

Mr. Granott remarks: "If we add up all these figures, we shall find that no less than 90.6 per cent of all acquisitions were of land which formerly belonged to large landowners, while from fellahs only 9.4 per cent was purchased."¹⁵

Corroboration of the fact that the majority of the lands acquired by the Jews during the period of the Mandate were from non-Palestinian absentee landlords, is contained in a memorandum dated 25 February 1946 submitted by the Arab Higher Committee to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on its arrival in Palestine. Dr. Yusif Sayegh, the signatory of the memorandum, listed the areas acquired, as compiled from a field survey, conducted at the time, *in only a part of Palestine* as 461,250 dunums out of a total area of 1,491,699 of which 841,699 dunums were purchased during the period of the Mandate. "The real total area sold this way," Sayegh explained, "is definitely more"; he commented: "The fuller the data, the less the blame to attach to Palestinian Arabs."

The information contained in the memorandum, because of its importance, is given hereunder:

Land Sales to Jews in Palestine by Non-Palestinian Absentee Landlords

<i>Name of Seller</i>	<i>Area (Dunums)</i>	<i>Locality</i>
<i>Lebanese</i>		
Heirs of Salim Ramadan	3,000	Hittin
Heirs of Jammal and Milki	2,500	Nimrin
Ghulmia and Jbara	4,000	Zuq et Tahtani
Emir Chehab family	1,100	Khalisa
Francis family	3,000	Dafna
Shab'a villagers	1,500	Khan el Dweir
Debki and Shams families	1,600	Ed Dawwara
Farha family	1,400	Ez-Zawiya
Chehab family	1,300	En-Na'ima
Farhat and Bazza families and Mardinis (of Syria)	9,000	Qaddas
Bazza family	3,500	El-Malakiya
Ahmad el As'ad	2,000	El Manara & Udeisa
Moitenes villagers	1,200	Jabal Meimas
Father Shukrallah	900	Qaddita
Father Shukrallah	700	Yarda
Deishum villagers	1,100	Hawwara
Ali Salam	41,500	Hula Concession Area
Najib Sursock	26,500	Tell el Firr & Jalloud
Sursock family	240,000 ¹⁶	Marj ibn 'Amer (Plain of Esdraelon)

(15) *Ibid.*, Table 32, p. 277.

(16) This sale displaced 1746 Arab farmer families comprising 8730 persons (See *The Shaw Commission Report 1930* (Cmd. 3530), p. 118).