



NEWS IN BRIEF.

LABOUR UNEMPLOYMENT FUND IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

In inaugurating the session of the National Council of the Histadruth in Tel-Aviv, Mr. Remez announced the opening of the third "Pidyon Avodah" (Emergency Unemployment Fund). Mr. Remez said that the two previous campaigns had produced £100,000, apart from £100,000 contributed towards the regular Unemployment Fund.

Mr. H. Frumkin outlined a plan for the eventual absorption of 25,000 workers now employed in the groves, and declared that during the last three years there had been 20,000 additional Jewish workers in the groves. Mr. Frumkin stated that unemployment was lower now than before the disturbances, and that the number of unemployed now was less than 4,000.—(Palcor.)

PALESTINE ORCHESTRA'S SUCCESSFUL TOUR IN EGYPT.

Jerusalem.

Advices from Cairo state that the Palestine Symphony Orchestra had met with extraordinary success in its Egyptian concert tour, huge audiences attending each recital. Led by Eugene Szenkar, the musicians were given rapturous ovations. Concerts were given in both Cairo and Alexandria.—(Palcor.)

"HAARETZ" SUSPENDED FOR WEEK.

Jerusalem.

The Hebrew daily, "Haaretz," was suspended by the authorities for one week. The suspension is believed to be due to some comments in connection with the Palestine conference in London.—(Palcor.)

WARNING AGAINST PUBLICATION OF FALSE DOCUMENTS BY REVISIONISTS.

Jerusalem.

The Press Department of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem has published a warning against the practice adopted by the Revisionist newspaper of publishing forged documents purporting to originate from the Jewish Agency and other Yishub institutions. For example, a false statement was published alleging to convey a Tel-Aviv Municipality announcement not to pay the "Kofer Hayishub" levies, whilst a false circular was published, alleged to have originated with the Agency Executive, concerning the London talks, and this was reprinted by "Tat," the Revisionist paper of Warsaw on January 20th last.—(Palcor.)

PALESTINE'S ORANGE EXPORTS.

Jerusalem.

Total consignments this year represent a 30 per cent. increase over the 5,338,984 cases sent in 1937-38. Tel-Aviv port has tripled its shipments over last year, when some 365,000 cases were exported.—(Palcor.)

TEL-AVIV ORGANISES A.R.P.

Jerusalem.

With the consent of the Government, the civil guard of Tel-Aviv, composed of all

elements of the community, is being organised on the lines of A.R.P. (Air Raid Precautions.) At a Press Conference it was stated that 8,000 people had already been enrolled for the purpose.—(Palcor.)

EDUCATION IN TEL-AVIV IN FIGURES.

Tel-Aviv.

According to the Tel-Aviv Municipality Bulletin, there are 16,363 children registered in the city's schools this year, representing an increase of 1,522 over last year. Of these 10,003 are in municipal buildings (elementary schools); 6,360 pupils (169 classes) are in hired buildings; 1,084 (24 classes) can only study in the afternoons owing to congestion in the mornings. The Education Department's budget showed an income of £P.78,000 from education rates and £P.18,500 from parents. Expenditure totalling £P.132,568 was at the rate of about £P.6 per child per annum. These figures excluded kindergartens, secondary schools and institutions not comprised in the Vaad Leumi network.—(Palcor.)

YEMENITE JEWISH SETTLEMENT CELEBRATES.

Tel-Aviv.

Celebrations took place in the Yemenite Jewish settlement of Tirath Shalom, west of Ness Ziona, when the cornerstone of the new school was laid. The building was named after Israel Tam, a settler who was killed from ambush. The elders of the settlement and guests signed a scroll which was buried under the foundation.

Tirath Shalom, named for R. Shalom Shabzi, a noted Yemenite Jewish poet, was founded in 1930-31 with the assistance of the Central Agricultural Committee of the Histadruth and the Yemenite Jewish Federation. There are 23 farmers, as well as some scores of families, all Yemenite Jews, who subsist on non-agricultural pursuits. The settlement has met with great hardships, for in spite of sufficient area of land they have had no building loans.

During the past year, however, the irrigation plant was extended, 10 more homesteads were built, and the present school now built has been made possible by a grant given by the Education Department of the Vaad Leumi and the Jewish Agency Executive out of Keren Hayesod funds.—(Palcor.)

DR. ANGELO GOLDSTEIN SETTLES IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Dr. Angelo Goldstein, former President of the Zionist Organisation of Czecho-Slovakia and member of the Czecho-Slovak Parliament, has arrived here with his family. Dr. Goldstein will settle permanently in Palestine.—J.T.A.

PALESTINE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER APPOINTED TO TRANSJORDAN.

London.

It is announced by the Colonial Office that Mr. A. S. Kirkbride, O.B.E., M.C., District Commissioner, Palestine, has been selected for appointment as British Resident in Transjordan in succession to

Lieut.-Col. Sir C. H. F. Cox, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., who retires in March.—J.T.A.

TEL-AVIV MUNICIPALITY LOAN.

London.

Mr. Thos. Williams asked the Colonial Secretary in the House of Commons whether he had now ascertained to what extent the Palestine Government had been able to strengthen the plans of the Corporation of Tel-Aviv to raise money to proceed with certain urgent public works, and whether he could give an assurance that this long outstanding matter could now be settled with reasonable expedition?

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald in a written answer stated:—

The past history of this matter was summarised by my predecessor in a statement made by him on March 16th, 1938, in reply to a question by Mr. Williams. The difficulties have not yet been overcome. The most immediate and pressing need of Tel-Aviv is the provision of a new drainage system, and discussions are now proceeding between the Palestine Government and the Municipal Corporation as to the possibility of raising a loan mostly in Palestine to cover the cost of this work.

The High Commissioner has still to satisfy himself as to the details of the scheme and as to the capacity of the Corporation to meet the obligations arising from a loan of the magnitude required.—J.T.A.

GRANT FOR BRITISH MACCABI.

London.

The Board of Education have accepted a recommendation of the Grants Committee of the National Fitness Council for England and Wales in respect of a provisional offer of grant to the British Maccabi Association of Jewish Sports Organisations towards the cost of appointing an organiser. The duty of the organiser will be to promote the growth of the Association in England and Wales by stimulating the development of new local branches and encouraging those already in existence. The need for such development is specially emphasised owing to the difficulty of Jews participating in athletic and recreative activities normally carried on on Saturdays, which is the Jewish Sabbath. There are at present 18 branches of the British Maccabi Association, with a combined membership of approximately 2,000.—J.T.A.

POLISH JEWISH CHILDREN ARRIVE IN ENGLAND.

London.

The first group of 54 Polish-Jewish refugee children from Zbonszyn, where they have lived since they were expelled from Germany on October 28th of last year, were brought to London on February 15th by the Polish Refugee Fund of the United Polish Appeal.

Mr. Elsley Zeitlyn, Hon. Treasurer of the Polish Refugee Fund, who accompanied the party, said that the children who arrived would be taken to private houses all over the country, where they would live until they are 18 years old. While they were in England they would be taught some trade which would enable them to earn their livelihood later on in the Dominions. The children's ages are between 6 and 16. Most of those here are orphans.

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