

## J.N.F. Acquires 12,000 Dunams of Land.

Tel Aviv.

Twelve thousand dunams of land has been acquired by the Jewish National Fund during the first half of the present Jewish year, according to a statement published by the Keren Kayemeth.

The lands include territory which belonged to Germans and the British military authorities. Besides these purchases the J.N.F. has also continued with its normal activities.

Half a million trees were planted during the past six months in 27 localities and seven new settlements had been established on Keren Kayemeth land.

The J.N.F. also assisted a number of settlements which had suffered as a result of the war, and had helped in the maintenance of certain properties in the Negev.

## Arab Villagers Anxious to Return.

Tel Aviv.

Representatives of Palestine Arabs who fled from their homes to Syria on the outbreak of hostilities in the Holy Land have asked Jewish authorities in Upper Galilee for permission to return to their villages in the Huleh area in northernmost Palestine.

The Arab delegates promised that their people would faithfully abide by the laws of the Israeli Government and offered to surrender the arms they possessed.

In conversations with the Jewish officials, the Arab refugees bitterly complained about the treatment given them in Syria where, they said, they were held in concentration camps.

The Jewish reply was that their return to their former homes was impossible as long as a state of war continues.

## Arabs Blamed for Slaying of U.N. Truce Guard.

Lake Success.

The death of Ole Helge Bakke, a United Nations guard who was killed while on truce enforcement duties in Jerusalem, was blamed on the Arabs in a report submitted to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie by Dr. Ralph Bunche, top aide to Palestine mediator Count Folke Bernadotte.

"An examination of bullet holes in the jeep (that Bakke was driving to Hadassah Hospital)," the report stated, "revealed that the fire must have come from the left front, namely, Arab positions. The jeep received approximately nine bullet holes in the rear seat and canopy," the report added.

## Postal Services with 35 Countries.

Tel Aviv.

Thirty-five members of the International Postal Union are now operating services with the State of Israel.

Algiers, Tunis, French Morocco and the Arab States surrounding Israel have not yet resumed postal communications with the Jewish State.

## Israeli Orchestra Performs in Jerusalem.

Tel Aviv.

After an eight months' absence from Jerusalem the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra performed in Jerusalem on Monday night under the patronage of the Israeli Commander in Jerusalem. The orchestra travelled to Jerusalem via the Burma Road.

## Outstanding Women Scientist.

### IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT FOR MISS TIKVAH ALPER.

Miss Tikvah Alper has been appointed to head the new bio-physics section formed at the national physical laboratory in Pretoria under the direction of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

Miss Alper, who is an M.Sc. of the University of Cape Town, worked for two years in Germany with Professor Lise Meitner, the woman scientist who, with Professor Otto Hahn, played a leading part in the discussions and experiments which finally led to the development of atomic pile.

Early this year she brought the first quantity of man-made radio-active isotope to the Union, housed in a lead container stowed in her cabin in the ship in which she came from England to take up her appointment. It was a small amount of radio-active cobalt.

Among the experiments which Miss Alper has been conducting at Onderstepoort with radio-phosphorus is one to discover how much radiation a developing chick embryo can stand.

She is doing this as a preliminary to experiments on virus metabolism which are to be made by Professor van den Ende, of the University of Cape Town, for whom radio-carbon in a special form is being procured.

Miss Alper is the wife of Dr. M. Sterne, who has done important work on anthrax at Onderstepoort. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Alper, of Durban. One of her sisters is Rose Alper, the well-known singer.

## Israel Not Represented at Olympic Games.

Tel Aviv.

Israeli sportsmen are not represented at the Olympic Games in London. In view of the undesirability of taking athletes out of the army, it had at first been decided to send a symbolical delegation of two women athletes. But a British visa for these delegates could not be obtained and their journey has now been cancelled.

Local sports circles are inclined to believe that since Palestine no longer exists and since Israel is not a member of the International Olympic Federation, Britain was not ready to issue visas.

## Golda Myerson and Dr. J. G. McDonald Leave for Israel.

New York.

Golda Myerson, now recovered from her recent accident, left for Israel accompanied by Mr. Medzini.

Dr. James G. MacDonald, the United States representative to Israel, has left America to take up his new appointment.

## Sniping in Jerusalem.

Tel Aviv.

From Jerusalem during the week-end continuous Arab sniping at Jewish pedestrians and traffic was reported officially. Jewish quarters have also been shelled from the direction of the Old City. Police action against Jaba Ain Ghazal Ijzin south of Haifa was completed at noon on Sunday.

The main Haifa road is now being cleared of mines and roadblocks and it is hoped that the road will be passable very soon.

