

**LATEST CABLES**

**Balkan Jews and Immigration to Palestine**

**Government Granting Special Facilities**

**MR. G. HALL'S STATEMENT**

**MR. G. H. HALL**, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, announced in the House of Commons that Rumanian Jews who had received immigration certificates for Palestine before 15th February, 1941, would be admitted to Palestine provided they could prove their identity and bona fides.

He added that similar arrangements might possibly be made insofar as Bulgarian Jews were concerned.

In regard to Jews from Yugoslavia, whose position is now critical, the High Commissioner is issuing a limited number of certificates to replace those whose period of validity has already expired. Such replacement certificates will be granted to veteran Zionists.

Meanwhile, during the past week, 340 Jewish immigrants arrived in Palestine.

**JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LIBRARY**

**American Society Sponsors Appeal For Duplication**

New York, Thursday.

**AN** appeal is to be launched in America to duplicate, through gifts from friends and collectors, the historical works lost when the entire library, records and collections of the Jewish Historical Society of England were destroyed in an air raid on London. This announcement was made at the forty-second annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society, held at the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York.

**GENERAL CATROUX IN JERUSALEM**

London, Thursday.

**GENERAL CATROUX**, Commander of the Free French Forces in the Middle East, has spent several days in Jerusalem, according to A.F.I., the independent French agency.

**45 MORE CHILDREN SAVED BY YOUTH ALIYAH**

Cable news received from the Youth Aliyah Headquarters in London states that an additional forty-five Scandinavian children are now en route to Palestine. This brings the total number of departures for Palestine during the last three months up to 255.

**MR. EDEN CABLES CITRUS-GROWERS**

Jerusalem, Thursday.

**MR. ANTHONY EDEN** has cabled to citrus-growers in Palestine, advising them that the Government is consulting the banks in regard to proposals for the alleviation of their difficulties.

**EMIL HAUSER TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA**

Director of Palestine Conservatoire of Music

**CABLE** news has been received through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Emil Hauser, director of the Palestine Conservatoire of Music in Jerusalem, is on his way to South Africa. He was due to leave early in March from America, where he has spent the last year.

**TRAGIC PLIGHT OF JEWISH LEADERS IN LITHUANIA**

Stockholm, Thursday.

**IT** is learnt here that the position of many Jewish leaders in Lithuania is most tragic. An indication of the seriousness of the situation is conveyed in the news that among the many who queue up at the Labour Exchanges, although there is no hope of their obtaining any sort of work except that of snow-shovelling, is **Aba Jedidja**, ex-President of the Ort.

**THE SINKING OF THE "PATRIA" Findings of Inquiry Commission**

Jerusalem, Thursday.

**THE** Government Commission which recently concluded its investigations into the sinking of the "Patria," has now announced its findings. It states that the sinking of the ship was due to sabotage, and adds that the arrangements for safeguarding the passengers before the explosion had been adequate.

The Commission found that the rescue operations after the tragedy had been speedy and efficient.

[The "Patria," it will be remembered, was a former French vessel carrying 1,873 Jewish refugees, which sank in Haifa harbour last November after a mysterious explosion. At the time of the disaster it was announced that 24 persons had lost their lives and that 235 were unaccounted for. Since then the death roll has risen to 182.—Ed.]

**WEIZMANN TALKS TO CHURCHILL**

Now on Way to America

London, Thursday.

**DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN** left from Lisbon on Tuesday on his way to America.

Before departing from London he had an interview with Mr. Winston Churchill.

**REFUGEE SCIENTISTS AID BRITAIN**

Some Important Inventions

London, Thursday.

**I**NCREASING attention is being drawn to the services which refugee scientists are rendering to Britain in her struggle for victory.

After a recent air-raid over England, it was announced that the enemy had been beaten off by fighters, barrage and "other devices." The press states that these "devices" are the invention of two refugee scientists.

Refugees, at present in internment camps, have also invented a device for dealing with incendiary bombs.

**Zionist Delegation Calls on Lord Halifax**

**BRITAIN'S POLICY IN PALESTINE**

Washington, Thursday.

**A** DELEGATION of the Zionist Emergency Committee has called on Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, with a view to making representations regarding certain aspects of Britain's policy in Palestine.

Lord Halifax promised to bring their views to the notice of the British Government.

**SIEGFRIED SCHMITZ COMMITS SUICIDE**

Jerusalem, Thursday.

**SIEGFRIED SCHMITZ**, ex-editor of the "Congress Zeitung," and well-known as a translator of the works of Sholem Asch, has committed suicide. He was 54.

**A GHETTO IN CRACOW**

Geneva, Thursday.

**IT** is learnt here that a ghetto has been established in Cracow. It is situated in the Kazimierz quarter, the site of the ghetto in the Middle Ages.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

Tel-Aviv, Thursday.

**THE** population of Tel-Aviv is now 200,000.

Stockholm, Thursday.

**M. JASMIN**, an ex-member of the Board of the Jewish Peoples' Bank in Kaunas and ex-President of the Communist Wing of the Jewish Educational Society, has been appointed Vice-Director of the Lithuanian branch of the Soviet State Bank.

**IT** is rumoured that the Germans have decided to establish a depot in Paris.