

A NEW SETTLEMENT

Jerusalem, April 13th.

THE third Jewish settlement in the extreme north-west of the country, situated south of Naharia, was occupied by Jewish settlers to-day. The settlement, bearing the name of Shavei Zion, is established on Keren Kayemeth land, and consists of 35 families who formerly comprised the entire Jewish community of the townlet Rexingen, in Wuerttemberg, Germany.

The new settlement, constituted on a collective basis, has been aided by the Middle-Class Colonisation Company, known as "Rassco," of the German Department of the Jewish Agency. Work on the buildings, the stockade, and the searchlight tower began at dawn, and was practically completed in the course of the day.

The construction of a road to the settlement has commenced, leading from the main Acre-Beirut highway.

TOSCANINI AND HUBERMAN
ARRIVE

Jerusalem, April 10th.

SIGNOR ARTURO TOSCANINI and his wife arrived in Haifa yesterday and were greeted by Colonel Kisch and friends of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra.

After a short rest, Signor Toscanini left for Tel-Aviv and on the way stopped at Natania and Ramat Hashavim to greet the Jewish settlers.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann and his wife visited Signor Toscanini immediately after his arrival in Tel-Aviv.

Mr. Bronislaw Huberman has also since arrived in Haifa. He was welcomed by Colonel Kisch, and left for Tel-Aviv.

IMPORTANT LAND PURCHASE IN
BEERSHEBA

Jerusalem, April 8th.

THE Palestine Land Development Company completed within the last few days a successful transaction as the result of which 9,000 dunams of land in the Beersheba region came into Jewish possession. The area was acquired on behalf of a group of purchasers headed by Mr. Moshe Smilansky.

The Palestine Land Development Company has been engaged in purchases in this region for many years and, at the request of the group concerned, has already purchased 36,000 dunams around Beersheba. The recent acquisition has brought Jewish landed property in this zone up to 50,000 dunams.

Difficulties of acquiring land in this vicinity, especially since the outbreak of the 1936 disturbances, have increased enormously, as the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem conducted violent propaganda against the Jews and himself addressed gatherings of tribal leaders on several occasions until he extracted a solemn oath

that they would not sell an inch of land to the Jews. Similar propaganda accompanied by threats was published in the Arabic press.

The Palestine Government has for long been occupied in determining whether there are artesian well resources in the Beersheba region, and has carried out various borings for this purpose. Such operations were recently renewed and positive results have been obtained. This will have a decisive influence in favour of cultivation in the district which, by reasons of its physical structure, contains some of the most fertile soil in the country, suitable for various plantations.

JEWISH MAJORITY IN HAIFA

Jerusalem, April 14th.

A CENSUS taken of the Jewish community in Haifa shows that 55,000 Jews reside in that town, constituting a majority of the population.

AN ARAB RESIGNATION

Jerusalem, April 4th.

IT is reported that Abdul Rahman Taji, one of the three remaining members of the Supreme Moslem Council, has resigned from his position.

NEW EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Jerusalem, April 14th.

BY an amendment to the Emergency Regulations gazetted to-day, any person caught wearing khaki uniform pertaining to or resembling the dress or equipment of the British military and civil forces in Palestine, including that of ghaffirs (supernumerary constables), will be guilty of an offence and liable to life imprisonment or lesser term. Moreover, the General Officer Commanding has been empowered to order a new trial of persons already convicted before a Military Court.

TAKING THE OATH



An interesting photograph showing the taking of the oath by Sir Harold MacMichael, the new High Commissioner for Palestine. The proceedings took place in Government House in Jerusalem.

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