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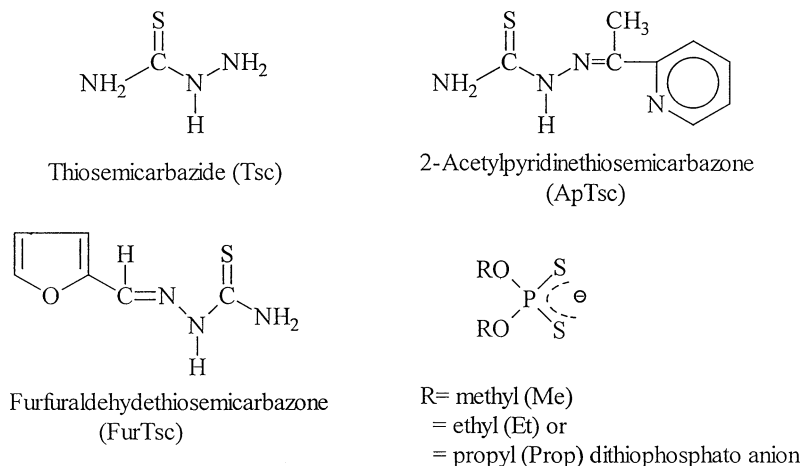
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*The complexes  $[Ni\{(RO)_2PS_2\}_2Tsc]$ ,  $[Ni\{(RO)_2PS_2\}_2ApTsc]$ , and  $[Ni\{(RO)_2PS_2\}_2FurTsc \cdot 2H_2O]$  where R = methyl (Me), ethyl (Et) or propyl (Prop); Tsc = thiosemicarbazide, ApTsc = 2-acetylpyridine-thiosemicarbazone, and FurTsc = furfuraldehydethiosemicarbazone have been synthesized and characterized by elemental analysis, conductance measurements, and spectral studies (IR, UV-Vis, and mass). Thermal studies of the complexes have been carried out using TG and DTG techniques. An octahedral structure has been proposed for all types of the complexes. A representative types of the complexes are tested against various pathogenic bacteria and fungi. The  $[Ni\{(EtO)_2PS_2\}_2ApTsc]$  shows a high degree of activity against bacteria and fungi; this may be attributed to the pyridyl ring of the 2-acetylpyridine-thiosemicarbazone ligand.*

**Keywords:** Dithiophosphate; nickel(II) complexes; thermal behavior; thiosemicarbazide; thiosemicarbazones

Thiosemicarbazide and thiosemicarbazones have attracted special attention due to their biological activities.<sup>1–4</sup> These compounds present a wide variety of biological activity such as antitumoral,<sup>5–8</sup> fungicidal,<sup>9,10</sup> bactericidal,<sup>11</sup> and antiviral.<sup>7</sup> It is known that some drugs have increased activity when administered in the form of the metal complexes,<sup>12,13</sup> and a number of metal chelates inhibit tumor growth.<sup>14</sup> In the treatment of cancer, the active species is not the thiosemicarbazone but its metal chelates.<sup>14</sup> Chemically, heterocyclic thiosemicarbazones are of interest because of their great versatility as ligands, which derives from the presence of several potential donor atoms, their

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**FIGURE 1** Structures of the ligands.

flexibility, and their ability to coordinate in either neutral or deprotonated forms.<sup>15</sup>

The chemistry study of the metal complexes that contain bidentate sulphur donor ligand was very interesting because it plays an important role in analytical and structural aspects of coordination chemistry.<sup>16–19</sup> In continuance of our work on the coordination chemistry of dialkyldithiophosphates,<sup>20,21</sup> we describe here the synthesis and structural characterization of new types of mixed ligand complexes between bis(dialkyldithiophosphato)nickel(II) and thiosemicarbazide (Tsc), 2-acetylpyridinethiosemicarbazone (ApTsc), or furfuraldehydethiosemi-carbazone (FurTsc) (Figure 1).

