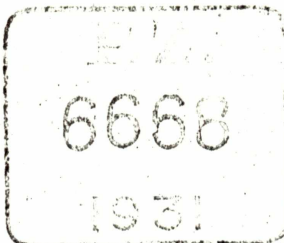


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26th September, 1931.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for your information copies of the following documents on the subject of the Nablus Assembly which was held by the Arab Executive on the 20th instant.

- (i) Police Daily Intelligence Summary No. 221 of the 21st September.
- (ii) Acting District Commissioner's report of 21st September.
- (iii) Translation of an extract from Al Jami's Al Arabia of the 21st September, 1931.

2. The Assembly was organised and directed by the pro-Mufti faction whose principal aim is to keep the country in a state of agitation and to re-establish a situation similar to that of 1922, when the proposals for the creation of a Legislative Council or an Arab Agency were rejected.

Haj Amin el Hussein is apprehensive of, and therefore opposed to any change which might prejudice his present autocratic position as President of the Supreme Moslem Council.

3. The moderate elements of the country abstained from participating in the Assembly and it is hoped that those elements will react against the obstructive attitude of the Assembly and its resolutions.

4. It is not anticipated that the Nablus resolutions will have any practical effect other than to create disunion amongst the Arab leaders.

I have etc.

(Sd) M. A. Young.

Officer Administering the Government.

Right Honourable J. H. Thomas,
P. C. M. P.,
Majesty's Principal

Secretary of State for the Colonies.