

High Commissioner Visits Jewish Settlement



SHAKING HANDS WITH BEN GURION.

A photograph taken on his arrival in Palestine

Interest in Development

JERUSALEM, Wednesday.—Lord Gort, the High Commissioner, paid his first visit to a rural settlement when he called at Kfar Etzion, on the Hebron highway, run by Hapoel Hamizrachi.

A guard of honour was formed by the settlement police at the entrance to the village.

Lord Gort spent a long time in Kfar Etzion, inspected the farms and asked many questions about this type of hill-settlement, which is situated at the highest point in that part of the country. He was deeply interested in the modern methods employed by the villagers to prevent soil erosion.

He also asked many questions concerning orthodox religious matters. "Where are you going to build your synagogue?" was the question he addressed to one of the elders.

Before he left, the children handed him a bouquet. He bent down gravely and shook hands with each bashful tot.

Mr. Ben Gurion and Mr. Shertok were received by the High Commissioner, Lord Gort, on Thursday. Mr. Shertok also met the Chief Secretary of the Government, Mr. J. V. W. Shaw, and discussed with him the present situation.

Arrivals From Bulgaria

JERUSALEM, Tuesday.—The first party of immigrants to leave Bulgaria since its surrender, consisting of 126 people, arrived in Haifa last week. They include 39 refugees from Poland and Hungary and 7 from other countries.

Most of the Bulgarians are chaltzim. They speak Hebrew and have undergone Hachsarah.

Teachers' Strike Ended

JERUSALEM, Tuesday.—An agreement has been reached between the Vaad Leumi and the Teachers' Federation terminating the teachers' strike, which began immediately after Succoth.

All elementary schools re-opened on Sunday.

Famous Cantor Safe at Tiflis

JERUSALEM, Monday.—Word has reached here that the famous cantor, Moshe Kussavitzky, is now in Tiflis, in Soviet Armenia, as a refugee. He has asked friends here to send him a parcel of clothing and shoes.

INTERNEES FREED IN SWITZERLAND

As a result of negotiations between representatives of the ORT and of the Swiss Government, refugees are now being liberated from Internment Camps in Switzerland, on condition that they were admitted to ORT Training Schools in Basle, Geneva and Zurich. During the last two months, the ORT has quadrupled the number of these training schools in refugee camps. It has enlarged its model vegetable gardens in Sierre, where refugees are being prepared for agricultural work in Palestine.

Successful Chamber Concert

AT the H.O.D. Hall last Thursday evening, a large and appreciative audience enjoyed the Chamber Concert which was arranged by the Bnai Brith Lodge in aid of the South African Jewish War Appeal.

The concert was organized by Solly Aronowsky, who with Reuben Goldberg and Bruno Raikin, gave a magnificent performance of Mendelssohn's Trio in D Minor. In a piano-forte solo Bruno Raikin received an ovation for his forceful and successful rendering of Chopin's F Minor Ballad. Jayne Susman sang opera in pure coloratura style, the lovely quality of her voice charming her audience, and her artistry was evident in all her songs. Mr. Goldberg played Kol Nidrei most sympathetically and acceded to an encore.

The social committee of the Johannesburg Bnai Brith Lodge is to be sincerely congratulated on an enterprising and entirely successful function.

AGENCY'S MEMORANDUM TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Text Read by Shertok

JERUSALEM, Wednesday.—In the course of his address to the Smaller Actions Committee last Sunday, Mr. M. Shertok read the full text of the memorandum submitted last month by the Jewish Agency to the British Government in regard to Palestine as the solution of the Jewish problem.

The memorandum dwells on the probable position of European Jewry at the end of the war, and emphasises the historic lesson of the European catastrophe.

It stresses the necessity of a new policy for Palestine immediately after the cessation of hostilities, and of the establishment of a Jewish state with the whole of Palestine as its area.

The memorandum also voices opposition to the partition idea.

It appeals to the British and Allied Governments to right an age-long wrong, by the establishment of the Jewish people in its own country, on a firm political basis.

New Censor Appointed in Palestine

JERUSALEM, Monday.—The Palestine Government has authorized, for administrative reasons, the transfer of the censorship over the local newspapers as well as incoming and outgoing cabled press messages from the Public Information Officer to the Chief Censor, who has hitherto only had charge of postal and ordinary telegraphic messages.

The Chief Censor since the outbreak of the war is the Hon. Edwin Samuel, oldest son and heir of the Rt. Hon. Viscount Samuel, a former British Minister of the Crown and first High Commissioner for Palestine. Mr. Edwin Samuel, who is 46, has been a high official in the Palestine Administration since 1920, and has held various senior posts. He assumed his new duties from the middle of August.

