

luminaries of the day, Mendele, Achad Ha'am, Lilienblum, Levinsky, Dubnow, and in which Bialik's first poem saw the light of day. From 1899 he became associated with Bialik as one of the editors of the publishing house of Moriah, a happy collaboration from which sprung many standard works, which are already classics, especially *Sefer Haagadah*.

The fruitful collaboration between Bialik and Rabnitzky continued later under the auspices of the Palestine publishing house of "Dvir" and has enriched Hebrew libraries with standard editions of the great poets of the Middle Ages as well as with some of the finest literary products of modern Eretz Israel. Though himself a writer of great talent, Rabnitzky contented himself largely with being the henchman of the literary giants of his day, especially Bialik, and to his encouragement and sage counsel many a book of enduring worth owes its existence.

Rabnitzky has outlived his lifelong fellow-workers, Shalom Aleichem, Shmarya Levin and Bialik; but he is still at work, tools in hand, a patient builder of the edifice of modern Hebrew literature.

A GREAT VIOLINIST

YEHUDI MENUHIN'S season in Johannesburg has come to an end: soon he will have left South Africa, and, this, the first visit of the wonder-boy violinist to this country, will have become a mere memory. But for all who heard Menuhin's playing, it will be the memory of an unique experience, charged with the purity and intensity of the highest musical experience. The artist realised to the full the expectations which his previous career of triumph had aroused. He took Johannesburgers (always known for their generous response) by storm: they thrilled to his wonderful technique and golden tone; and they warmed to his modesty and humility, that humility which is content to efface itself, and to use consummate art for the sole purpose of a channel through which the composer may convey the message of his music.

As Jews, we are naturally proud that Yehudi Menuhin is one of us. His genius is for the world; but we are grateful (and so is he) that he can add lustre to the bright reputation of our

people in the field of musical interpretation. Kreisler, Friedman, Moiseiwitz, Heifetz, Horowitz, Schnabel, Gabrilowitch — in this imposing array of Jewish interpreters, Yehudi Menuhin already takes an eminent, perhaps the foremost place. But in years he is still on the threshold of his career. May the fates be kind to him, and bring to full and mature perfection those noble gifts with which they have so early endowed him.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY EXTENSIONS

Jerusalem, October 10th.

THE Officer Administering the Government has given his consent to the programme of extensions submitted to him by the administration of the Hebrew University. These extensions include the construction of the Rosenbloom Building, the Students' Hostel, the Institutes for Climatology and Science, and University offices and other institutes and buildings.

They are all to be located on Mount Scopus, in the vicinity of the present site. The bulk of the funds for the new buildings is likely to come from America.

The £100,000 building to commemorate the late Mr. Sol Rosenbloom, of Pittsburg, which has been donated by his widow, will be used for the Faculty of Humanities (or Arts). The Students' Hostel will be built out of funds raised abroad and in Palestine by student organisations.

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Per Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

MALCOLM MACDONALD AND PALESTINE

London, Wednesday.

AT a dinner given by the Anglo-Palestine Club, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald stated that the Mandatory Power desires to see the Jewish National Home built securely.

He appealed for Jewish co-operation with Arabs and also declared that there was no ground for uneasiness by reason of the Italo-Abyssinian war.

Sir Arthur Wauchope also spoke, appealing for goodwill in Palestine. Other speakers were Dr. Weizmann, Sir Robert Waley Cohen, Mr. James de Rothschild, M.P., and Chief Rabbi Dr. Hertz.

ARABS START ANTI-JEWISH AGITATION

Jerusalem, Thursday.

A SERIOUS anti-Jewish agitation has been started by Arabs following the discovery by the police of ammunition concealed in a cargo of cement on a Belgian boat at Jaffa.

The Arab leaders have submitted a memorandum to the Government accusing the Jews of smuggling arms, and have ordered a general strike for Saturday.

A Silent Revolution

"MEVAKER" the editorial writer of "World Jewry" (London) discusses the changed attitude (which he terms "A Silent Revolution") which has arisen in recent years towards Zionism and declares that through that change the need for specific "non-Zionist" representation on the Jewish Agency is becoming obsolete.

"Why should the Jew of England or America, who had been a life-long non-Zionist, join with the Zionist in the task of building up a Jewish National Home, in which he had hitherto believed so little as to refuse to move his little finger for its advancement? The reason lay in his sub-conscious Jewishness which urged him towards participation in the national regeneration, but was yet not strong enough to permit its open acknowledgment.

"On the other hand, so over-anxious was the Zionist to gain the material support of that element in Jewry that he was prepared to make every sacrifice to achieve the purpose. The Agency, if we may venture to apply the metaphor, thus became a canopy of convenience, the Zionist assuming the role of the too-persistent wooer, and the non-Zionist that of the coy bedowered bride.

"Stripped of metaphor, what we wish to emphasise is that a silent revolution of feeling has taken place in the heart and mind of Western Jewry.

"Hitlerism alone will not account for it; the weight of thirty-five years of Zionist propaganda and achievement has something to do with it.

"We regard the change, as yet dimly defined, as a revolution not merely in relation to Palestine. Zionism stands for more than Palestine. It stands for the recognition by the Jew of his destiny as a member of the Jewish race. It is the negation of the policy of assimilation and surrender preached for generations in the ear of the Jew of Germany, England, America. Support of Palestine may be the outward form of the change. Inwardly it is the motivating influence behind much of whatever there is that is positive in Jewish life to-day. The time is fast waning for cloaks like the Jewish Agency."