## EXPERIMENTAL

All the reagents viz., thiosemicarbazide, furfuraldehyde (Fluka) and 2-acetylpyridine (Merck) are of analytical grade and were used as received. Bis(dialkyldithiophosphato)nickel(II)<sup>22</sup> and the Schiff bases were prepared by the condensation of aldehyde or ketone with thiosemicarbazide in 1:1 molar ratio in absolute ethanol.<sup>23</sup>

## Physical Measurements

The electronic spectra (in DMF) were recorded on an UV-2101 PC Shimadzu spectrophotometer. The infrared spectra were recorded on a 470 Shimadzu infra-red spectrophotometer as KBr discs. The elemental

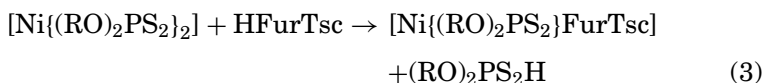
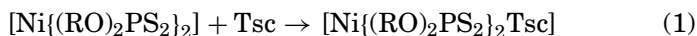
analyses data were obtained by Analytischer Funktions-test Vario El-Fab-Nr. 11982027 apparatus. JEOL-JMS<sub>600</sub> apparatus was used for recording the mass spectra. Thermal measurements were carried out on a 2000 Dupont thermal analyzer, the heating rate was 10 deg/min.

## Synthesis of the Complexes

A hot ethanolic solution of either thiosemicarbazide (0.91 g, 0.01 mmol), 2-acetylpyridinethiosemicarbazone (1.94 g, 0.01 mmol), or furfuraldehydethiosemicarbazone (1.78 g, 0.01 mmol) was added to a chloroform solution of 3.81 g (0.01 mmol), 4.26 g (0.01 mmol) or 4.83 (0.01 mmol) of bis(dimethyldithiophosphato), bis(diethyldithiophosphato)-, or dipropyldithiophosphato)nickel(II) respectively. The mixture was stirred for 2 h, where upon the color was changed from violet to green or yellow. The resulting solids were separated after two days, and then filtered, washed several times with diethyl ether, and air dried.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The mixed ligand complexes may be formed according to the following equations:



where R = CH<sub>3</sub>-, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>- or C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>- and Tsc = thiosemicarbazide; ApTsc = 2-acetylpyridinethiosemicarbazone, HFurTsc = furfuraldehydethiosemicarbazone.

All the prepared complexes are stable in air and partially soluble in common organic solvents. Analyses of the complexes were presented in Table I. The analytical data are in a good agreement with the proposed stoichiometry of the complexes. The Tsc and ApTsc ligands coordinate with Ni(II) as a bidentate through the amino or azomethine nitrogen and sulphur atoms in a neutral form, respectively, HFurTsc, however coordinates as a mononegative ligand through the same donor atoms. The poor molar conductivity values of all complexes (7–9 Ω<sup>-1</sup> · cm<sup>2</sup> · mol<sup>-1</sup>) indicate that these complexes are nonelectrolytes.

**TABLE I** Physical, Characteristics and Analytical Data of the Complexes

| No. | Compound  | Color     | Elemental analysis<br>found (Calc. %) |                |                |                  | Dec. p °C |
|-----|---|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|
|     |   |           | C                                     | H              | N              | S                |           |
| 1   | [Ni{(MeO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> Tsc]                | Blue      | 12.95<br>(12.93)                      | 3.70<br>(3.69) | 9.08<br>(9.05) | 34.55<br>(34.53) | 320       |
| 2   | [Ni{(EtO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> Tsc]                | Blue      | 20.80<br>(20.78)                      | 4.85<br>(4.84) | 8.10<br>(8.08) | 30.80<br>(30.81) | 330       |
| 3   | [Ni{(PropO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> Tsc]              | Blue      | 27.10<br>(27.09)                      | 5.76<br>(5.77) | 7.30<br>(7.29) | 27.78<br>(27.80) | 335       |
| 4   | [Ni{(MeO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> ApTsc]              | Brown     | 25.38<br>(25.40)                      | 3.90<br>(3.91) | 9.90<br>(9.88) | 28.28<br>(28.26) | 350       |
| 5   | [Ni{(EtO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> ApTsc]              | Brown     | 30.85<br>(30.83)                      | 4.86<br>(4.85) | 9.00<br>(8.99) | 25.72<br>(25.71) | 365       |
| 6   | [Ni{(PropO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> ApTsc]            | Yellow    | 35.32<br>(35.35)                      | 5.63<br>(5.64) | 8.23<br>(8.25) | 23.61<br>(23.59) | 373       |
| 7   | [Ni{(MeO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> }FurTsc ·<br>2H <sub>2</sub> O]    | Green     | 22.46<br>(22.49)                      | 3.77<br>(3.78) | 9.82<br>(9.84) | 22.50<br>(22.52) | 310       |
| 8   | [Ni{(EtO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> }FurTsc ·<br>2H <sub>2</sub> O]    | Green     | 26.43<br>(26.41)                      | 4.45<br>(4.43) | 9.26<br>(9.24) | 21.17<br>(21.15) | 315       |
| 9   | [Ni{(PropO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> }<br>FurTsc · 2H <sub>2</sub> O] | Yellowish | 29.83<br>(29.82)                      | 5.02<br>(5.01) | 8.62<br>(8.60) | 19.93<br>(19.90) | 315       |

Tsc = Thiosemicarbazide. ApTsc = 2-Acetylpyridinethiosemicarbazone. FurTsc = Furfuraldehydethiosemicarbazone anion.

