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# Huberman Carried Shoulder High

## SECOND CONCERT OF PALESTINE ORCHESTRA

Tel-Aviv, December 28th.

THERE were enthusiastic scenes to-night, when the second concert of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Signor Toscanini, was given in Tel-Aviv under the auspices of the Histadruth (Jewish Labour Organisation). The audience consisted chiefly of Jewish workers, and the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Hundreds who were unable to obtain admission listened outside the hall despite the stormy weather and rain.

Mr. Ben Gurion and the other leaders of the Histadruth were present, and Mr. Friedman, head of the Cultural Committee of the Histadruth, in welcoming Signor Toscanini, said that two thousand years ago the first meeting of Rome with Judea ended in the fall of Judea. Now that Judea is re-born it meets the man from Rome as a citizen of the world.

They were confident that the man who knew how to condemn the German oppression knows how to value the work that is being done by the Jews in Palestine. Turning to Mr. Huberman, he said that this orchestra is some compensation for the terrible sufferings that the Jews underwent during the last six months.

Huberman, who sat among the audience, was carried shoulder high to the platform.

### TOSCANINI'S 70th BIRTHDAY

Jerusalem, December 27th.

THE inaugural concert of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra coincided with his 70th birthday and became a national event among the Jews of the country. Special cakes with Toscanini's portrait were displayed in all Tel-Aviv confectionery shops.

A special reception in honour of Signor Toscanini is to be

given by the Jewish Agency on Tuesday.

At a banquet after the first concert, Mr. Bronislaw Huberman warmly thanked Signor Toscanini for his great interest in the Palestine Symphony Orchestra.

Signor Toscanini expressed his great appreciation to the members of the Committee of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra for the reception given to him. "I have passed through many countries," he said, "but it is here that I found my real place."

### A South African at the First Concert

A PROMINENT South African Zionist had the privilege of being present at the first concert given by the Palestine Symphony Orchestra on the evening of the 26th ult., in Jerusalem. He has cabled the following to the "Zionist Record."

"Indescribable scenes of enthusiasm prevailed to-night when Arturo Toscanini conducted the first concert. The High Commissioner was present, also Weizmann, Ussishkin, and all leading personalities. The hall was crowded, standing room being at a premium. The concert started with the police band playing 'God Save the King' and 'Hatikvah.'

The orchestra, inspired by Toscanini, played divinely. There was deafening applause which brought back Toscanini repeatedly, twice with Bronislaw Huberman.

The audience, including the High Commissioner, stood and Toscanini was deeply moved by the sincerity of the reception accorded him.

The occasion was an unforgettable experience to all present."

### "MUST NOT DESTROY OLD RECORDS"

#### An Order to the Jewish Community

Berlin, December 28th.

DR. GUERTHER, the Minister of Justice, to-day issued an order prohibiting Jewish com-

munities and synagogues from destroying the records of those Jews who had left the Jewish religious communities.

Dr. Guertner explains that the order was issued so as to make it possible to establish the racial origin of a large number of people who no longer belong to any religious association.

### FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF ORANGES FROM TEL-AVIV JETTY

Tel-Aviv, December 28th.

THE first consignment of oranges was shipped from Tel-Aviv Jetty to-day. Consignment includes cases of citrus fruit for His Majesty King George VI., for the Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, for Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and for the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, Dr. J. Hertz.

Mr. Hoofien, addressing representatives of the national institutions in connection with the shipping ceremony, stated that what they were witnessing there to-day was nothing compared with the comprehensive plans they have in mind in regard to the Tel-Aviv port for the future.

### DEATH OF PROMINENT SHANGHAI JEW

Shanghai, December 16th.

MR. Nissim Benjamin Ezra, one of the most prominent Jewish leaders in the Far East died here after a short illness at the age of 53.

### GAS CONCESSION TO BRITISH FIRM

#### Tel-Aviv Municipality Grant

Tel-Aviv, December 28th.

THE Tel-Aviv Municipality granted a gas concession to the British firm of Close Brothers Limited, against a deposit of £30,000. The concession is for five years, and its purpose is to establish gas works in Tel-Aviv.

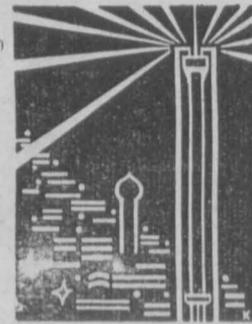
The company will invest half a million pounds in the country, £200,000 of which will be spent on installations and £300,000 on the gas works. It is estimated that gas will be cheaper in Tel-Aviv than in Europe.

The Palestine representatives of the British firm are Mr. Eff Efrus and Dr. Dralicz.

### AN HONORARY CITIZEN

Tel-Aviv, December 27th.

YEHUDA GRAZOVSKY, a well-known lexicographer, has been elected Honorary Citizen of Tel-Aviv by the Tel-Aviv Municipality in recognition of his work for Hebrew culture.



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