

ITALY WOOS THE MUFTI

The Man Who Will "Liberate"
Palestine

Cairo, August 16th.

ITALIAN propaganda in Arabic, broadcast from Rome and Bari to the Near East, is concentrating on developing Arab support for Haj Amin el Husseini, the former Mufti of Jerusalem.

A song, written by Mussolini's Arab propagandists, is sung from the Italian stations. It is addressed to the ex-Mufti, who is described as "Mufti of the Arabs and all the Moslems," and tells him that "all the Moslems of the world are ready to sacrifice themselves for you, Haj Amin, protector of Jerusalem, in carrying out your nationalist movement to liberate Palestine from the tyranny of the imperialists."

"Haj Amin, carry on your movement," it admonishes. "All the Moslems and Christians are behind you, Haj Amin, conqueror of the Zionists. Carry on your movement to retrieve our glorious history. Our country, from Toulez (in Syria) to Arish (on the Egyptian frontier), must have complete independence and freedom. Haj Amin, the soul of the Arabs, follows your activities."

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

European Centre Moved to
London

London, August 26th.

TRANSFER of the European centre of the World Jewish Congress from Geneva to London has been announced, following a meeting of the Executive Council of the British section of the Congress. Rev. M. L. Perlzweig, Chairman of the British section, will be the Director of the office.

It was announced that Mr. Perlzweig will shortly be going to America to confer with leaders of the Congress there, and Mr. S. Silverman, M.P., was elected as Chairman of the British section in his absence.

The Geneva office of the Congress, it was stated, is continuing relief activities, and organisation of an office in Buenos Aires to co-ordinate the activities of affiliated bodies throughout South America has been completed.

JEWISH CHAPLAIN FOR
U.S. ARMY

New York, August 23rd.

RABBI BERNARD SEGAL, of the Queen's Village Jewish Centre, is the first full-time Jewish Chaplain to be appointed to the United States Army since the last war. He will hold the rank of First Lieutenant.

PALESTINE'S SUPPLY OF
POTASH

How the Dead Sea Helps R.A.F.

London, August 19th.

THE London weekly, "Everybody's," prints an article on the quiet, but important part the Dead Sea is playing in the Empire's war against Germany.

Many chemicals, such as bromine, essential to the R.A.F. in the production of high grade petrol, can be produced in large quantities from this lake, it says. Scientists have also discovered an antidote to the deadly mustard gas when examining the ingredients of the Dead Sea.

"We are finding these potash works in Palestine increasingly valuable," the article says, "and the amount exported is rising very quickly. During 1939, £328,000 worth was produced, but, with our war effort increasing the demand, it is probable that this figure will be greatly exceeded this year."

A SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR
JORDAN VALLEY

Tiberias, August 18th.

ON the initiative of Mr. Liuba Ravitz, a Jordan Valley Jewish settler, a Symphony Orchestra has been formed for this district of Jewish Palestine, and bids fair to become an important factor in the cultural and musical life of the Yishuv.

The musicians are inhabitants of the Keren Hayesod settlements. A concert held recently at Daganian was an unqualified success, and exceeded even the expectations of the organisers. The programme consisted of Handel, Haydn, and Schubert, conducted by Mr. Ravitz.

THE MAYOR OF PETACH
TIKVAH

High Commissioner's Choice

Jerusalem, August 15th.

THE High Commissioner has nominated Mr. Joseph Saphir as the Mayor of Petach Tikvah.

There were two candidates for the Mayoralty — Mr. Meir Grabovsky, representing Labour, and Mr. Joseph Saphir, the candidate of the Farmers' Association. The voting resulted in a tie, and the High Commissioner exercised his power and decided in favour of Mr. Saphir.



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INCREASE IN JEWISH
COMMUNITY INCOME

Social Committee's Activities

Jerusalem, August 17th.

THE Jerusalem Jewish Community Council registers a 40 per cent. increase of income from taxes in the last year. Sixty per cent. of all Jewish ratepayers have been registered, and the Council's debts are consolidated.

The Social Committee of the community deals every week with the problems of 2,000 families, and the annual budget for the Social Department is £15,000. Underprivileged children and the children of new immigrants are the special care of the committee, and schooling problems have been settled for 1,300 children during the year.

Whisky Out of Orange Juice

Nathanya, August 25th.

THE first whisky distilled from orange juice will be put on the market shortly, it is stated by Mr. Samuel Wider, of Tel Mond. Mr. Wider began his experiments with the extraction of alcohol from oranges, many years ago at the Hungarian Government Experimental Station in Budapest, and had his results tested at the Rehovoth Station when he arrived in Palestine in 1938.

About £5,000 has been invested in the plant of Palestine Distilleries, Ltd., which Mr. Wider set up last year at Tel Mond. The machinery was brought from England and France. About 20 workers and two experts are employed, apart from the transport and other labourers.

CUTHBERT'S for DANCING SHOES — LADIES' and MEN'S