

NEWS IN BRIEF.

6,500 JEWS ENLIST IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Mr. Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, has announced that 6,500 Jews have enlisted in fighting units and various services of the British Army in the Near East.

The formation of a Palestine Volunteer Force has been gazetted.

DEEP FEELING AT DEPORTATIONS FROM PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Deep feeling, both in the Yishuv and in Jewish circles outside it, has been aroused by the deportation of a large number of illegal immigrants from Palestine. The number was stated to be 1,800, but the London "Times" gives it as 1,584.

The deportations were preceded by vigorous protests throughout the Yishuv, and there was a county-wide stoppage of work.

In New York an emergency conference of the American Zionist Organisation was held, and a statement was issued deploring the action of the Government. The statement points out that the policy of deporting illegal immigrants will furnish a weapon for anti-British propaganda.

HENRIETTA SZOLD STAMP.

Jerusalem.

The Keren Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund) has issued a special "Henrietta Szold stamp," in celebration of the eightieth birthday of the veteran American Zionist worker.

The Hadassah Organisation in New York has forwarded to Miss Szold 25,000 dollars for work in Palestine.

YOUTH ALIYAH CHILDREN ARRIVE IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Forty Youth Aliyah children from Sweden have arrived at Ras-el-Nakurah.

PALESTINE CITRUS FOR INDIA.

Jerusalem.

The first consignment of citrus this season has been sent from Petach Tikvah to India.

IMPORTANT GIFT TO KEREN KAYEMETH.

Jerusalem.

The Keren Kayemeth announces an appropriate gift, made on the eve of Chanukah, of 3,400 dunams of land by the Maccabean Land Company in London. The land in question was purchased by the late Mr. Herbert Bentwich, when Commander of the Order of Ancient Maccabees, at Gezer, near Modin, the birthplace of the Maccabees.

ARAB SCIENTIST APPEALS FOR ARAB-JEWISH UNITY.

Jerusalem.

That Jews and Arabs should unite to fight the Nazi menace and to create a

common Semitic culture was the theme of a lecture given by Ribchi Kemal, a prominent Arab scientist, at a "live newspaper" arranged here by the Association of Hebrew journalists in Tel-Aviv.

"Nazism is a serious menace, not only for Europe but also for the entire Moslem world," he said. "Jews and Arabs must therefore fight shoulder to shoulder to defend democracy and to create a common Semitic culture."

At a banquet held subsequently, Ribchi Kemal recited a Hebrew song by Yehuda Halevy.

BRITISH JEWRY TO HOLD KEREN HAYESOD CAMPAIGN.

London.

British Jewry is starting a drive for the Keren Hayesod within the next few weeks. Mr. Leib Jaffe and Mr. Dov Hos have left Palestine for London to inaugurate the drive.

VALIDITY OF PALESTINE CERTIFICATES EXTENDED.

London.

It is announced that the Palestine Government has decided to extend for three months the validity of some 5,000 immigration certificates, granted under the last schedule but unable to be used by the holders owing to difficulties of travel at the present time.

AMERICAN VISAS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

London.

It is announced by the Agudah that the American Government has granted 180 visas for religious leaders from Lithuania and the Soviet-occupied Baltic States.

PROPERTY OF KAUNAS COMMUNITY TO BE CONFISCATED.

London.

It is learnt here that the property of the Kaunas community, the Tarbut Schools in Lithuania, and the Jewish Doctors' Union are to be confiscated.

BELGIAN BROADCAST FROM LONDON CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM.

London.

In connection with the anti-Jewish measures that have been imposed on Belgium, the London Radio Belgique broadcast an appeal on behalf of Belgian Jews, who "have always done their duty." The broadcast pleads that they should be helped and assisted "until this frightful tempest is over."

RIGLITZER REBBE DIES IN FRANCE.

London.

The death took place at the age of fifty of the Chassidic spiritual leader, Rabbi Jacob Isaac Hurwitz, known as the Riglitz Rebbe. The deceased, who was a war

refugee, died in a French concentration camp. He leaves an ailing widow and five young children in great distress.

The "British Medical Journal" reports that Dr. Berthou, head of the Jewish Hospital in Paris, has committed suicide.

J.T.A. OFFICES IN PARIS WRECKED.

London.

It is learned here from Vichy that the Paris office of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was raided and wrecked by the Germans shortly after the occupation.

M. MANDEL DEPRIVED OF MAYORALTY.

Geneva.

It is announced from Vichy that M. Mandel, the former Minister of the Interior, who is awaiting trial on charges of "war guilt," has been removed from his office as Mayor of the town of Soulae, near Bordeaux. This action, it is presumed, would have been taken long ago had it not been for an oversight.

OSCAR STRAUS LEAVES LISBON FOR AMERICA.

Lisbon.

Oscar Straus, the famous Austrian Jewish composer, was one of 272 refugees who left here on the s.s. "Nyassa" bound for the United States.

ANTI-SEMITIC JOURNAL SUSPENDED IN RIO DE JANEIRO.

Rio de Janeiro.

For publishing a series of articles considered to be "opposed to the spirit of continental harmony and peace," the Rio de Janeiro mid-day paper, "Mejo Dio," a violently anti-Jewish and anti-British publication was suspended for five days by the authorities.

2,000 JEWS TO BE EXPELLED FROM RADOM.

Geneva.

It is reported by the "Gazeta Zydowska" that 2,000 Jews have been expelled from Radom. Their numbers are made up of those who arrived in the city during 1940, of those who are unemployed, and of those who are "dangerous to society."

The evacuees are to be sent to Dwikoz near Sandomierz, to Chmielnik near Busk, and then to localities between ten and fifteen kilometres from Radom.

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