## IR Spectra

The characteristic frequencies of the two coordinated ligands in the mixed ligand complexes are listed in Table II and can be assigned as follows:

- a) Two bands appearing in the regions 3290–3300 and 3090–3095 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the spectra of the complexes of the type [Ni{(RO)<sub>2</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>}<sub>2</sub>Tsc] were attributed to the asymmetric and symmetric modes of the NH<sub>2</sub> group respectively. This band is reported at 3400 and 3100 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the Tsc ligand.<sup>24</sup> This shift in frequency indicates the involvement of this group in coordination. A strong band at 810 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the ligand (Tsc) is mainly due to  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$  stretching frequency;<sup>25</sup> this band is observed in the complexes around 780–800 cm<sup>-1</sup>. It is expected that the strong band which appears in 1180–1190 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the mixed ligand complexes region has some contribution from the C=S stretching frequency;<sup>26</sup>  $\nu(\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{N})$  stretching vibration,<sup>27</sup> or  $\nu(\text{N}-\text{N})$  stretching and  $\delta(\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{N})$  deformation vibrations.<sup>28–30</sup> These bands are shifted generally toward the lower frequency side in the spectra of

**TABLE II** IR Spectral Data of the Complexes (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

| No. | Alkylidithiophosphate moiety            |  |                          |   | Thiosemicarbazone moiety |                          |                          |     |     |
|-----|---|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|
|     | $\nu(\text{P}-\text{S})_{(\text{asy})}$ | $\nu(\text{P}-\text{S})_{(\text{sy})}$ | $\nu(\text{P}-\text{O})$ | $\nu(\text{NH}_2), \nu(\text{NH}), \nu(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ | $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ | $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$ | $\nu(\text{C}-\text{S})$ | M-N | M-S |
| 1   | 640                                     | 530                                    | 1000                     | 3300, 3095  | —                        | 1190, 800                | —                        | 430 | 500 |
| 2   | 660                                     | 540                                    | 1010                     | 3290, 3090  | —                        | 1180, 780                | —                        | 420 | 495 |
| 3   | 660                                     | 530                                    | 1020                     | 3300, 3090  | —                        | 1190, 800                | —                        | 435 | 505 |
| 4   | 665                                     | 540                                    | 970                      | 3380, 3180  | 1610                     | 1180, 810                | —                        | 430 | 490 |
| 5   | 670                                     | 550                                    | 1010                     | 3380, 3175  | 1610                     | 1170, 830                | —                        | 425 | 510 |
| 6   | 650                                     | 540                                    | 1015                     | 3380, 3180  | 1605                     | 1180, 810                | —                        | 440 | 500 |
| 7   | 670                                     | 530                                    | 990                      | 3375, 3175, 3400  | 1615                     | —                        | 1020                     | 435 | 490 |
| 8   | 670                                     | 550                                    | 985                      | 3370, 3170, 3420  | 1610                     | —                        | 1015                     | 440 | 485 |
| 9   | 680                                     | 560                                    | 990                      | 3380, 3175, 3410  | 1615                     | —                        | 1015                     | 440 | 495 |

- the complexes, (related to Tsc) indicating that the coordination is taking place through the ketonic sulphur atom.
- b) The IR spectrum of the 2-acetylpyridinethiosemicarbazone (ApTsc) ligand exhibits some bands at 3380, 3180, 1200 and 830  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  which are attributed to  $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$ ,  $\nu(\text{NH})$  and  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$ , respectively,<sup>24,25</sup> in the thion form (Figure 1). The same bands were observed in the regions, 3380, 3175–3180, 1170–1180 and 810–820  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the complexes of the type  $[\text{Ni}\{(\text{RO})_2\text{PS}_2\}_2\text{ApTsc}]$ . This clearly indicates the non-involvement of the  $\text{NH}_2$  group in coordination.<sup>30</sup> However, the azomethine and  $\text{C}=\text{S}$  groups participate in this coordination.<sup>26</sup> Moreover, a strong band at 1650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectrum of the ligand is assigned to  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ . This band shifts to a lower frequency by 40–45  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . This shift to lower frequency indicates the involvement of the azomethine nitrogen in bonding to the metal ion. Thus, the ligand acts as a neutral bidentate NS donor.<sup>26</sup>
  - c) The complexes of the type  $[\text{Ni}\{(\text{RO})_2\text{PS}_2\}\text{FurTsc}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  exhibit  $\nu(\text{OH})$  and  $\rho(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  bands in the 3400–3420 and 680–690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  regions which are indicative of coordinated water in the complexes.<sup>31,32</sup>

