

ERETZ ISRAEL

GENERAL NEWS

(per J.T.A., Palcor and Private Sources)

An Ingathering of Exiles

SCENES of great elation among the Bukharan Jewish community were witnessed recently, when 300 Bukharan Jews arrived in Eretz Israel. They were Bukharan refugees who for several years had been anxiously waiting in Afghanistan for an opportunity to immigrate to Eretz Israel.

At the beginning of this month there also arrived in Jerusalem twenty-two Jewish orphans from Yemen. This is the first organised group of Jewish children to arrive from Yemen and their coming was made possible by the assistance received from the Youth Aliyah Department of the Vaad Leumi and by the Hitachduth Hatemanim (Union of Yemenite Jews).

Miss Henrietta Szold, sponsor of the Youth Aliyah from Germany, had for some time interested herself in the lot of Jewish orphans in Yemen. After prolonged negotiations with the Government authorities she finally managed to obtain a special allotment of certificates for the transference of groups of such orphans to Eretz Israel. The group which has just arrived will probably go to one of the agricultural settlements.

MAXTON INVITED TO VISIT PALESTINE

Jerusalem, December 31st.

AN invitation to visit Palestine in order to study the social and economic conditions of Jewish settlers there has been given to Mr. James Maxton, M.P., and Mr. John McGovern, M.P., two of the leading members of the Independent Labour Party in Britain.

Mr. Maxton is unable to travel owing to his political engagements, but Mr. McGovern will leave on January 8. He is to bring back a report on the co-operative farming and other agricultural experiments by the Jews.

TREES SHALL GROW WHERE VANDAL DESTROYED !



After the vandalism consequent upon the Arab riots, Jewish workers are again planting trees in many parts of the country to replace those that were destroyed.

KING FEISAL AND THE NATIONAL HOME
A Memorandum to the Royal Commission

Jerusalem, December 30th.

DR. AHMED KADRIE, of Iraq, who was a member of King Feisal's Peace Delegation, has sent a memorandum to the Royal Commission admitting that King Feisal had consented to the establishment of a Jewish National Home within the framework of a big Arab Empire. In view of the fact, however, that such an Arab Empire has never been established, Ahmed Kadrie points out, King Feisal's promises cannot be regarded as binding.

A GROVE TO THE MEMORY OF OSSIP GABRILOWITSCH

Jerusalem, December 30th.

THE Jewish National Fund of America is going to plant a grove in Palestine as a memorial for the late Mr. Ossip Gabrilowitsch, the brilliant American Jewish pianist and conductor, and son-in-law of Mark Twain, who died a few months ago.

IN MEMORY OF THE HELSINGFORS CONFERENCE

Tel-Aviv, December 30th.

THE thirtieth anniversary of the Helsingfors Conference (an historic meeting of Russian Zionists 30 years ago to consider Zionist policy in the Diaspora), was celebrated to-night at a meeting in Tel-Aviv, which was addressed by Mr. Isaac Gruenbaum and Dr. Alexander Goldstein.

ORCHESTRA LEADERS FETED BY JEWISH AGENCY

Jerusalem, December 30th.

YESTERDAY Signor Arturo Toscanini and Mr. Bronislaw Huberman were the guests of honour at a special reception organised by the Jewish Agency, at which Dr. Chaim Weizmann presided.

Addressing Signor Toscanini, the distinguished Zionist leader said, "You are the second visitor who has given the Jewish community the feeling that it is part of the rest of the world. Seeing you on the stage, my mind went back to the time when Lord Balfour stood on Mount Scopus to inaugurate the Hebrew University."

Mr. Huberman was presented with an album of Palestinian pictures issued by the Keren Hayesod as a small token of appreciation of his services to the Yishuv.

HAILSTORM DAMAGE IN THE COUNTRY

Jerusalem, December 30th.

HAILSTORMS in Palestine have caused serious damage throughout the country, notably in the plantations. Five lighters and a number of buildings at the Jaffa port were damaged. An Arab hut was also destroyed. Heavy damage was done to the telegraph and telephone wires. Tel-Aviv, however, was hardly affected by the storms, and no damage was done to the jetty there.

Sharon Plantation Honour of Toscanini

TOKEN OF ADMIRERS' APPRECIATION

Tel-Aviv, December 30th.

A RECEPTION was given to the Tel-Aviv Municipality Mayor Signor Toscanini, who was presented with a group of admirers with a plantation in the Sharon as a token of appreciation. Mr. Rokach, Vice-Mayor of Tel-Aviv, in making the declaration of the presentation, said that they had had another farmer. In his words Signor Toscanini said: "Several countries of music-lovers are looking for me. But," he said, "I found a country to replace them. I want to return here every year."

CONCERT BROADCAST TO U.S.A.

FROM the Edison Theatre in Jerusalem to Cairo, then to London by in England, and thence to the United States, through the transatlantic flight the second half of the Toscanini concert broadcast by the Jerusalem Broadcasting Station and the National Broadcasting Company in America. The broadcast started at 9.55 and was concluded at 10.15.

Mr. Stephen Fry, Programme Director of the Palestine Broadcasting Service, gave a short description of the scene in English to his listeners in Palestine and the United States and was followed by Mr. Lubrani who gave a commentary in Hebrew. Mr. Fry described the packed audience and the enthusiasm of the featured audience of some 2,000 persons. Mr. Lubrani pointed out to listeners the High Commissioner, the audience, and also Dr. Chaim Weizmann, and pictured Toscanini on his return to the stage after the interval. Like Mr. Fry he spoke of the atmosphere of concentrated earnestness in the auditorium, adding that feet may be cold, but hearts were warm with happiness that the concert should have come about.

MORE ARAB INTERNATIONAL QUARRELS

Moslem and Christian Clash

Jerusalem, December 29th.

RENEWED clashes between Christians and Moslems took place in Jerusalem and Jaffa yesterday. Several Christians were wounded. Many anti-Christian proclamations were also issued by the Moslems.

Alfred Rock, a Christian member of the Arab Supreme Committee, was attacked and beaten up by Moslems at a Jaffa cafe yesterday.

In Haifa the Arab Workers' Committee has issued a proclamation against destructive activities of certain elements. The proclamation calls for peace among all the sections of the Palestine Arab population.

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