

**THE PRICE OF LIBERTY****President Roosevelt's Message**

New York, March 17th.  
 PRESIDENT Franklin D. Roosevelt to-day described the down-fall of Haman, on the occasion of Purim, as "one of the milestones in mankind's long and bloody struggle to achieve freedom."

President's message, broadcast over a national network during the annual Purim broadcast of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, concluded with the declaration that commemoration of this event "should tell us, now as always, that vigilance is the price of freedom."

**JEWISH POSITION IN SERBIA**

London, March 17th.

Jews of Yugo-Slavia were naturally apprehensive of the effects of the absorption of Serbia into Nazi Germany, and this might strengthen the anti-Semitic influence in Yugo-Slavia. Dr. Isaac Alkalay, Chief of Yugo-Slavia, made this statement in the course of an interview.

Dr. Alkalay declared that there was only a very small Fascist organisation at present active in Serbia. "Fortunately, this is not strong, and it is the view of well-informed people that it will not take root in Serbia, because the Serbian people is thoroughly freedom-loving."

Dr. Alkalay further pointed out that there was no real basis for the strong anti-Semitic movement in Serbia, since the Jewish population of Serbia consisted of 72,000 souls, which was only a half per cent. of the total population. Another reason for the weakness of the anti-Semitic movement was that the Jewish population did not occupy prominent positions in the country, consisting chiefly of small traders.

**ENGLISH REACTION TO MIGRATION SCHEDULE**

Warsaw, March 17th.

The new Palestine immigration schedule has been received with consternation in all circles here. It is pointed out insofar as the capitalist class of 2,000 is concerned, it is highly improbable that any of them possessed of £1,000 will be able to leave owing to the new currency restrictions.

As regards the Labour movement of 1,000, Polish Zionists expect to receive only 400, which is hardly likely to meet the demand for Palestine labour in the near future.

The Hechalutz organisations have already convoked a special conference to discuss Mr. Ormsby's latest announcement.

# Overseas News in Brief

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**NARAS ATTACK JEWISH CENTRE**

Warsaw, March 17th.

UTILISING as a pretext the riot run on banks in connection with the Polish-Lithuanian crisis, Nara hooligans attacked the Jewish centres in Warsaw, smashing windows of Jewish shops. Fifty people were injured, among them the 65-year-old Professor Moses Schorr. The police have closed all the parks and are patrolling the streets.

**ITALIAN COMMUNAL ELECTIONS****Keen Fight Expected**

Rome, March 21st.

TWO lists of candidates have been issued for the coming elections to the Council of the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy. The first list contains the representatives of the present Council who are in favour of the Zionist movement and are generally supporters of Jewish traditions. At the head of the list is the present President of the Union, the well-known large industrialist, Federigo Jarach, of Milan.

The second list represents the extreme assimilationist elements in Italian Jewry, headed by General Liuzzi, of Turin, and General Angelo di Nola, of Rome.

A keen fight is expected.

**DISCIPLINARY COURT FOR ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES**

Kovno, March 21st.

THE Senate of Kovno University has ordered the trial of six Lithuanian students before the Disciplinary Court for taking part in attacks against Jews during the elections to the Students' Parliament.

In addition, 20 Lithuanian students have already been punished.

Sub-editing and headlines of all political matter in this issue of the *Zionist Record* by David Dainow, Progress Buildings, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.

**CHIEF RABBI DR. HERTZ HONOURED**

London, March 17th.

ALL the Jewish communities in the British Empire were represented when Mr. Lionel Rothschild presented to Chief Rabbi Dr. Hertz, a portrait to commemorate 25 years of "whole-hearted and single-minded service."

Sir Robert Waley-Cohen also paid a tribute to Dr. Hertz.

**MIGRATION OF THE LAST JEW**

Berlin, March 17th.

IN one of a series of workers' meetings held throughout the Franconian district, the town of Feuchtwanger celebrated the migration of its last Jew and the fact that the local synagogue was ready for auction.



The Very Rev. Dr. J. H. Hertz, who is now being honoured on the completion of twenty-five years of service as Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Empire.

**THREAT TO SHECHITA IN BUDAPEST**

Budapest, March 21st.

HUNGARIAN Jewish orthodox circles are deeply perturbed at the announced intention of the Burgomaster of Budapest to make stunning of animals before slaughter compulsory. This would result in the prohibition of Shechita in Budapest.

Jewish orthodox leaders have already intervened with the authorities to prevent the banning of Shechita.

**ASSISTING AUSTRIAN JEWS****Statement by Board of Deputies**

London, March 20th.

IN the course of his address at a meeting of the Board of Deputies to-day, Mr. Neville Laski, K.C., the President, stated that he had been authorised by Sir Osmond d'Avigdor Goldsmid to say that the Central British Council shortly hoped to make an announcement which might indicate to the community the necessity for further financial responsibility for work both in this country and in Austria itself. With regard to refugees, it was not an easy question. Mr. Otto Schiff had been in constant touch with the authorities and it would be a pity to interfere in any way with the standing and influence which long years of work had given him.

**GERMAN INTERVENTION IN BELGIAN AFFAIRS**

Brussels, March 21st.

M. LOUIS PIERARD, the Socialist Deputy in the Belgian Chamber, has put down an interpellation to the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, about the intervention of German authorities in the internal affairs of Belgium.

The interpellation is based on a recent incident in Antwerp, when the Austrian Jewish conductor, Loewenstein, was replaced by an "Aryan" conductor during a concert by the German pianist, Wilhelm Bakhaus, who was forbidden by the German Consul-General to play under a Jewish conductor.

The action of the German Consul-General was due to the intervention of a Flemish Deputy, named Dinasos, who protested that a German should be allowed to play under a Jewish conductor.

**RESOLUTION ON AUSTRIA**

London, March 17th.

A RESOLUTION adopted by the Women's International League at its annual meeting here dealt with the persecution of Jews in Austria and urged that "attempts should be made to provide openings in this and other countries for a people who can bring intellectual, spiritual, and scientific gifts to the country of their adoption."

**ISAIAH TRANSLATED INTO NORWEGIAN**

Oslo, March 21st.

THE first modern translation of Isaiah into Norwegian has been completed here by Professor Alexander Seippel, the 87-year-old Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and other Semitic languages at Oslo University.