Neither the ligand HFrTsc nor its complexes show absorption bands between 2000 and 2500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , suggesting that no S–H bonding. The spectrum of the ligand exhibits bands at 3360, 3200 and 830  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  which were attributed to  $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$ ,  $\nu(\text{NH})$  and  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$ ,<sup>24,25</sup> respectively. In the complexes,  $\nu(\text{NH})$  and  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$  disappear and accompanied by the appearance of  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$  at 1015–1020  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>33,34</sup> Thus, indicates that the ligand undergoes there in enol form which deprotonated on complexation and coordinates through the thiolate sulphur as anion. Further, in the ligand spectrum, the strong band observed at 1600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be assigned to  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$  frequencies. This shifts to higher frequency region 1610–1615  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectra of the complexes, indicating coordination of nitrogen of the azomethine group to the metal ion.<sup>35,36</sup>

Moreover, all complexes show strong two bands in the two regions 985–1020 and 640–680  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , which are assigned to  $\nu(\text{P}=\text{O})$  and  $\nu(\text{P}=\text{S})$ , respectively,<sup>20,21,37</sup> in the dithiophosphate group.

The important features of the infrared spectra of all the complexes are the appearance of two strong bands at 420–440  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 485–510  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , which may be assigned to  $\nu(\text{M}=\text{N})$  and  $\nu(\text{M}=\text{S})$  bands respectively.<sup>37,39</sup>

## Electronic Spectra

The electronic spectra of the complexes display two bands at 14,663–16,779 and 19,342–21,413  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  regions (Table III). These spectral

**TABLE III** Electronic Spectral Bands for the Complexes in (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

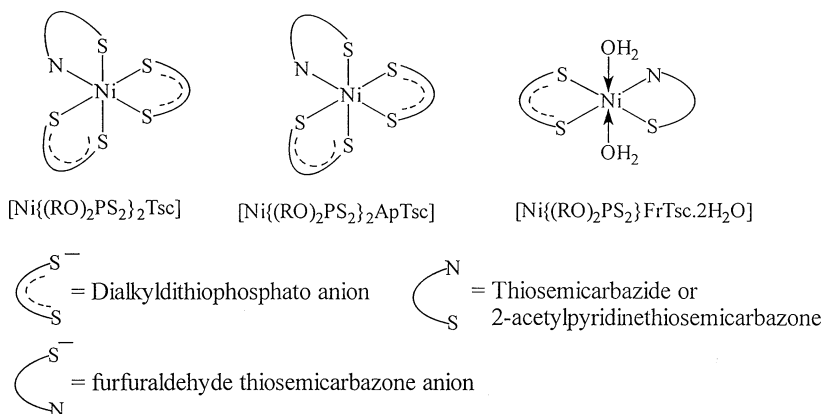
| No. | d-d Transition | Intraligand and charge transfer bands |
|-----|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1   | 16,779; 21,008 | 33,333; 41,667; 48,077                |
| 2   | 16,556; 21,413 | 33,671; 38,462; 48,309                |
| 3   | 16,393; 20,964 | 33,670; 41,841; 46,729                |
| 4   | 14,837; 19,417 | 31,153; 49,261                        |
| 5   | 14,663; 19,417 | 31,348; 43,103; 49,020                |
| 6   | 14,749; 19,342 | 31,250; 43,290; 46,729                |
| 7   | 15,015; 20,576 | 31,153; 43,478; 48,780                |
| 8   | 15,038; 20,661 | 32,895; 49,020                        |
| 9   | 15,054; 20,618 | 31,153; 46,729                        |

bands may be assigned to  $^3A_{2g} \rightarrow ^3T_{1g}(F)$  ( $\nu_2$ ) and  $^3A_{2g} \rightarrow ^3T_{1g}(P)$  ( $\nu_3$ ) transitions, respectively, and supports the octahedral structure for the complexes. The second type of bands which appear in the range 31,153–33,671 cm<sup>-1</sup> are assigned to  $\pi-\pi^*$  transition of azomethine chromophores<sup>38</sup>. Bands appearing in the region 41,667–49,261 cm<sup>-1</sup> are assigned to  $\pi-\pi^*$  transition<sup>39</sup> of the different moieties of thiosemicarbazone ligands.<sup>39</sup>

