

NEWS IN BRIEF.

PALESTINE ORCHESTRA TOURS EGYPT.

Jerusalem.

About 20,000 people attended fourteen concerts given by the Palestine Orchestra in Cairo and Alexandria, during a recent successful tour in Egypt. There were concerts for schools, the Forces, the Egyptian Red Crescent, and the British War Comforts Fund.

The concerts were conducted by Mr. Michael Taube, Bronislaw Schul and Crawford McNair. The soloists were: Mr. Taube, piano; Theo Salzman, 'cello; Mr. Partos, violin, and several members of the forces, among them the air gunner of a bomber. The tour brought the total number of the orchestra's concerts in Egypt since 1937 to 102.

HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS JEWISH SETTLEMENT.

Jerusalem.

Accompanied by the District Commissioner, Mr. J. H. H. Pollock, and his private secretary, the High Commissioner visited the settlement of Shaare in Lower Galilee, where he was entertained at a reception in the dining-hut. After describing the development of the settlement and its war effort, representatives of the settlement requested His Excellency for assistance in digging a well and loans for stimulating farm production and the purchase of cattle.

AARON AARONSOHN AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE.

Jerusalem.

Twenty-one agricultural students, five of whom were girls, began their studies in the Aaron Aaronsohn Institute at Rehovoth when it was formally opened recently. The building was designed by Erich Mendelsohn, the well-known architect. It was erected as part of the Hebrew University's School of Agriculture. It was finished about two years ago and had been used in the interim by the Jewish Agency's Agricultural Experiment Station. Prof. E. Volcani will direct the Institute, and lecturers include Profs. F. S. Bodenheimer and Oppenheimer and Dr. J. Reichert. The first class comprises students who have completed the preliminary two years at the Hebrew University required for the agricultural course and a year of practical work at Nahalal.

MEASURING INSTRUMENTS MADE IN TEL-AVIV.

Jerusalem.

Rulers and T-squares for use in school-rooms and draughtsmen's offices, as well as many precision measuring instruments, are being produced by the Schwarzhuber Company of Tel-Aviv for the first time in Palestine. The directors of the firm had been active in the same line in Vienna. The markings on the rulers and other measures are engraved by special machinery provided by Messrs. E. Lewin-Epstein Ltd., specialists in wood and tin-printing. It is hoped to continue manufacture for export purposes after the war.

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS DEVELOPED.

Jerusalem.

Three different medical preparations containing sulfanilamide (including red prontosil and the latest derivative of sulfanilamide, sulfaguanidine, used in the treatment of dysentery) have been developed by Zori Pharmaceutical Products Mfg. Co. in Tel-Aviv. The three medicines have been officially approved and will shortly be on the market. A drug resembling the famous French "Nativelle" containing digitalis is now under examination at the hospitals, after having been tested at the Department of Physiology of the Hebrew University. The fox-glove (digitalis purpurea) was grown at Givath Brenner for this purpose.

"THE HOURS OF MY PEOPLE ARE NUMBERED."

Jerusalem.

In an authentic letter received by the "Davar," Jewish Labour daily, from a well-known leader of the Halutzim Movement in Poland, dated 6th November, 1942, it is stated: "My people is fatally ill; its hours are numbered."

ITALIANS CANCEL VICHY YELLOW BADGE ORDERS.

London.

Before the German troops in some of the French departments were relieved by Italians, Vichy, at the instigation of Berlin, instructed the departments' prefects to force all domiciled Jews publicly to wear the prescribed yellow badge as elsewhere under German domination.

It is reported that in Italian-occupied departments the Italian commanding generals notified the prefects that it was irreconcilable with the dignity of the Italian Army that Jews in Italian-occupied territories should be compelled to appear in public wearing a stigmatising badge and that Vichy's orders were to be cancelled.

"ORT" ACTIVITY IN MEXICO.

New York.

The Ort has launched a programme of constructive aid in Mexico by supplying tools and other equipment to skilled refugees. This work was organised throughout Mexico by Dr. Boris Aisurowitz, the well-known Ort-Oze representative who visited South Africa with Lord and Lady Marley just before the outbreak of the war.

JAMAICA PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER INSCRIBED IN GOLDEN BOOK.

New York.

Special services were conducted in the Jamaica Presbyterian Church, when the name of Dr. Andrew Magill, its pastor, was inscribed in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

Rabbi William S. Malev, of the Jamaica Jewish Centre, preached the sermon in the church, and said that a group of Jewish friends was thus honouring the minister because of his sympathy with the Jewish National Home in Palestine and because of his vigorous advocacy of a Jewish army in Palestine.

DUTCH JEWS NO LONGER ALLOWED TO COLLECT WASTE MATERIAL.

Stockholm.

Dutch Jews have been deprived of the right to deal in scrap metal, rags and bones, which trade they were hitherto still allowed to carry on under a decree issued in July, by which they had been ousted from all street vendors' trades except the collecting and selling of waste materials.

According to a report published in the "Algemeen Handelsblad," collectors for old materials have now been appointed by a special Government bureau. Jews are not allowed to take part in this work and must surrender their licences.

JEWS IN NORWAY.

Zurich.

Altogether 1,711 Jews in Norway have now had their property confiscated under Quisling's anti-Jewish campaign, according to the Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

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