## Esther Salaman and Paul Hamburger.

### PRIVATE RECITAL IN AID OF ISRAELI UNITED APPEAL.

The Women's Section of the Israeli United Appeal have arranged a private recital by the well-known visiting English artists, Esther Salaman, Mezzosoprano, and her husband, Paul Hamburger, pianist. The concert will take place at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel. Admission is by programmes only, which may be obtained from the Union of Jewish Women at 148, St. George's Street. Phone 3-1675.



Esther Salaman.

Miss Salaman will sing groups of Hebrew and Yiddish as well as English folk-songs, and Mr. Hamburger, in addition to accompanying his wife, will play works by Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Debussy and Chopin.

Mr. Hamburger and Miss Salaman have just returned from a very successful tour of the Union, and music lovers will be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity to hear Miss Salaman before her return to England, particularly in the Yiddish and Hebrew songs at which she excels.

The hospitality of the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel is being provided by the very generous courtesy of its proprietor, Mr. Simon Sachar.

Only a limited number of programmes are available.

## New Ort Building in France.

Paris.

A new Ort building was dedicated at Montreuil, a Paris suburb, in which all departments of the French Ort organisation will now be centralised. The building is a gift of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union of the U.S.

Leon Meiss, president of the French Ort, presided during the dedication ceremonies, which were attended by U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffrey; David Dubinsky, I.L.G.W.U. president; Labour Minister Daniel Mayer; Israeli Consul-General Abraham Goldberg, Leon Blum and other notables.

Ambassador Caffrey stressed the "importance of initiating a constructive and realistic programme of economic and spiritual rehabilitation for the displaced Jews." Speaking on behalf of the French Government, Mayer declared: "If being on the side of the Jews means solidarity with the suffering of our people, then I am on their side." He thanked the I.L.G.W.U. for donating the Ort building and expressed the hope that "Israel may soon be recognised by all civilised nations and find its place among the United Nations."—J.T.A.

## Arab Refugees in Amman.

Tel Aviv.

Thousands of Arab refugees are arriving in the Transjordan capital, Amman, and are camping in the streets according to the Transjordan daily "A Naser."

## Mr. Max J. Spitz Survey Relief Work in Germany, Austria and Poland.

### RETURNING TO SOUTH AFRICA EARLY NEXT MONTH.

Mr. Max J. Spitz, National Chairman of the South African Jewish Appeal, who left here in May last to visit New York and Europe in the interests of the S.A.J.A., spent a fruitful few weeks in the United States when he contacted not only the heads of the American Joint Distribution Committee but also the Oze, the H.I.A.S. and other American organisations.

As a result of Mr. Spitz's activities in the United States the S.J.D.C. is planning to call a conference in Paris this coming November to discuss the problems of European Jewish aid. It is hoped that responsible leaders and representatives of all countries and organisations concerned with the effect of aid to the survivors of Europe will be present. Among the will, probably be the leaders of the various Central Committees of the Jewish displaced persons' camps as well as representatives of the organisations with whom Mr. Spitz was in touch in the U.S.A.

At the beginning of June he left New York for Paris and since then he has surveyed the relief and rehabilitation work being performed by various Jewish bodies in Germany, Austria and Poland. A couple of weeks ago he returned from this to participate in the annual Central Board Meeting of the Ort which was held in Paris from 11th to 16th July. He took a very active part in the conference and was invited to participate as Chairman over the session dealing with an item known as the American Committee at which the would be discussed various matters of controversy between some of the American and European leaders of the Ort.

The report of this meeting which has since reached South Africa, says of Mr. Spitz: "Because of his contact, patience and devotion to the cause and the great interest he displayed in this matter he was instrumental in bringing about a just solution which will be of great benefit to our organisation. Mr. Spitz, who is accompanied by his wife, is expected to return to Johannesburg in the first half of August."

## S.A. JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES

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Emergency Fund, administered by various countries, of which South Africa was a member. Distribution would be effected by field commissions controlled by the Governments of member countries, and every stage of transport of foodstuffs, clothing and other necessities of life, properly supervised. In the terms of reference of the fund military-controlled areas would not be included for relief. Of the funds collected in South Africa, 10 per cent would be devoted towards relieving the tragedy of German children.

While he was aware that Jewish organisations were at present immersed in the Israeli United Appeal, he felt that Jewish women in particular should not neglect their duties in this appeal. A lightning campaign during August was envisaged.

Mr. Kuper said that he wished, on behalf of Deputies, to thank Dr. Fielding for his address. He hoped that his appeal for assistance would not fall on deaf ears. He said that the Board had appointed a representative to the Johannesburg Committee of the U.N. Appeal for Children.