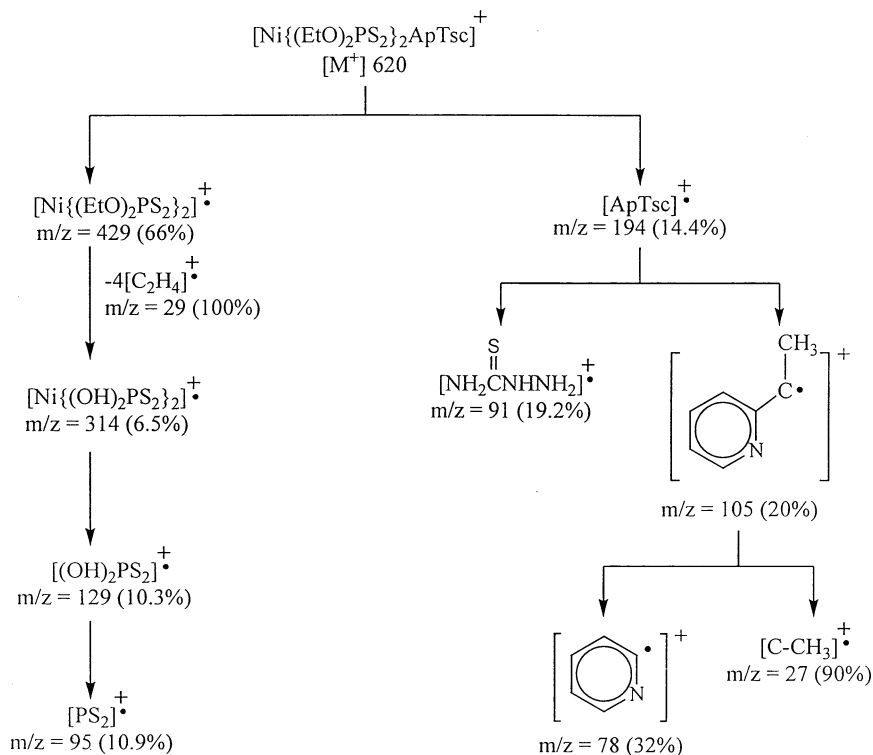
From the foregoing data we suggest the structures for the complexes (Figure 2).

## Mass Spectra

The mass spectrum of  $[Ni\{EtO)_2PS_2\}_2ApTsc]$  complex shows the molecular ion peak at  $m/z = 620 [M]^+$ . The mass spectral fragmentation of

