

SUMMER RESORTS





In the neighbourhood of Haj Omran.

Next to the city of Baghdad, probably the most attractive part of Iraq for the tourist is the north and northeast.

Here colourful, friendly Kurdish people inhabit their towns surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery, sometimes wooded and watered by turbulent streams, sometimes gaunt and bare, but always dramatic and often awesome.

One can admire here the mountain grandeur and sylvan delight that are the setting for a number of villages now transformed into summer resorts. These little communities, so rich in natural amenity, have for long been the goal of the traveller and the explorer, but now they have been popularised. Communications have been improved—even to the provision of airfields — and new hotels, rest-houses and guest-houses have been built. A number of regions of northern Iraq have everything to commend them as popular summer resorts, for they stand high above the hot and humid plains ; and as for winter sports resorts, they bid fair to become the Alps of the Middle East.

The principal resorts are the following :

Salahuddin. About a half-hour drive from Arbil Railway Station and 19 Kms. from Shaqlawa Summer Resort ; at a height of 3633 feet above sea level. The highest temperature in summer is 38°C.

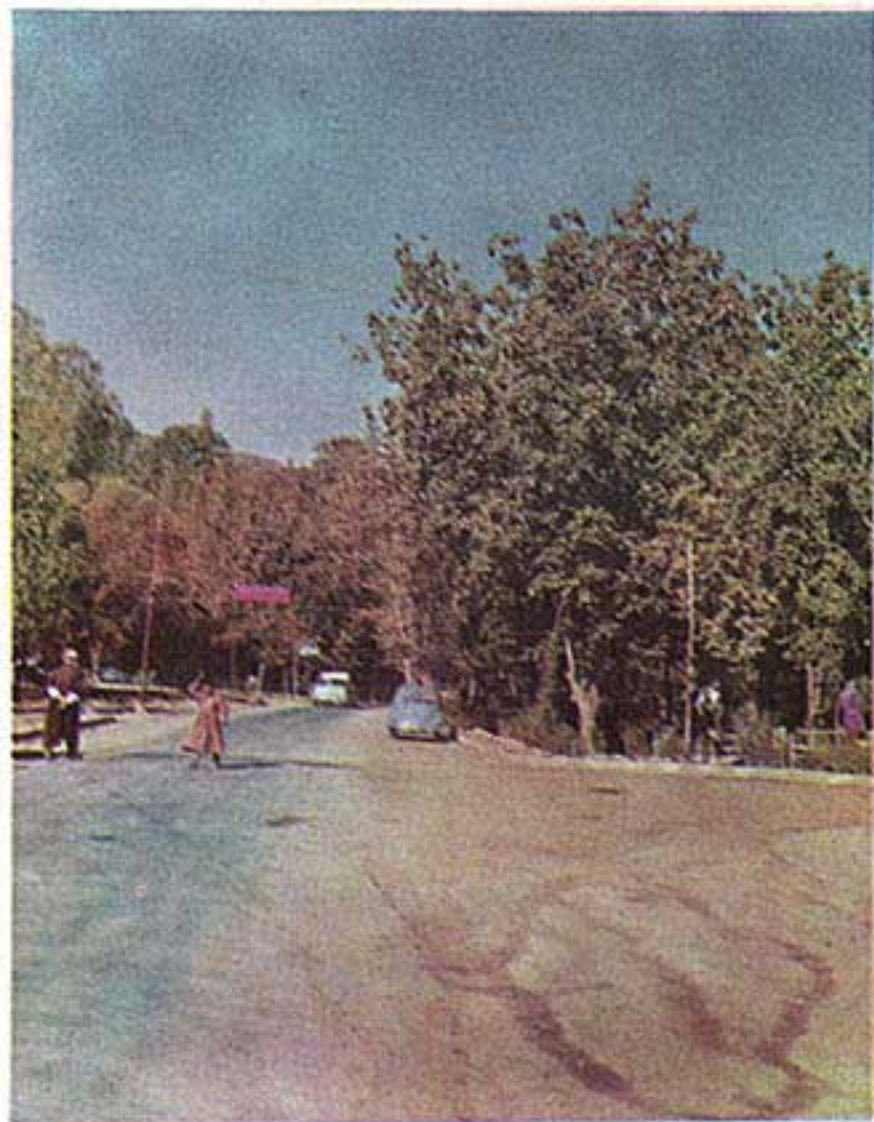
A beautiful resort with magnificent views of mountains. There are modern, furnished houses for summer visitors, a rest house, a swimming-pool, an open-air cinema, a cafe, a restaurant, shops, a school, a garden for children, a dispensary, and some government centres. There are also two modern hotels—Salahuddin and Pirmam. Salahuddin is a first-rate hotel consisting of 30 double rooms with private baths and the usual complementary services. It has large lounges, a dance floor and beautiful surrounding gardens.

