



NEWS IN BRIEF.

CHIEF RABBI Dr. J. H. HERTZ IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

The Very Rev. Dr. J. H. Hertz, the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, arrived in Haifa on February 9th on a private visit to his son, who lives here. The Chief Rabbi is studying the various aspects of Jewish development in the country.—(Palcor).

LORD SAMUEL LECTURES AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY.

Jerusalem.

Lord Samuel lectured at the Hebrew University on the British Empire and its methods of Government. The High Commissioner, Sir Harold MacMichael, all the leading Government officials, as well as foreign Consuls and Jewish and Arab notables were present. Lord Samuel had a warm reception.—(Palcor).

HUBERMAN PRESENTED WITH PAINTING OF PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Jerusalem.

A painting of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra by J. Kulviansky was presented to M. Bronislaw Huberman by the General Federation of Jewish Labour at Brenner House.

Mr. Rubashow welcoming M. Huberman on his first visit to Beth Brenner, expressed the workers' appreciation of the Palestine Orchestra, which is his creation.

In his reply, M. Huberman spoke of his gratification at the inclusion in the painting of part of the audience, of whom he thought so much and for whom he had created the Orchestra. Especially in difficult times, the Palestine public must prove that they need an Orchestra and that they are able to maintain it. Palestine, M. Huberman said, was in deed "a country of wonders," adding that the Jewish community must maintain this standard by further achievements.—(Palcor).

SUCCESS OF PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN EGYPT.

Jerusalem.

Under the auspices of the Egyptian Red Cross the Palestine Symphony Orchestra gave a concert in aid of the victims of the Turkish earthquake. The concert, in which M. Bronislaw Huberman, the famous violinist, participated, was a tremendous success.

The concert was attended by the elite of the different communities and by leading personalities of the city. M. Huberman and the members of the Orchestra received a tremendous ovation from the packed and enthusiastic audience.—(Palcor).

SECURITY WALLS REMOVED IN HAIFA.

Jerusalem.

Several of the cement walls constructed in the Haifa Suq and Eastern Quarters during last year, have now been removed.

The object of these security walls, of which some twenty had been erected, was to shut off certain exits in the labyrinth of alleys in the area, where many acts of terrorism had occurred. Other wire fences erected at boundaries of mixed quarters have been removed during the past few days, as a result of the improved security position.—(Palcor).

JERICHO POSTAL AGENCY.

Jerusalem.

A postal agency was opened in Jericho on February 1st to replace the post office closed down for reasons of security in September 1938.—(Palcor).

GOVERNMENT ORDERS FOR JEWISH FACTORIES.

Jerusalem.

Four Jewish factories have obtained Government orders amounting to £P.30,000, for the delivery of some 500 tons of orange marmalade. Further orders are expected.—(Palcor).

RESEARCH STUDENTS AT THE HAIFA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

Jerusalem.

The Academic Council of the Technical Institute at Haifa has decided to introduce post-graduate studies into the Institute. A number of gifted students will be accepted, after completing their course of study, as research students for the purpose of specialising in their professional branch and of investigating practical technical problems.

The candidates will have to submit evidence that they have carried out at least one year practical work in their technical subject or on some definite technical problem.

This new development is of great importance, as the research work will render valuable services in the investigating of the various problems associated with the development of Palestine's industry.—(Palcor).

IMPROVEMENTS TO TEL-AVIV SEASHORE.

Jerusalem.

A contract over £P.15,000 for improvements of the Tel-Aviv seashore was awarded to the Merkaz Kablani. The sea wall, promenade and quay are to be extended up to the Histadruth Building, near Rehov Hagalil; and stairs to the beach and benches along the promenade are to be erected.

A £P.9,860 contract for the construction of an animal quarantine station at the port of Tel-Aviv has been awarded to a private contractor.—(Palcor).

FIRST GRADUATES FROM TIETZ TRADE SCHOOL.

Jerusalem.

The first fifty-seven graduates from the Tietz Trade School at Yadjur, founded

three years ago, near Haifa, have now received their diplomas at a ceremony held at the school, at which Dr. Arthur Ruppin, of the Jewish Agency Executive presided.

The school is named after Ludwig Tietz, formerly a German Jewish leader and Zionist, who died recently. The school has a large agricultural commune situated in the neighbourhood, and forty-three of the graduates are being absorbed in various branches (carpentry, smithy work and metal working) in the different settlements.—(Palcor).

CLAY BRICK FACTORY IN EMEK ZEBULUN.

Jerusalem.

The Neeman Clay Brick Works in Emek Zebulun, the only one of its kind in the country, the construction of which was completed at the beginning of the year, is about to begin marketing its products.

The Brick Works' personnel consists of a small group of Czechoslovak "Hashomer Hatzair." The Jewish National Fund has provided 2,000 dunams of land for houses and farm-holdings, which they will develop in their spare time, and the area will be known as Kfar Masaryk, named in memory of the great founder of the Czechoslovak Republic.—(Palcor).

EXTENSION OF DEAD SEA WORKS.

Jerusalem.

The Dead Sea Works of Palestine Potash Ltd. are to be considerably extended, according to the Hebrew daily "Davar." Additional machinery has already been acquired; a new large power-station is being installed, new vapourising pans are being built, and preparations are in progress to export a larger output. The main part of the expansion affects the area at the southern end of the Dead Sea, where production during the current year is to be doubled.—(Palcor).

PALESTINE TRADE EXHIBITION.

Jerusalem.

It is announced that the Palestine Levant Fair will be opened in the Exhibition grounds near the Tel-Aviv Port on April 28th. Negotiations are proceeding on financial questions relating to the scheme.—(Palcor).

NEW TRIESTE-TEL-AVIV SERVICE.

Jerusalem.

A group of large importers in Tel-Aviv has initiated negotiations with important foreign shipping companies for the institution of a direct service between Trieste and this city, in view of the fact that the Adriatic Company (Italian) cannot meet the requirements. The negotiations will shortly be completed.—(Palcor).

190 CERTIFICATES BRING £1,500,000 TO PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

It is stated that the 190 immigration certificates received by the Jewish Agency for distribution among Jewish "Capitalists" abroad will make it possible to import

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