**FIGURE 2** Suggested structures of the complexes.

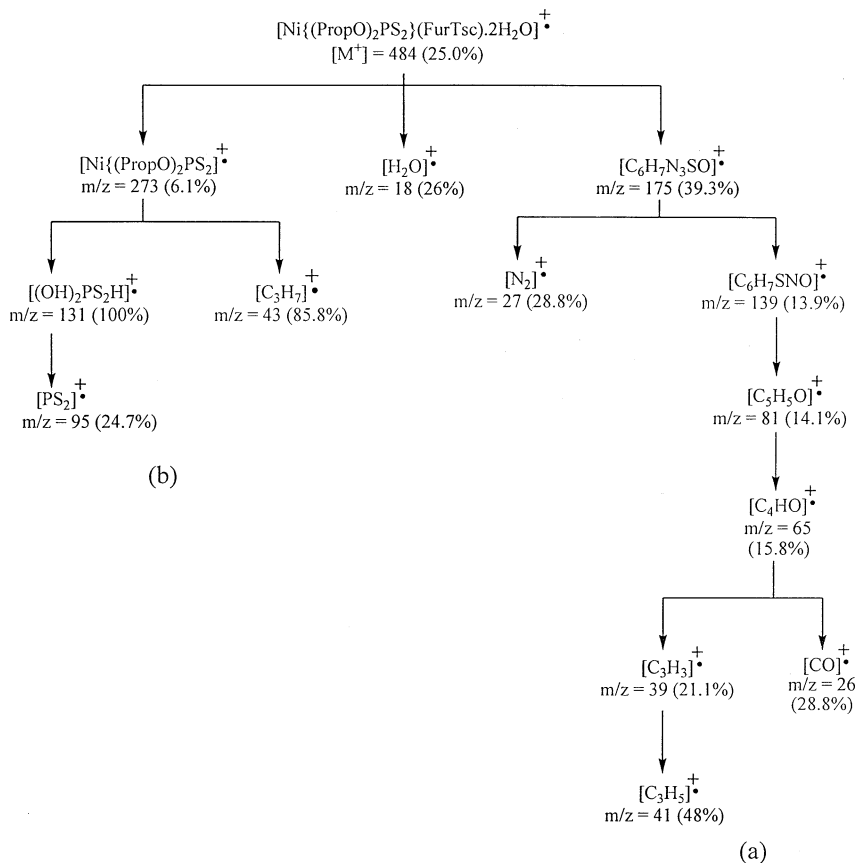




SCHEME 1

this complex is recorded in Scheme 1. The molecular cation during fragmentation process loses the 2-acetylpyridinethiosemicarbazone ligand under FAB conditions to give species such as 429  $[\text{Ni}\{(\text{EtO})_2\text{PS}_2\}_2]^+$ ; 314  $[\text{Ni}\{(\text{OH})_2\text{PS}_2\}_2]^+$ ; 129  $[(\text{OH})_2\text{PS}_2]^+$  and 95  $[\text{PS}_2]^+$ <sup>21</sup> after elimination of  $[\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2]^+$  and nickel atom. Moreover, the fragments of 2-acetylpyridinethiosemicarbazone are 91  $[\text{CH}_3\text{N}_3\text{S}]^+$ ; 105  $[\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{N}]^+$ ; 78  $[\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}]^+$  and 27  $[\text{C}_2\text{H}_3]^+$  which observed in the literature.<sup>21</sup>

The mass spectral fragmentation pattern of  $[\text{Ni}\{(\text{PropO})_2\text{PS}_2\}-\text{FurTsc} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$  is depicted in Scheme 2. One branch (a) of this scheme represents a series of fragments, corresponding to fragmentation of furfuraldehyde thiosemicarbazone, which loses a  $[\text{N}_2]^+$   $m/z = 27$  forming the species 139  $[\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{SNO}]^+$ ; 81  $[\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{O}]^+$ ; 65  $[\text{C}_4\text{HO}]^+$ ; 26  $[\text{CO}]^+$ ; 39  $[\text{C}_3\text{H}_3]$  which may be take two hydrogen radicals forming  $[\text{C}_3\text{H}_5]^+$  with  $m/z = 41$ . The other branch (b) includes the fragments  $[\text{C}_3\text{H}_7]^+$  with  $m/z = 43$  and  $[(\text{OH})_2\text{PS}_2\text{H}]^+$  with  $m/z = 131$  (100%) which forms  $[\text{PS}_2]^+$  radical  $m/z = 95$ .



SCHEME 2

### Thermal Data of the Complexes

Thermogravimetric studies were carried out on a number of the prepared complexes. The data of these studies are presented in Table IV from the TG-DTG curves. The thermal behavior of the complexes is described as follows:

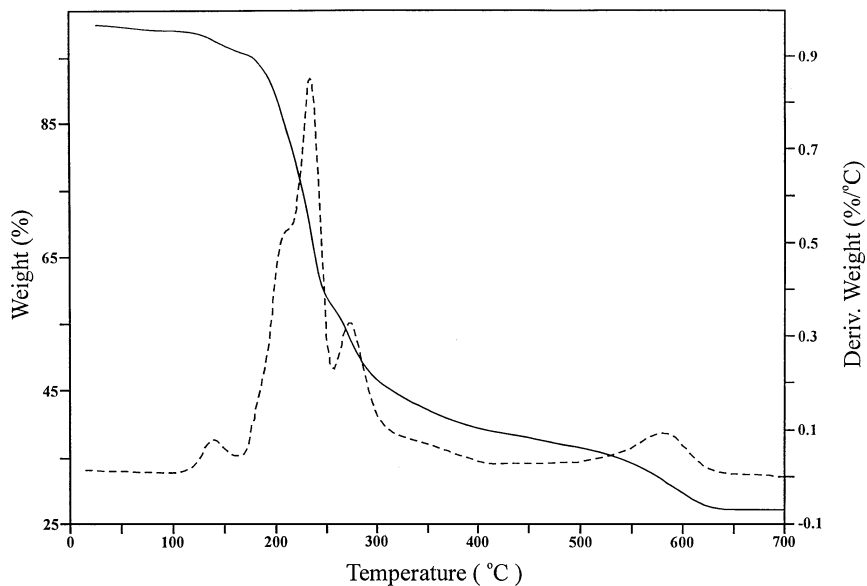
- i) The TGA thermograms of the type  $[\text{Ni}\{(\text{RO})_2\text{PS}_2\}_2\text{Tsc}]$  consist of number of stages. The first mass loss of the complex  $[\text{Ni}\{\text{CH}_3\text{O}\}_2\text{PS}_2\}_2\text{Tsc}]$  occurs at  $248^\circ\text{C}$  which agrees with elimination of Tsc molecule (found 20.3%, calc. 19.4), while this step was showed at  $198^\circ\text{C}$  for  $[\text{Ni}\{(\text{EtO})_2\text{PS}_2\}_2\text{Tsc}]$  and the mass loss correspond to evolution of  $\text{Tsc} + \text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$  molecules

