Mr. M. Shertok, who replied to questions on political matters, declared that the Jewish Agency had submitted its labour schedule for immigration during the next six months. Mr. E. Dobkin, of the Executive's Immigration Department, replying to other questions, announced that for the six months ending September 30th, 1938, there would be approximately 6,500 Jewish immigrants into Palestine.—(Palcor.)

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this followed hot in the wake of the Abyssinian debacle and the resultant aggrandisement of Mussolini; and recent events culminating in the Munich Pact and the disintegration of Czechoslovakia can only serve to place the Western democracies in a still weaker light. Then there is the restriction on Jewish immigration, which has not only operated as a concession to violence but has deprived the Yishub of the requisite man-power to continue the work of upbuilding and defence. And finally the political uncertainty caused by the interminable delays of the Woodhead Commission has rendered a fertile ground for the anti-British seeds of the Mufti. It is hoped that now that the British Government has had the courage and candour to put their fingers on the source of the trouble, the situation will be faced fairly and squarely. The co-operation of France is essential for this, for Syria is almost openly the base for the operations in Palestine. The slackening of international tension has paved the way for a firmer stand in the Near East.

LATEST CABLES.

Terrorism in Palestine.

Jerusalem.

Nineteen persons were killed and three wounded in severe fighting after an attack on the Jewish quarters in Tiberias on Sunday night.

Arab attackers, believed to have been more than 100 strong, entered the Jewish suburb on the hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee. After shooting the Jewish watchman they entered houses, killing men, women and children with rifles and daggers. An entire family of six was wiped out.

They set fire to a Synagogue, Government buildings and other property. On their retreat they clashed with a patrol. Six rebels were killed and three taken prisoner.

The attack on Tiberias, which lasted two hours, came as a complete surprise, since it and the surrounding districts had recently been comparatively quiet.

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. Herzog, sent an S O S to the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald.

"Palestine Jewry deeply horrified at the massacre and sacrilege in Tiberias. In God's name we appeal to you to end the terror."

Appeal for Austrian and Polish Jewry.

The South African Jewish Board of Deputies announces that it has received confirmation that Sir Wyndham Deedes and Mr. Norman Bentwich will arrive in South Africa at the end of October in order to inaugurate the Campaign on behalf of Austrian and Polish Jewry.

An ambulance officer was killed and two privates of the Black Watch slightly wounded in an engagement with a large number of rebels at Ramallah. Royal Air Force planes assisted the troops, and it is estimated that at least 40 Arabs were killed.

Six Arabs were killed and three wounded in a land-mine explosion in the courtyard of a house in Jaffa.

R.A.F. troops engaged Arab bands between Migdal and Safad, and inflicted 70 casualties.

Leo Seidner, an engineer from Rumania, was killed during a tour of inspection in Shaframr. The fate of his companions is unknown. Troops seeking Seidner inflicted casualties on 27 bandits.

Two Jewish youths were arrested for blowing the Shofer at the Wailing Wall on Yom Kippur.

Gita Goldenberg (26) was fatally injured and Zov Pokrgisky seriously injured when a Jewish truck hit a landmine near Kfar Sirken.

Jacob Spiegenthal (40) of Germany, was killed in an ambush on a bus at Ramleh.

The Military Court has sentenced Jacob Kotik (25) of Poland, to death on a charge of carrying arms.

Statement by Colonial Secretary.

London.

In a statement at the end of question time in the House of Commons on Wednesday, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary for the Colonies, said there had been a serious deterioration in the general situation in Palestine.

He had invited the High Commissioner to come to London for purposes of discussion.

Extra precautions for security had been taken. The police had been augmented by hundreds of ex-servicemen, troops had been reinforced and were being further reinforced from India next week.

Mr. MacDonald added that the Woodhead Commission was pressing ahead with its report, which he expected to receive before the end of the month.

Mr. MacDonald said that the Government had always taken the view that the Grand Mufti had a great responsibility for what was going on in Palestine, but he denied that terrorism was excited by foreign propaganda.

He rejected the suggestion of Colonel Wedgwood that 50 Jews should be admitted into Palestine for every Jew killed by Arabs, pointing out that immigration was regulated by other principles.

Warning to Jews in Vienna.

Vienna.

A warning to Jews in various parts of Vienna to leave Germany within 24 hours was issued by a Nazi spokesman on Wednesday.

These warnings were issued without special order from the authorities. On Tuesday men went from house to house warning Jews to leave because "of their provocative attitude during the past war crisis."

This action has caused intense excitement among Jews, but the Gestapo now declares that they know nothing about the matter.

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The "Reichs Post," the official Catholic paper for 45 years, has stopped publication.

All Jewish doctors' degrees were officially cancelled, affecting 4,000 doctors.

Toscanini Loses His Passport.

London.

Toscanini had his passport withdrawn by the Milan police a few days ago, it is reported.

The penalty was imposed because Toscanini had become more outspoken on his anti-Fascist attitude while he was abroad.

Jews in Italy.

Rome.

Italian and foreign Jews resident in Italy number 70,000, according to the first official census results.

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