

government employers. Composed of unemployed or new settlers looking for work, these "Labour Guards" were often engaged in disrupting the labour process and attacking both Arab workers and Jewish employer.

The following incident took place in Kfar-Saba settlement (previously the Arab village of Milabbis) :

On Nov. 20th, 1933, a dispute arose in Kfar Saba at the grove of Mr. Rapaport, who had sold his fruit to an Arab merchant. The conditions of sale provided that Jews should be employed for all work in the groves, but that the fruit would be transported (unpacked) to the merchant's packing house where his own labourers would do the packing.

Mr. Rapaport applied to the Labour Office of the Federation of Labour for fifteen labourers to pick fruit. Fifteen Jewish labourers arrived at the grove and worked for two hours on Nov. 19th. On instruction from the Labour Committee these labourers then left the Grove. Mr. Rapaport was informed by the Committee that, unless his fruit was packed by Jewish labour no Jews would be allowed to work in his grove.

Mr. Rapaport replied that he had to abide by the contract of sale. On the morning of Nov. 23d, about 40 members of the Federation of Labour formed a picket at Mr. Rapaport's grove. When the first lorry loaded with unpacked fruit arrived at the gate of the grove, its further progress was obstructed by the picketers. The police who were present, ordered the picketers to disperse, but this order was disobeyed. Some of the picketers then returned towards Kfar Saba. On their way they met two [Jewish] farmers and assaulted them. One of the farmers was slightly injured, the other more seriously. Later in the morning a number of labourers approached the house of Mr. Rapaport and threw stones and other missiles, breaking three windows. (50)

Attacks on Arab workers was reported in almost all agricultural settlements. (51) Harrassment of Arab workers by Jewish "labour guards" was also reported in various construction sites with Arab employees. (52)

In another incident in late 1934 it was reported that "Blood was