Pirman is a second-class hotel consisting of 14 double rooms and a good cafe-restaurant.



Salahuddin first-class hotel.

Shaqlavca. About a half-hour drive from Salahuddin. Height : 1700 feet. Highest temperature in summer : 35°C.



An abundance of greenery, water and trees, surrounded by high mountains and overlooking a great valley.

There is a hotel belonging to Summer Resorts & Tourism Service.

Gali Ali Beg. On the way to Haj Omran; 50 Kms. from Shaqlawa.

Height : 1700 feet. Highest temperature in summer : 38°C.

Here summer visitors may enjoy the sight of the great water-fall and other scenes of beauty.

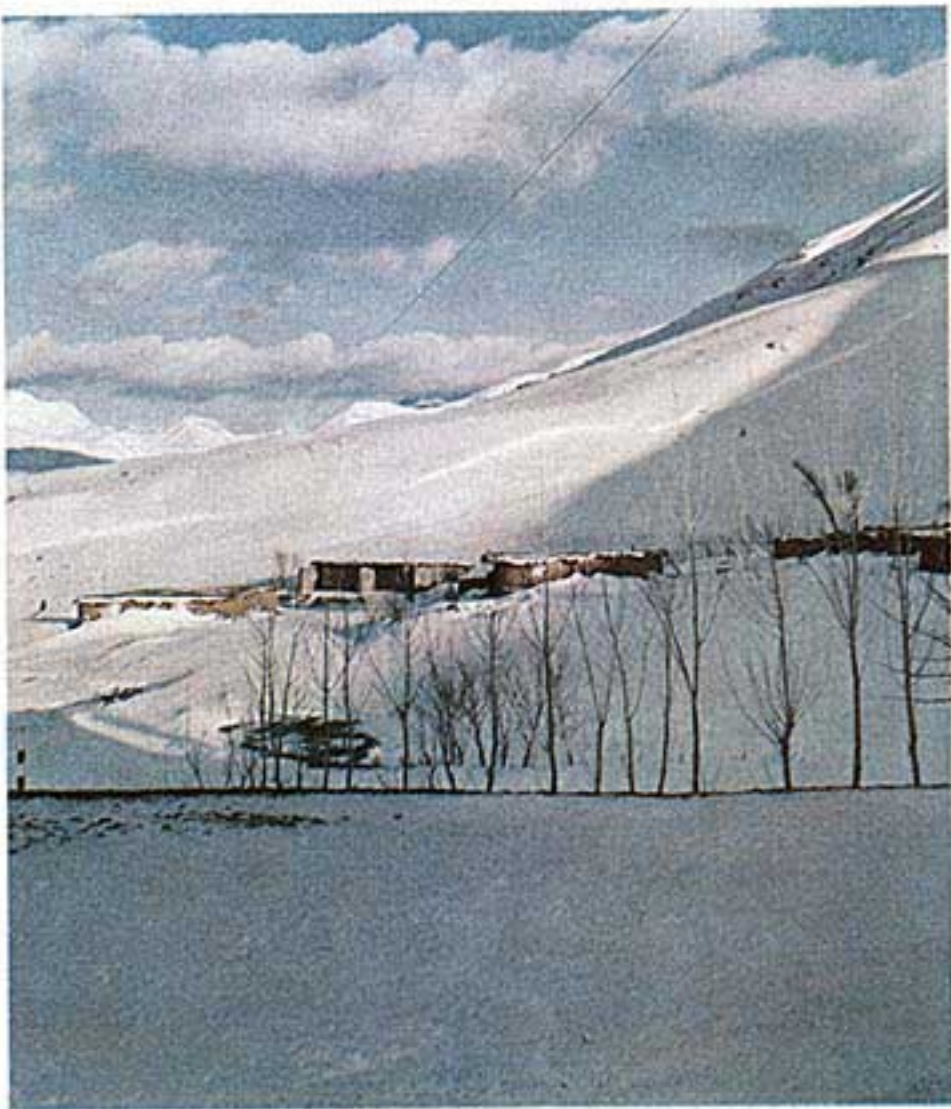
There is a cafe containing a lounge and a dining-room.



Haji Omran. On the border of Iran. Height : 6000 feet. Highest temperature in summer 28°C.

Here the climate is very cold and the skiing-in February and March- is ideal.

The mountain water is therapeutic. There is a modern rest-house here.



