

# NEWS FROM THE YISHUV

Airmailed from Jerusalem on Sept. 14

## "War-time Newcomers" on View

### High Commissioner Opens Industrial Exhibition

Jerusalem.

**H**AILING "the many varieties of war-time articles and the wealth of skilled workers displayed," the High Commissioner to-day opened an exhibition of Industrial Newcomers 1939-42, held in the Manufacturers' Association building in Tel-Aviv, showing 800 articles initiated by 150 local firms since the war began, especially military supplies, which he hoped eventually would be converted into useful peace-time goods.

Prominent among those present were representatives of the War Supply authorities, including Mr. Fred Winant, American delegate on the Middle East Supply Centre, and Colonel Clabaugh, of the United States North Africa Military Mission.

A large gathering saw the opening of this remarkable display of Jewish industrial ingenuity and enterprise, showing a range of articles hitherto not manufactured in this part of the world.

Mr. Wendell Willkie was telegraphically invited by the Exhibition to come to see it, but replied from Cairo with warm greetings and best wishes, regretting that he must proceed to Turkey. He would visit the Exhibition if he returned to Palestine at a later date, he said.

## Children's Training Project

Tel-Aviv.

**"T**HE training of under-privileged children or those whose parents have no means to give them a proper education, especially among the Oriental Jewish communities, and to give them a stake in productive life, particularly agriculture and rural pursuits," is the object of the Palestinian Children's Training Project which has been established in memory of the late David Florentin, Salonika Zionist leader who died some time ago in Tel-Aviv.

The inaugural ceremony of the new effort was held in September at Kibbutz Rodges, orthodox Jewish collective group, which has already taken in a number of children from Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv for agricultural training. A complete syllabus of theoretical and practical work has been drawn up. The cost per child will be £36 per annum for the first three years; in the subsequent two years the children will maintain themselves through their farm work. The maintenance of the first group of 28 children for three years has been assured by donations from friends of the late Mr. Florentin and institutional grants. Funds are being collected to send two more groups of children into Keren Hayesod settlements.

## Only 8 In Athlith Camp

Jerusalem.

**O**N the eve of Rosh Hashonah, the refugee camp at Athlith has been almost completely cleared. Of a total 800 refugees from the vessels Darien, Mircea and Michai, all have been released except eight whose cases the police are still inquiring into.

## Commander Praises Jewish Recruits

Jerusalem.

**T**HE intelligence, efficiency and steadfastness of new Jewish recruits and members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service was highly praised by the Commander of the largest recruiting and training depot in the Middle East, when a group of Jewish and Arab journalists visited the depot.

The journalists were given the opportunity of seeing soldiers and members of the A.T.S. "in the making." There were groups in every stage of training. One group of soldiers was undergoing wall-climbing exercises, and the officer supervising the training humorously observed: "The day will come when we shall need wall-climbing to force the walls surrounding Berchtesgaden."

One correspondent spoke with many soldiers and members of the A.T.S. coming from various walks of life and of different social standing. They were all in high spirits and expressed deep satisfaction at being able to prepare themselves for the defence of the country.

## Polish Refugees in Yishuv

Jerusalem.

**U**NDER the scheme providing shelter for Polish refugees in Palestine, 1,735 Jewish refugees are registered with the Polish authorities here at present.

One thousand five hundred and twenty refugees, 690 of whom, including 94 Rabbis, are permanently supported by the Polish Government, are registered in Tel-Aviv. In Jerusalem there are 215 registered Jewish refugees of whom 145 are supported by the Polish Government. The total number of registered Polish Jewish refugees includes 148 relatives of Jewish soldiers in the Polish forces.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE: A group of Palestinian soldiers spending a leisure hour.

## Tribute to Health Services

Jerusalem.

**D**R. A. G. H. SMART, Medical Adviser to the Colonial Secretary, London, paid a short visit to Palestine. In a press statement, after giving great credit to the Department of Health, concentrating in the main on preventive medicine, he also said that he had visited the Hadassah Medical Centre which "is first class in every respect."

Dr. Smart continued: "The Jewish Community in Palestine have a wealth of well-known and highly trained scientists and doctors, and they are employing this invaluable asset to the greatest advantage in the country."



A PRESENT FOR HITLER —as understood by a Jewish member of the A.R.P. Defence in Palestine.

## Orchestra's War-time Concerts

Jerusalem.

**T**HE Palestine Orchestra gave 201 concerts in its sixth season ending in August, 1942, compared with 165 concerts in 1940-41 and 94 in the preceding year. This year 38 concerts were given in Egypt, the majority of them for the troops, 35 in Keren Hayesod and other settlements, and the remainder in the towns and military camps in Palestine.

## Matzoth for Pesach

Jerusalem.

**A** DELEGATION of the Vaad Leumi (National Council of Palestine Jewry) has visited Mr. Geoffrey Walsh, Economic Adviser to the Palestine Government, to discuss the possibility of providing Palestine Jewry with unleavened bread during next year's Passover festival, under the present food restrictions.

Mr. Walsh assured the delegation that the Yishuv will not be left without Matzoth in spite of the restrictions in force.

## Chalutzim from Australia

Tel-Aviv.

**T**HIRTEEN members of the Hechalutz b'Anglia, who were released from internment in Australia, have safely arrived in Tel-Aviv.

The chalutzim were among those interned during the wholesale internment in June, 1940, and later sent to Australia on board the s.s. "Dunera." They were released at the beginning of the current year on the strength of Palestine immigration certificates which were allotted to them.

This is the second group of chalutzim from Australian internment camps reaching Palestine after having been stranded at Bombay for over two months.

## Record Reached in Beer Production

Tel-Aviv.

**D**URING the five months of January-May, 1942, the output of beer in Palestine reached 3,410,000 litres compared with the previous record of 2,550,000 litres in the parallel 1941 period and 2,020,000 litres in the whole of 1939. In May alone, the output was 742,000 litres (against 566,000 litres in May last year).

Supply is by far below demand at present and further expansion of production is planned.

## Two New Auxiliary Units

Jerusalem.

**T**WO new Civilian Volunteer Defence units, called the Palestine Auxiliary Works Corps and the Palestine Auxiliary Communications Corps, under the control respectively of the Director of Public Works and the Postmaster-General, are being formed under the authority of the High Commissioner, according to Defence Regulations and orders published in the Palestine Gazette.