

NEWS IN BRIEF

MISS HARRIET COHEN'S GIFT TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY.

Jerusalem.

Miss Harriet Cohen, the brilliant Jewish pianist, whose Zionist speeches have thrilled audiences no less than her musical performances, was responsible for an interesting ceremony in Palestine. She presented to the Hebrew University Library manuscripts by ten leading British composers. They were original manuscripts and included some by Arnold Bax, Vaughan Williams, John Ireland, William Walton, Constant Lambert, Arthur Bliss and others; they were the manuscripts of the "Bach Book for Harriet Cohen" which was published by the Oxford University Press, and consisted of arrangements of some choral and instrumental music by Bach which these composers transcribed for the piano for Miss Cohen.

Prof. Norman Bentwich and Mr. Leopold Schen handed these gifts over to the University Library and the Conservatoire of Music in the presence of members of the Government and representatives of the British Council.

LEBANESE ARTISTS EXHIBIT AT JERUSALEM JEWISH NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Jerusalem.

The first reciprocal exhibition of Lebanese artists was held at the Bezalel National Museum here.

Mr. Isaac Ben-Zvi, President of the Vaad Leumi (National Council of Palestine Jewry), who performed the opening ceremony, welcomed the exhibiting artists and stressed the good-neighbourly relations existing between Palestine and the Lebanon since the time of King Solomon, who built the Temple with the assistance of Lebanese artists and craftsmen. Mr. Ben-Zvi expressed the hope that these friendly relations will continue forever.

Mr. Ben-Zvi's address was followed by a lecture on Lebanese art given by Mr. Georges Cyr, one of the artists taking part in the exhibition.

The opening ceremony was attended by Comte du Chaylard, Delegate General of Fighting France, members of the Consular Corps and other prominent personalities.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY HELPS TO FIGHT EPIDEMICS.

Jerusalem.

The Hebrew University recently sent some 5,000 doses of anti-typhus vaccine to Teheran at the request of the American Joint Distribution Committee. The University also sent vaccine to Aden at the request of the Jewish Agency Executive to combat an epidemic among Yemenite Jewish refugees there.

NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

The appointment has been announced of Mr. Leslie Bertram Gibson, former Attorney-General in Trinidad, to be Attorney-General in Palestine, in succession to Mr. W. G. Fitzgerald, who is to become Chief Justice.

Mr. J. V. W. Shaw, Colonial Secretary in Cyprus, has been appointed Chief Secretary to the Palestine Government in succession to Mr. Johan Stuart Macpherson, who was ap-

pointed head of the British Colonial Supply Mission in Washington.

JEW IN POLISH NATIONAL COUNCIL.

London.

Representatives of Polish Jewry are to be included in all political bodies dealing with post-war reconstruction and economic rehabilitation in Poland.

A decision to this effect was taken by the Polish National Council recently on a motion by Dr. Scherer. The motion, which had previously been debated in the Budget Committee of the Council, also provides for the formation, within the general framework of the reconstruction of the Government, of a special commission to deal with the problems of economic rehabilitation, particularly those which affect the Jewish minority.

POLISH JEWS IN RUSSIA.

London.

Several Polish-Jewish refugees are taking part in regional and municipal organisations in Russia, it is reported from Moscow. One of the leaders of the Polish emigrants at Samarkand is Rabbi Steinberg, and among the leaders of the Polish Colony "Fergana" is the former editor of the Warsaw paper "Moment," M. Leneman, and an engineer, M. Lew. An atmosphere of friendly co-operation has been established between Jews and Poles in Russia.

"LEAGUE OF POLISH PATRIOTS."

London.

An article on the "League of Polish Patriots" by B. Mark is contained in a recent issue of "Einigkeit," published in Moscow. He states that two Jewish Socialists, Dr. Boleslaw Drobner of Cracow, and the well-known scientist Dr. Jakub Parnes are among the leaders of the league.

Speaking of the activities of the Polish Kosciuszko Division, the article makes particular reference to Julius Huebner, a Polish Jew, who displayed unusual courage in the field of battle and was awarded the title of Hero of the Soviet Union. Polish Jews are proud of heroes like Shmulevich, Zimmer and Aronovich who died in the great struggle against the Hitler bandits.

RABBI PUBLICLY EXECUTED IN ITALY.

London.

The Nazi-Fascists at Trieste publicly hanged Rabbi Dr. Kaufman and two leading members of the Kehilah who, they alleged, had established contact with Marshal Tito's partisan army in Yugoslavia and given them help.

HUNGARIAN BISHOP CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM.

London.

The Bishop of Gyor, Baron Vilmos Apor, who is one of the prominent leaders of the Catholic Church in Hungary, has issued a statement severely condemning the anti-Semitic movement and the anti-Jewish legislation in Hungary. The Bishop also urged all Catholics in Hungary to give every protection to persecuted Jews in accordance with the principles of Christianity.



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