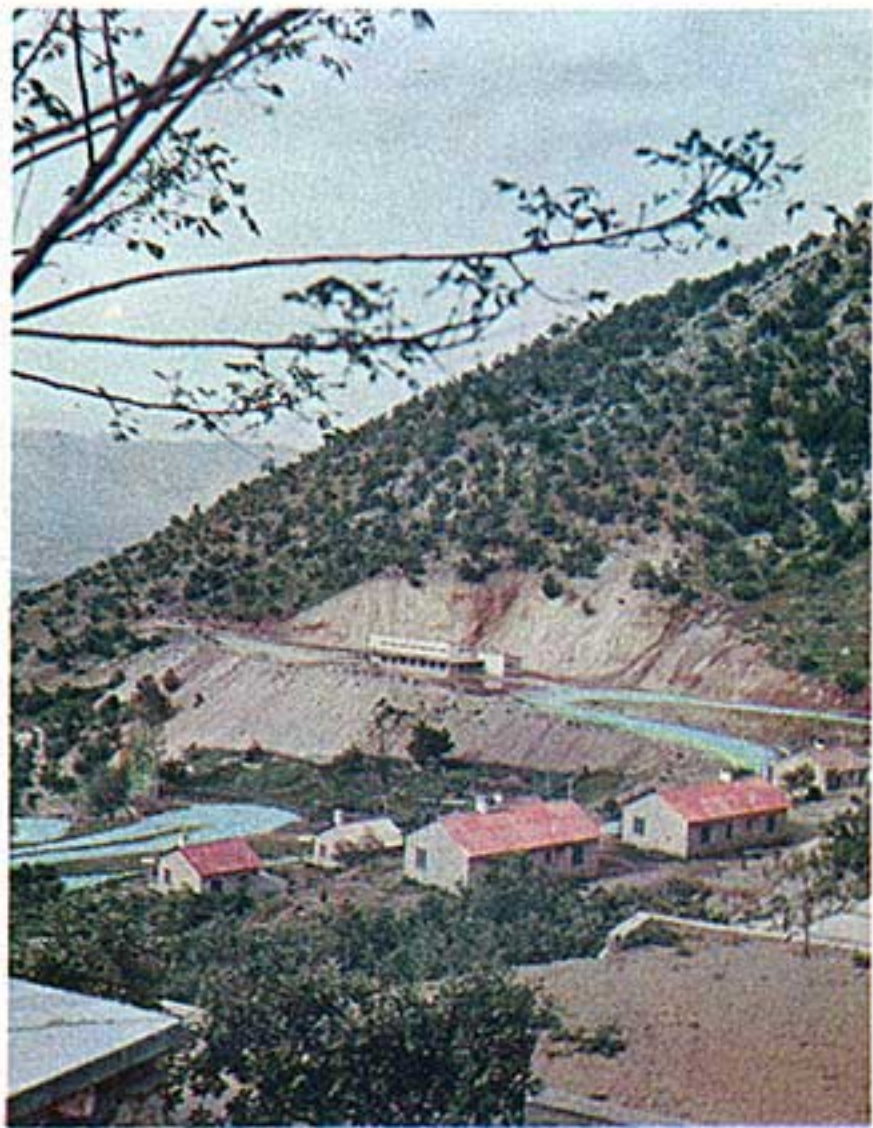
Zawja.

90 Kms from Mosul. Height : 4267 feet. Highest temperature in summer : 38°C. In a most romantic countryside where great pine trees give an atmosphere of peace and tranquility. There is a rest-house here.



Sivaratouka. About 114 Kms from Mosul. Height : 5023 feet.
Highest temperature in summer : 33°C.

Attractive surroundings, mountain landscapes ; with a large hotel and houses designed to satisfy modern tourist requirements.



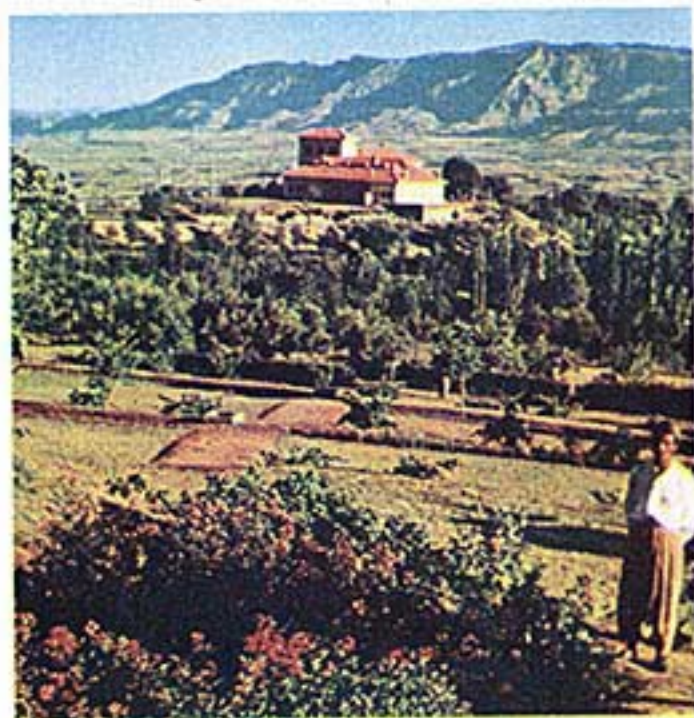
Sarsang.

