

Explosions in Government Migration Departments.

Jerusalem.

Seven explosions occurred in the building which houses the Government Department of Migration in Jerusalem on Saturday night, it is officially announced.

Three explosions occurred in the Department of Migration at Tel-Aviv, where extensive damage was done inside the building, and three unexploded bombs were found in a passage.

Simultaneously an explosion occurred beneath the building housing the Department of Migration at Haifa, completely wrecking the premises and damaging the fuel control offices by blast.

There were no casualties anywhere with the exception of a temporary additional constable suffering from shock.

The explosions in Jerusalem, which occurred during a period of two hours, were apparently the explosions of delayed-action land mines planted outside the Department of Migration building.

Audiences in nearby cinemas were almost thrown into panic by the explosions, which hurled debris on roof tops. Damage was done to roofs and windows round the building.

British Police Officers Fatally Injured in Haifa.

Jerusalem.

Two plain-clothes British police officers died in hospital on Wednesday after being wounded in a shooting affair by two men in the principal Jewish quarter of Haifa on Tuesday night. When challenged the men fired revolvers from their pockets, hitting both officers.

The Rev. W. Clark Kerr was stabbed twice by an unknown man in the German colony quarter on Tuesday night. He was taken to the Government hospital where it was stated that his condition gave no cause for anxiety. He is the chaplain of the Church of Scotland at Haifa.

Beitarim Break into Hashomer Hatzair Club.

Jerusalem.

A group of Beitarim broke into the Hashomer Hatzair Club in Tel-Aviv, attempting to distribute leaflets of the Irgun Zvai Leumi. During a scuffle a shot was fired by one assailant, wounding a member of the Hashomer Hatzair, while a second was injured by a blow.

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Police fired shots in the air when they dispersed an unauthorised Revisionist procession in the streets of Jerusalem. The incident occurred on Saturday afternoon of last week following an indoor meeting held by the Revisionists in connection with the rescue of European Jews.

Turkey's Co-operation.

Ankara.

A high Turkish Government official said that Turkey was willing to co-operate with the Palestine Commission and Allied diplomats in assisting Jewish refugees to leave the Balkans.

Palestine Symphony Orchestra.

Jerusalem.

The Palestine Symphony Orchestra on Sunday celebrated its thousandth concert with a special performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in Tel-Aviv. It is estimated that over a million people all over the world have heard the orchestra up till now. Despite the fact that it was started during the disturbances in 1936 and in war time, it never ceased to function regularly and seventy-five per cent. of the concerts have been given in war time, including 114 special concerts for the forces, while men in uniform represented audiences at all concerts in war time. The thousand performances include 258 subscription concerts in towns and 155 village concerts, two-thirds of which were for the forces, and four concerts in Lebanon in the past year.

Pres. Roosevelt on Anti-Semitism

New York.

President Roosevelt, in a letter to Dr. Stephen Wise, President of the American Jewish Congress, says: "The military defeat of Hitler must be coupled with the fight against anti-semitism. Whoever condones or participates in anti-Semitism plays Hitler's game. There is no place in the lives or thoughts of true Americans for anti-Semitism."

Kisch Memorial Settlement.

APPEAL LAUNCHED.

London.

Lord Samuel presiding at a luncheon for the launching of the appeal for the Kisch Memorial Settlement, announced that £15,000 had already been subscribed. Sir Arthur Wauchope, former High Commissioner of Palestine, said that no tribute was too high for such a fine soldier.

Lord Winster, Chief Chaplain of the Eighth Army, was among the speakers. The guests included Mrs. Kisch, Lady Reading, members of Parliament and other prominent personalities.

Mr. Churchill sent a message stressing Brigadier Kisch's outstanding leadership and splendid achievements.

General Montgomery and Mr. Lloyd George also sent messages.

Jews in Liberated Italy.

London.

All anti-Semitic laws have been deleted from the Italian statute book by a royal decree signed by King Victor Emmanuel. The decree was issued with a preamble signed by General Mason Macfarlane, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission in Italy.

All Jewish Government and municipal employees have been restored to the posts of which they were deprived by racial laws. Italian Jews who, debarred from passing Italian scholastic examinations, took such examinations abroad, will have their qualifications recognised. The new decree is valid in all liberated Italian territory.

Death of I. J. Singer.

WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR.

New York.

The death has occurred of Israel Joseph Singer, the well-known author.

He was born in Bilgoray, Poland, in 1875. He studied at the Yeshiva in Warsaw and first began to write professionally in 1900, starting with Chassidic tales. Some of his short stories, collected in the volume "Pe'ot Seder" (1923) won him recognition not only throughout Europe but in the United States as well. He became the Warsaw correspondent of the "Forward," a post he held until his departure for the United States in 1939.

Before leaving Poland, Singer had already written many of his novels which were translated into numerous languages. "Yod Kalb" (1932) appeared in English book form in the following year as "The Sinner" under its original title it had been produced in 1932 at the Yiddish Art Theatre in New York by Maurice Schwartz. "The Broken Ashkenazi" (1936) was the most successful of Singer's novels. Others of his works which have appeared in English are "The Road Breaks Up" and "East of Eden."

In Yiddish there have appeared among others "Oif Fremder Erd," "Stohl Eisen," "Nei Russland," "Die Mishpachah Karnovsky." "In Die Berg," a novel in American setting, was published serially in "Forward" in 1942 and was being prepared in English translation in 1943.

Death of Georg Bernhard.

New York.

The death has occurred at the age of 68 of Georg Bernhard, the German-Jewish publicist and editor. He was born in Berlin in 1875. After having been a contributor to economic questions to several Berlin periodicals Bernhard became editor of the "Politische Zeitung." He went to Paris in exile in 1933 and founded there the "Politische Zeitung."

Holiday Functions at Muizenberg.

(Under the joint auspices of the W.P. Zionist Council and the Combined Zionist Societies (Muizenberg).)

Mr. S. BELFORT

will Address the Next

Holiday Conversazione

to be held at the

Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg.

Tuesday, 22nd Feb., at 8.30 p.m.

Subject:

"WHAT OF THE JEWS?"

Musical Items.

Refreshments.

ALL WELCOME.

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