

NEWS IN BRIEF.

THE PARITY QUESTION IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the Central Committees of the Mizrachi Party and the Group B of the General Zionist Party confirmed that they had sent a delegation to the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine to discuss the question of parity. They denied, however, that they presented the Executive with an ultimatum that they would leave the present coalition of Zionist Parties if their point of view was not accepted.—J.T.A.

DEATH OF Mr. GEORGE HYMAN.

New York.

Mr. George Hyman, the well-known social worker and Zionist leader, died here at the age of thirty-six after an illness of three months. He was associated with the American Jewish Congress. While Assistant Registrar of the Hebrew University in 1929, he led the University's defence against the Arabs, saving the University against serious damage.—J.T.A.

JEWISH CONGRESSMEN RE-ELECTED IN AMERICA.

New York.

Nine Jewish Congressman, representing New York, New Jersey, Illinois and Connecticut, were re-elected. These include H. P. Koppleman and L. W. Citron of Connecticut, A. J. Sabath of Illinois, I. Bacharach of New Jersey, E. Ecclery, S. Dickstein, W. I. Sirovich, T. H. Peyser and Joe Bloom of New York.

In New York State, forty-four Jews were elected to the State Assembly and seven to the State Senate.

Mr. Saul Streit and Judge Morris Koenig were elected to the Court of General Sessions in New York City.—J.T.A.

ANOTHER CHURCH PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM.

London.

The Council of Christian Pacifist Groups has addressed to the Jewish leaders a message protesting against the outrage of anti-Semitic propaganda.

"We who are member of the Christian Church," the message states, "cannot remain unmoved while our brethren of the Jewish race are being subjected to a renewal of persecution. As Englishmen, too, we feel bound to protest with all our strength when this outrage is committed at our own doors. We send warm greetings to the leaders of the Jewish community and express to them our deep sympathy in the trial through which their people are passing, and our earnest desire that Christians and Jews, so closely related to one another in religious history, may be drawn together to work out, here and elsewhere, a common citizenship in mutual service."—J.T.A.

BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Berlin.

The police authorities have ordered the Berlin Jewish Community to reduce the number of its Council from forty-one to twenty-one eliminating ten Zionists and ten non-Zionists.

This is the first case on record of interference by the authorities with the purely internal affairs of the Jewish community which was established under the religious community laws of 1847.—J.T.A.

SUICIDE OF GERMAN-JEWISH BANKER.

Hamburg.

Max Nathan, a well-known Hamburg Jewish banker, committed suicide in the Hamburg Gaol, where he had been held on tax charges, the German press reveals.

Nathan was arrested in the Hamburg railway station when he returned from Marienbad.

According to the press report, police who searched Nathan's home discovered a treasure-chest concealed in the garden containing gold, jewellery and currency to the value of 250,000 marks.

Following Nathan's suicide, his son was arrested and charged with aiding his father to conceal assets as well as with high treason.

Existing laws in Germany do not restrict the amount of gold and jewellery any individual is allowed to possess.—J.T.A.

HANDEL'S "JUDAS MACCABEUS" "ARYANISED."

Berlin.

Handel's famous oratorio "Judas Maccabeus" has been "Aryanised," the press reports.

The Nazi poet, Hermann Burte, working under the instructions of the Ministry of Propaganda, has completed a new text for oratorio which is henceforth to be known in Germany as "Hero and Peace."

The Catholic paper "Germania," reporting the news, protests against the mutilation of this work and declares: "Is the figure of Judas Maccabeus only a matter of the Jewish people? Is not this figure a clear example of sincere religious heroism which should be shown to all human beings?"—J.T.A.

BRITISH "ORT" TO OPEN COURSES IN GERMANY.

Berlin.

A Jewish artisan institute to train young German Jews will be opened by the "Ort" in Berlin under the patronage of the "Ort" Organisations of Great Britain, it was announced here. The institute will have special courses for girls and parallel courses for adults. After completing their courses the students are expected to be well qualified for emigrating abroad. The equipment for the institute will be supplied by the British "Ort-Union" of Paris.—J.T.A.

LEADER OF BELGIAN REXIST MOVEMENT AND THE JEWS.

Berlin.

M. Degrelle, leader of the Belgian Rexist movement, gave a guarded reply to questions put to him by the correspondent of the "Angriff" on the Jewish question.

In an interview with Degrelle in Brussels, published in the "Angriff," the Belgian Fascist leader is quoted as saying:—

"The Jews are not numerically so strongly represented in Belgium. We are opposed to an intrusive immigration of Jews. When the Jewish question increases in importance, Rex will make an effort to obtain laws solving this question without disturbing the peace."—J.T.A.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWS PERMISSION FOR SPECIAL BOOKS FOR JEWISH SCHOOLS.

Rome.

The Italian Jewish community is aroused by the refusal of the Minister of Public Education, Signor de Vecchi, to grant the customary permission this year to the Union of Italian Jewish Communities to publish at its own expense text-books for use in the Jewish schools.

ANOTHER JEWISH VICTIM OF ARAB TERRORISM.

Jerusalem.

Isaac Kasher, who was seriously wounded near Nathania by Arabs who opened fire on him and three other Jewish workers, died of his wounds in the Petah Tikva Hospital on November 4th. He was thirty-seven years old, and he left a wife and two children.—J.T.A.

PALESTINE CITRUS IMPORTS TO POLAND.

Warsaw.

The Polish Government has authorised the import of the first consignment of citrus fruit from Palestine to the amount of 4,500 tons.—J.T.A.

IRAQI JEWS AND NEW GOVERNMENT.

Jerusalem.

The Iraqi Jews are satisfied with the new Government, "Al Jamiah Al Islamiah" states. The Arab paper confirms its statement by a report that the Chief Rabbi of Bagdad greeted on behalf of the Iraqi Jews a demonstration of the supporters of the new Government when it passed through the Jewish quarter.

"El Liwa," the Mufti's paper, reports that the new Iraqi Government intends to send a representative to Jerusalem to discuss the Palestine problem with the representatives of the other Arab countries in connection with the arrival of the Royal Commission.—J.T.A.

AMERICAN PALESTINE CAMPAIGN.

New York.

The Keren Hayesod has expended 28,405,000 dollars during the last sixteen years, a report submitted to the annual meeting of the American Palestine Campaign states.

In connection with the meeting a reception was given to Dr. Ben Zion Mossinsohn, Mr. Gershon Agronsky and Rev. Hersh Maslansky, three well-known members of the Yishub.

The American Palestine Campaign, it was announced at the reception, is to enlarge its activities during 1937. It was also announced that the United Palestine Appeal, including the American Palestine Campaign and the Jewish National Fund had raised 1,779,454 dollars since January.

Mr. Agronsky, speaking at the reception, declared that the Jews were seeking friendship with the Arabs, but they refused to be intimidated. Dr. Mossinsohn laid stress on the growth of Jewish initiative as a result of the recent disorders.—J.T.A.