

**LATEST CABLES.****The Bermuda Conference**

London.

The results of the Bermuda Conference are expected to be debated in the House of Commons shortly. "The National Committee for the Rescue of Victims from the Nazi Terror" are intensively preparing for the debate, on which may well depend the whole future of the refugee question.

**SCENE IN U.S.A. SENATE.**

Washington.

Mr. Scott Lucas, a delegate to the Bermuda Conference, defended the achievements of the Conference from the floor of the Senate. He attacked the advertisement by the Jewish Army Committee in the "New York Times" which assailed the Conference as a "cruel mockery" and branded as a diabolical untruth the committee's allegation that the word "Jew" was banished from the Conference. "The Conference excluded nothing," he declared. "Every possibility was carefully investigated." Mr. Lucas read the names of thirty-three Senators who signed the advertisement, upon which five of them immediately rose and repudiated this, stating that they were not consulted by the committee. Senator Johnson, chairman of the committee, also said that he had not been consulted prior to the publication of the advertisement. Mr. Lucas said that the Jewish Army Committee statement injured the Jewish cause. He attacked Mr. Peter Bergson, National Director of the committee, as one of the group of alien Palestinians who were criticising the American Government in connection with the Bermuda Conference.

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New York.

Rabbi Meir Berlin attacked the Bermuda Conference for disregarding Palestine and urged increasing public pressure for the rescue of Jews and for permission for them to enter Palestine.

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The newspaper "P.M." declares that national selfishness at Bermuda was stronger than national humanitarianism. British public opinion forced the Conference, but was not strong enough to make the British Government open the gates of Palestine to large-scale immigration. The British delegation, it declares, came with their minds closed to Palestine possibilities.

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The New York "Daily News" urges that part of North Africa should be used as a homeland for Jewish refugees.

**Death of Chaim Zhitlovsky.**

New York.

The death occurred during a lecture tour in Calgary, Canada, of Chaim Zhitlovsky, the well-known philosopher of the Yiddish culture movement and Socialist theoretician. He was born in White Russia in 1865. His writings are regarded as the corner-stone of the Yiddishist and Jewish Socialist movements, of both of which he is considered the founder. He was also one of the founders of the Russian Socialist Revolutionary Party. He organised in 1885 a Jewish Socialist Revolutionary Group to fight simultaneously against "Hibbat Zion" and for progressive Jewish nationalism on Socialist foundations with Yiddish as the national language. He settled in America in 1907. The Committee of Jewish Writers is arranging to bring his body to New York for burial.

**Mr. M. Shertok.**

Jerusalem.

"Zionist policy now faces a wall through which we must bore a tunnel simultaneously from both sides of the Atlantic in order to attain our objectives," declared Mr. M. Shertok at a mass meeting in the Ohel Hall, Tel-Aviv, where he reviewed the front lines of the Zionist struggle. It was Mr. Shertok's first public appearance in Tel-Aviv since he returned from America. Mr. Shertok proceeded to give his impressions of his sojourn in Britain and America, emphasizing the gigantic democratic total war effort.

**Dr. Max Soloveitchik.**

Jerusalem.

The Vaad Leumi has appointed Dr. Max Soloveitchik as Chairman of the Hadar Hacarmel Council, Haifa. He is 60 years of age and was formerly a member of the Zionist Executive and afterwards directed the Yishuv's Education Department in succession to the late Dr. Benzion Mossinson.

Dr. Soloveitchik who left for Palestine in 1933 was Minister of Jewish Affairs in Lithuania from 1920 to 1923; during the present war he has been Chairman of the Central Jewish Soldiers' Welfare Committee.

Dr. Soloveitchik visited South Africa on behalf of the Keren Hayesod in 1938.

**Dr. Yehuda Kaufmann Arrives in Johannesburg.****PREPARATIONS FOR KEREN KAYEMETH CAMPAIGN.**

Dr. Yehuda Kaufmann arrived in Johannesburg on Wednesday. This has given a decided fillip to the work for the campaign. The Johannesburg Campaign Committee is meeting daily and preparations are rapidly being completed for the dinner on Wednesday, 26th May.

The Hon. Justice Greenberg, Judge-President of the Transvaal, will preside, and the guests of honour will be Dr. Colin Steyn, Minister of Justice, Dr. Yehuda Kaufmann and Mr. Harry Levin. All the workers are animated by a high spirit of determination and optimism.

**Brodetsky Colony in Palestine.**

London.

At a meeting of Yorkshire Jewry it was decided to establish a "Brodetsky Colony" in Palestine in order to perpetuate the name of Professor Selig Brodetsky, who has done so much for the National Home.

London.

In connection with the forthcoming elections of the British Board of Deputies, the "Zionist Review" urges that candidates should be challenged on their attitude towards a Jewish Commonwealth and warns against intrigues behind the scenes against a national revival.

London.

A knighthood has been conferred on Adv. Lionel Cohen, K.C., who was recently appointed a Justice of the High Court.

Jerusalem.

Great publicity has been given in the Soviet press to the Yishuv's gift of three ambulances to the Red Army, according to messages from Kuibyshev stressing the solidarity of Eretz Israel and the Yishuv with the U.S.S.R. fighting for the world's freedom and cultural values. The V League representatives in Teheran stated that another three ambulances are now being completed in Tel-Aviv for despatch to Russia.

Jerusalem.

The Annual National Convention of the General Zionist Confederation opened in Tel-Aviv on 11th May in the presence of 170 delegates including many of the Haoved Hazoni. Following Dr. Soloveitchik's eulogy of Dr. Mossinson, Mr. I. Gruenbaum surveyed the political position in Zionism.

**Death of Joseph Achron****FAMOUS JEWISH COMPOSER**

New

The world-famous Jewish composer Joseph Achron has died at Los Angeles at the age of 54.

He was born in Marjampole, Lithuania, a home steeped in Jewish tradition and this Jewish spirit in all its finds expression in most of his compositions.

He was a musical prodigy (wunderkind) and at the age of nine played at the piano with Tzar Nicolai the 2nd, a rare privilege for a Jew at that time.

He began composing at an early age. From the beginning he showed signs of a maestro and drew the attention of the musical authorities in Europe. In 1898 he together with Rasowsky and Engelmann published in St. Petersburg the "Symphony for Jewish Music." His early violin compositions on Jewish themes, such as the "Melody," "Hebrew Dance," "The Disproportion" and "Wieglied," are fine contributions to Jewish music. He also composed the symphony variations for piano and the Yeminite dance "El Yivneh Hagalit."

After the Russian Revolution, Achron composed the music for the Jewish Theatre in Moscow. During his stay in Leningrad he wrote music for a large number of Hebrew Poems. He then created a cycle of songs for piano in which the traditional "Nusach" and the ancient "Trop" were pressed in a most graceful harmony.

In 1924 Achron paid his first visit to South Africa and was deeply impressed by the country. He gave a number of concerts in Johannesburg, in appreciation of which the "National Achron" was established.

He later settled in America, where he became professor at the State Conservatory of Chicago and later of Los Angeles.

The famous pianist Isidor Achron, Yasha Heifetz visited South Africa many years ago, is a brother of Joseph Achron, Messrs. Ch. and I. Achron of Cape Town, his first cousins.

Ralph Koorland, the well-known violinist of the Cape Town Orchestra, was a friend of Joseph Achron.

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