About 120 Kms from Mosul. Height : 3487 feet.
Highest temperature in summer : 34°C.

A most beautiful mountain resort with an interesting variety of fauna and flora. Nearby is the Republican Palace.

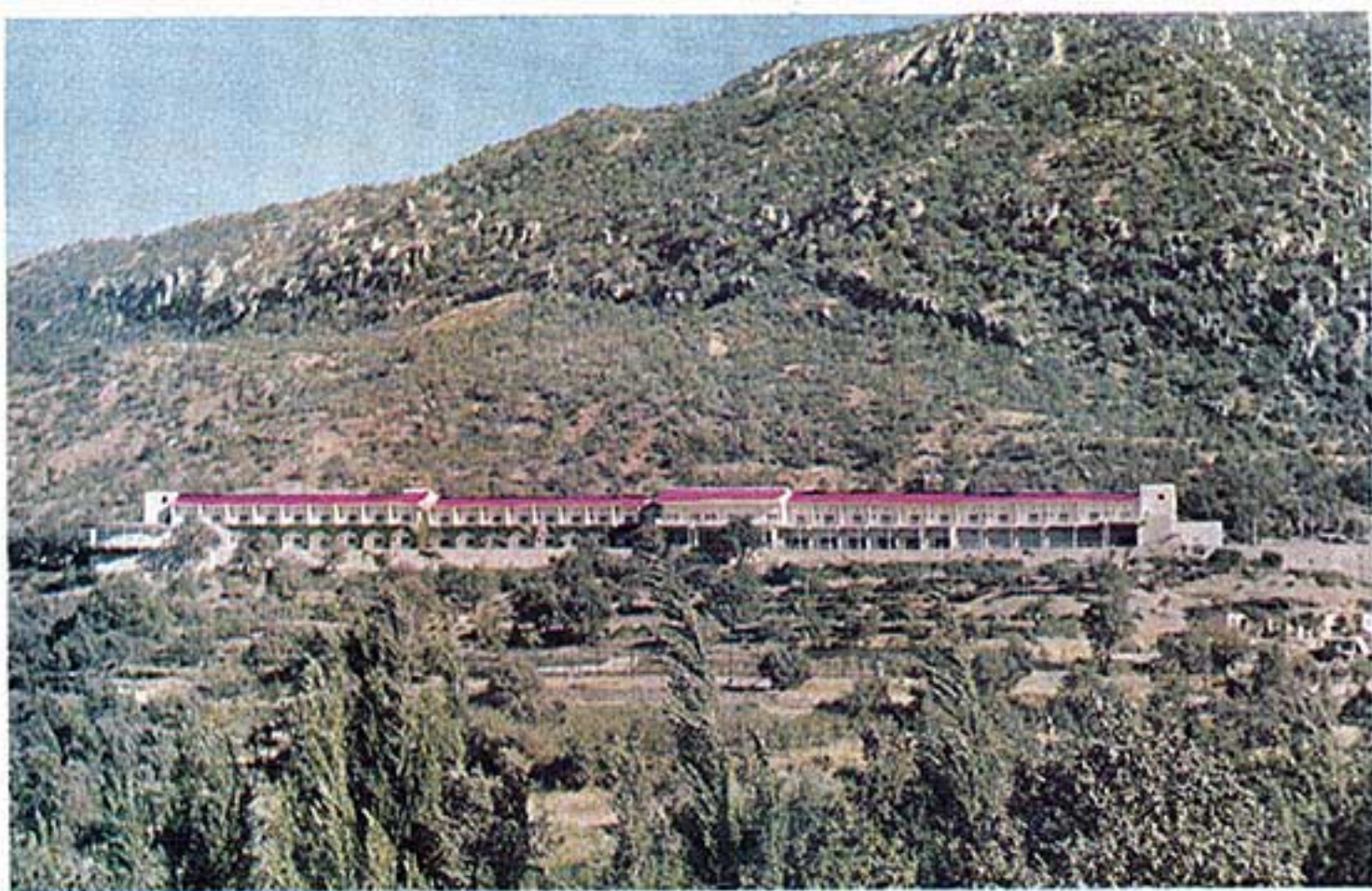
There is a big modern hotel with, among other amenities, constant hot water. It has big lounges, a swimming-pool, a dance-floor, tennis-courts and beautiful surrounding gardens.

Some of our hardier tourists may want to try pitching their tents in this wonderful region. However, the courteous and hospitable Kurds and Arabs may insist that they be their guests, and certainly there is no better way to get to know people. What the houses might lack in luxury will be more than made up for by the warmth and friendliness of the host and his family.





Gali Waterfall



Sarsang first-class hotel.