**TABLE IV** TG and DTG Data of the Complexes

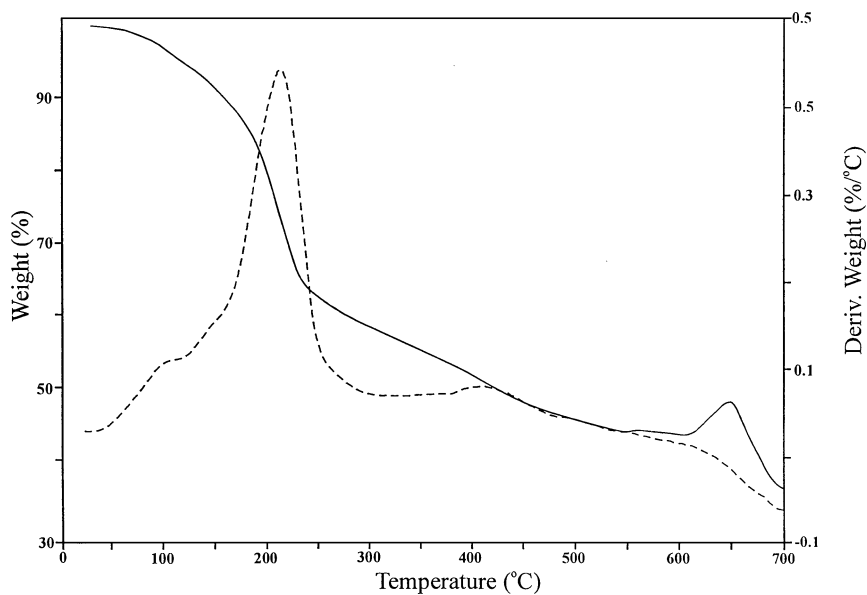
| Compound   | Step    | Temp. range | Max. temp. °C | Mass loss %<br>(% (calc.)) |
|--|---------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Ni{(MeO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> Tsc             | First   | 0–250       | 248           | 20.2 (19.4)                |
|  | Second  | 350–580     | 426           | 33.8                       |
| [Ni{(EtO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> Tsc]           | residue | —           | 687           | 39.8 (39.7)                |
|  | First   | 0–240       | 198           | 21.7 (23.0)                |
|  | Second  | 250–300     | 277           | 5.2 (5.4)                  |
|  | Third   | 300–350     | 324           | 13.3                       |
| [Ni{(PropO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> Tsc]         | residue | —           | 660           | 30.1 (30.8)                |
|  | First   | 0–17        | 139           | 4.3                        |
|  | Second  | 175–265     | 233           | 38.1                       |
|  | Third   | 265–450     | 274           | 19.6                       |
| [Ni{(EtO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> ApTsc]         | residue | —           | 580           | 28.4 (27.4)                |
|  | First   | 30–240      | 179           | 17.9                       |
|  | Second  | 240–390     | 265           | 20.6                       |
|  | residue | —           | 680           | 28.3 (27.2)                |
| [Ni{(MeO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> ApTsc]         | First   | 30–250      | 215           | 29.8                       |
|  | Second  | 250–310     | 259           | 11.6                       |
|  | residue | —           | —             | —                          |
| [Ni{(MeO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> }FrTsc · 2H <sub>2</sub> O]   | First   | 90–150      | 131           | 12.3                       |
|  | Second  | 150–275     | 207           | 26.4                       |
|  | residue | —           | 700           | 36.8 (36.1)                |
| [Ni{(EtO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> }FrTsc · 2H <sub>2</sub> O]   | First   | 0–325       | 207           | 42.5                       |
|  | Second  | 325–550     | 429           | 16.5                       |
|  | residue | —           | 666           | 34.9 (34.8)                |
| [Ni{(PropO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> }FrTsc · 2H <sub>2</sub> O] | First   | 0–230       | 200           | 23.6                       |
|  | Second  | 230–270     | 233           | 19.4                       |
|  | residue | —           | 700           | 31.7 (31.9)                |