Arabs Cable to Roosevelt

CAIRO, Wednesday.—Four leading Arab political societies have cabled President Roosevelt asking him to retract his pre-election statement supporting Zionist demands.

MAQUIS IN TEL-AVIV

JERUSALEM, Wednesday.—Moving scenes were witnessed at a meeting of the Histadruth Executive Council when 22 Jewish Maquis, who had just arrived from France and 10 members of Marshal Tito's army entered the hall.

They had arrived in Palestine only the previous week and immediately volunteered for the Jewish Brigade. The men were given a hearty ovation, and an address of welcome was delivered by Mr. D. Remez and Mr. I. Sprinzak.

Replying to the welcome, one of the men said that they felt like sons returning to their father's home. He described the activities of the "Fighting Zionist Organisation" of France and the losses suffered by the movement in engagements with the Germans. He also dealt with the contribution of Zionists to the French war-effort and to rescue activity in France.

Death of Hebrew Novelist

JERUSALEM, Wednesday.—Aaron Abraham Kabak, foremost Hebrew novelist, died suddenly at his home, "Beit Hakerem," Jerusalem, last Saturday night. He was 63 years of age.

Only recently Kabak won the Tel Aviv Municipality literary prize for his historical novel, "The Void."

He was the brother-in-law of Rav Tsair and the father-in-law of Mr. I. Gruenbaum's son, Benjamin.

Tribute to his contribution to Hebrew literature was paid at the Smaller Action Committee meeting by Mr. Z. Rubashov.

JERUSALEM, Monday.—The first letter to leave Lwow (Lemberg) in three years for Palestine, which was dated August 21, 1944, notified a resident here that only 700-800 Jews remained alive in that once-populous Jewish centre. The rest have been murdered, deported or died of starvation and exposure.

DIRECT HELP TO LIBERATED POLAND

The Ways and Means Committee of the South African Jewish War Appeal, having ascertained a possibility of sending help direct to Poland, requested the National Executive Committee of the JWA to vote a very substantial sum of money for the purchase of goods in the Middle East, for consignment to Dr. Sommerstein's Committee in Lublin.

An order for one-third of the amount voted has been placed with the Jewish Agency, and for the remaining two-thirds with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

It is hoped very soon to complete all the arrangements for the purchase and despatch of the goods to Lublin.

The JWA has also requested Dr. Sommerstein to furnish lists of names and addresses of survivors in the liberated portions of Poland.

Friend of Habimah and Palestine Orchestra

THE annual general meeting of the Friends of the Habimah Theatre and Palestine Orchestra is to be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Karnovsky on Sunday, November 26, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Ethel Hayman will speak on her recent visit to Palestine and its cultural institutions. Musical items will be provided by Cantor I. Alter and Miss Eunice Robinson. Members are urgently asked to attend.

Rene Shaphsak, the well-known sculptor, has donated a figure in wood to be used for raising funds for the Orchestra and Habimah.

Inspection of Hebrew Schools

Mr. J. Klewansky, Inspector-in-Chief of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, who recently returned from the annual examination and inspection of the East London and Bloemfontein Hebrew Schools, is now examining schools on the Rand.

A number of Chedorim in Johannesburg and on the Reef are also being inspected by Mr. I. Goss, Assistant Director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BETH HAMEDROSH HAGODOL

THE 14th annual general meeting of the Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol was held last Sunday when Mr. A. Tubianski presided.

In presenting his report the chairman deplored the fact that the services, even on Saturdays and Festivals, were poorly attended. He appealed to those present to take an interest in "Rabbi Moshe's Talmud Torah," and asked every member of the Beth Hamedrosh also to become a member of the Talmud Torah, and contribute to the special fund inaugurated for its rebuilding.

The Treasurer, Mr. B. Abrahams, in presenting the financial statement, emphasised that, although there was a surplus of about £600, and the bonds had been considerably reduced, there must be prepared for a large expenditure in the near future.

The Office-Bearers

The following office-bearers were elected: Chairman, Mr. A. Tubianski; vice-chairman, Mr. I. Rabinovitz and Mr. P. Lochoff; treasurer, Mr. B. Abrahams; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Terespolsky; committee, Messrs. Fine, M. Fain, J. Friedman, S. Lapidus, Rabinovitz, M. Segal, M. Shulman, B. Sorkin, S. Wallach, and B. Kaplan (representing the Gmilut Chesed "Knesset Israel" trustees, Messrs. W. Samuel and A. Harris). A vote of thanks was passed to the solicitors, Messrs. Sosto and Lewis.