

In Memory of Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

KEREN HAYESOD CAMPAIGN IN PALESTINE.

Tel-Aviv.

The Palestine campaign of the Keren Hayesod for the year 1935, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the memory of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, was opened here in the presence of three thousand people, including one hundred and fifty official delegates from different parts of the country.

Greetings were read from the Executive of the Jewish Agency, the Keren Kayemeth, the Palestine Labour Party, the Jewish Farmers' Union, and the Mizrahi Organisation, demanding augmented activity for the national funds. Mr. Dizengoff, who was ill, wrote that had it not been for the funds, Tel-Aviv would never have been built.

Dr. Alexander Goldstein delivered a tribute to the Baron, and appealed for support of the colonisation undertaking organised by the Keren Hayesod in his memory.

A most enthusiastic reception was given to Dr. Chaim Weizmann. In his address, he declared that private capital was absolutely rudderless without national capital, and the Huleh could not be built up without Chalutzim and the help of the funds. The Chalutzim were still bearing the burden of the country's development. He warned them that it was dangerous to build up the urban areas of Palestine at the expense of the rural settlements, and stressed that agriculture and industry were the foundations of Jewish work in Eretz Israel.

At the sessions held yesterday, Eliezer Kaplan, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, announced the establishment of a new national agricultural colonisation instrument, and also a housing company under the auspices of the Jewish Agency for the purpose of erecting labourers' dwellings, thus strengthening the position of Jewish labour in the colonies.

He emphasised the recovery of National Fund collections, the income of the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod having amounted to £400,000 nett in 56949. It was the intention of the colonising agency to settle 1,000 families in agriculture annually in the future, and this would necessitate the expenditure of £700,000 by both funds.

Mr. Leib Jaffe stressed the success of the Keren Hayesod in spite of the economic distress throughout the Diaspora and the boycotts imposed against Jewish communities.

Dr. Shmarya Levin welcomed the Executive's new loan, which was shortly to be achieved.—(Palcor).

Poverty in Trans-Jordan.

Amman.

This year's poverty in Trans-Jordan is far greater than the economic distress during 1933, it is indicated in reports made by high British officials here.—(Palcor).

100 Additional Certificates Granted.

Jerusalem.

The Palestine Government has approved a hundred more certificates for the Jewish Agency outside the schedule recently granted. The new certificates will be used for fiancées of Palestine residents.—(Palcor).

Holiday Fair in Aid of J.N.F.

The Muizenberg Branch of the Bnoth Zion are arranging a Holiday Fair on Tuesday, 8th January, under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. L. Gradner), Rev. A. P. Bender, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Sonnenberg. The Mayoress will perform the opening ceremony at 11 a.m. and the Fair will last all day. There will be numerous attractions and a Flannel Dance in the evening at which Raye Levin's Orchestra will provide the music.

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DORSHEI ZION ASSOCIATION

Visiting Zionists at present in the Peninsula are cordially invited to attend the Special Conversazione at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday Evening the 8th inst., at 8 p.m.

World Union of General Zionists.

Dr. MOSSINSOHN RESIGNS FROM PALESTINE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Tel-Aviv.

Dr. Mossinsohn, President of the Palestine Central Committee of the World Union of General Zionists, has resigned from the membership of the local central body, but remains a member of the World Union.—(Palcor).

Palestine Bank Deposits Growing.

Jerusalem.

According to estimates in competent economic quarters, Palestine bank deposits show a steady upward trend and in September of the current year reached a total of almost £14,000,000.

Deposits in co-operative institutions alone rose by £1,500,000 and in June of the current year aggregated £2,500,000.

Interest paid on savings and current accounts varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 per cent in the larger banks, and 2 to 5 per cent. in the smaller banks.

Loan interest varies from 6 to 9 per cent. per annum, depending on the size of the lending bank, the nature and duration of the loan, etc.—(Palcor).



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