(found 21.7%, calc. 23.0%). The thermal behavior of the complex [Ni{(PropO)<sub>2</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>}<sub>2</sub>Tsc] (Figure 3) exhibits a number of peaks in (DTG) at 139, 233, 274, and 580°C, unfortunately it was difficult to identify the mass loss of each step. The final product of all the compounds is NiSO<sub>4</sub>.

- ii) The first mass loss of the two complexes [Ni{(MeO)<sub>2</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>}<sub>2</sub>ApTsc] and [Ni{(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>}<sub>2</sub>ApTsc] is in agreement with the elimination of C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N] from the first complex (found 17.9%, calc. 18.4%) and ApTsc molecule from the second compound (found 31.20%, calc. 29.8%). The unstable complex in each case decomposes and form NiSO<sub>4</sub> as a final product.
- iii) The first and second steps of TG and DTG thermograms of the two complexes [Ni{(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>}<sub>2</sub>(FrTsc) · 2H<sub>2</sub>O] (Figure 4) and [Ni{(PropO)<sub>2</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>}<sub>2</sub>(FrTsc) · 2H<sub>2</sub>O] are composite at 207, 409°C and 200, 233°C respectively. It corresponds to the mass loss of



**FIGURE 3** TG (—) and DTG (---) thermograms of  $[\text{Ni}\{(\text{PropO})_2\text{PS}_2\}_2 \text{Tsc}]$ .



**FIGURE 4** TG (—) and DTG (---) thermograms of  $[\text{Ni}\{(\text{EtO})_2\text{PS}_2\}_2 \text{FurTsc} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ .

**TABLE V** Antimicrobial Data for Some Complexes

| Compound   | Fungi                       |                 |                    |                      | Bacteria         |                   |                      |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|  | <i>A. Fumig. var. albus</i> | <i>A. niger</i> | <i>C. tropicum</i> | <i>F. oxysporium</i> | <i>B. cereus</i> | <i>St. aureus</i> | <i>P. aeruginosa</i> |
| [Ni{(EtO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> Tsc]   | 8                           | —               | —                  | —                    | 12               | 10                | —                    |
| [Ni{(EtO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> } <sub>2</sub> ApTsc] | 15                          | 15              | 15                 | 20                   | 22               | 0                 | 10                   |
| [Ni{(EtO) <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> }]                    | 12                          | 10              | 12                 | 10                   | 13               | 15                | 17                   |
| FurTsc · 2H <sub>2</sub> O]                                  |                             |                 |                    |                      |                  |                   |                      |
| Erythromycine  | 0                           | 0               | 0                  | 0                    | 0                | 0                 | 0                    |

The diameter of the inhibition zone (in mm).

FurTsc+2H<sub>2</sub>O+2C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (found 59.03, calc. 58.68) in the first compound. For the second compound, the mass losses is a good agreement with elimination of (FurTsc+2H<sub>2</sub>O) (found 43.0, calc. 43.8%). Elimination of alkenes from alkylthiophosphate was recorded in literature.<sup>21</sup> Three DTG peaks at 131, 207, and 700°C are observed in the thermogram of [Ni{(MeO)<sub>2</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>}]FurTsc · 2H<sub>2</sub>O] compound and we can not identify the mass losses of each step. The final product of all complexes of this type is NiSO<sub>4</sub>.

## ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY

Representative complexes were screened for their antibacterial activity against different three species of bacteria, gram positive *Bacillus cereus*, gram positive *St. aureas* and *P. aeruginosa*, and four species of fungi, *A. fumig. var. allous*, *A. niger*, *C. tropicum*, and *F. oxysporium* using the filter paper technique<sup>40</sup> measuring the zone of inhibition in mm at 500 µg · ml<sup>-1</sup> concentration. The screening results are summarized in Table V and indicate that among of the tested compounds [Ni{(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>}]<sub>2</sub>ApTsc] showed good growth inhibition against all the bacteria and fungi. This may be attributed to the pyridyl ring of 2-acetylpyridine.<sup>21</sup> Moreover, it shows a high degree of activity if compared with the related complexes<sup>21</sup> (2-acetylpyridinesemicarbazone) may be due to sulphur atom in this type of the complexes.

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