

# NEWS IN BRIEF.

## LABOUR SITUATION IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Increased urban Jewish unemployed during January totalled 4,250 but the situation in the rural areas had improved, it was stated at a meeting of the Histadruth's Central Labour Bureau. It is possible that a number of the urban unemployed will be transferred to the colonies, and 500 labourers will be transferred from the towns to the kvutzoth, which are ready to take them. Large public works are starting soon and will employ thousands of men. The meeting decided that a constructive solution was available for the present situation.—(Paleor.)

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ORGANISATION.

Jerusalem.

Elections to the General Committee of the Hebrew University Students' Organisation in Jerusalem have produced a majority for the Labour fraction, which secured 348 votes from a total 631 cast. General Zionist candidates obtained 131, Revisionists 87 and Orthodox "Yebnah" group 69. Hitherto the majority has been held by the General Zionist, Orthodox and Revisionist groups.—(Paleor.)

## TEL-AVIV MUNICIPALITY.

Jerusalem.

The Tel-Aviv Municipality has received permission to raise a loan of £25,000.

The Government, it is reported here, allotted £2,000 for free meals at the Jewish schools of Tel-Aviv.

The Tel-Aviv Municipality sent a memorandum to the Government demanding that the Municipality should be allowed to build its own gaol for Jewish prisoners who are at present sent to Jaffa Gaol.—J.T.A.

## SIR HORACE RUMBOLD STANDS BY PARTITION.

Cairo.

In a statement to the J.T.A. here, Sir Horace Rumbold, the former Vice-President of the Palestine Royal Commission, said: "I stand by Partition. It is the only solution for Palestine."

Sir Horace declared that he was not interested in the spate of other solutions of the Palestine problem.—J.T.A.

## EGYPTIAN SENATORS PROTEST TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

Cairo.

Eighty-nine senators and deputies of the Egyptian Parliament have sent a strongly worded statement to Sir Miles Lampson, British Ambassador to Egypt, protesting against the Palestine policy of the British Government. The statement declares that this policy is endangering Anglo-Egyptian relations. Palestine and Egypt, it further states, are "brothers by blood, religion and geography."—J.T.A.

## T.U.C. CHAIRMAN ON JEWISH NATIONAL HOME.

London.

The view that nothing could ultimately prevent Palestine from becoming a National Home for the Jews, was expressed here by Mr. H. H. Elvin, Chairman of the Trades' Unions Council, addressing a meeting of the Order of Ancient Maccabees

Jewish Friendly Society on the "League of Nations with special reference to Palestine."

"I do not think it is necessary for me to emphasise unduly," Mr. Elvin declared, "that as far as the British Trades' Union Congress is concerned, and even the Labour Party, that their policy has consistently been to support the Balfour Declaration."—J.T.A.

## Mr. NEVILLE LASKI ELECTED BENCHER OF INNER TEMPLE.

London.

Mr. Neville Laski, K.C., President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, has been elected Master of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple.

The Masters of the Bench exercise complete control over members of its Society. They have power to disbar members for professional misconduct.—J.T.A.

## "AMERICAN HEBREW" AWARDS ANNUAL MEDAL TO TOSCANINI.

New York.

The "American Hebrew" awarded to Signor Arturo Toscanini its Annual Medal for promoting inter-faith understanding by his work for the Palestine Symphony Orchestra.

Signor Toscanini sent a telegram to the "American Hebrew" stating that he was "extremely touched by the award."—J.T.A.

## PROF. EINSTEIN JOINS AMERICAN ORT.

New York.

Professor Albert Einstein has joined the Culture Committee of the American Ort which consists of prominent Jewish authors, scientists, artists, and communal leaders in America. They have organised themselves into a body for the purpose of launching a "Propaganda Month" for the Ort Movement in the United States.—J.T.A.

## ANTI-NAZI RALLIES IN AMERICA.

New York.

Nation-wide anti-Nazi rallies took place throughout America on the fifth anniversary of the Nazis to power in Germany.

Carnegie Hall in New York, which holds 4,000 people, was packed to capacity and many hundreds were turned away. Mr. Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Mayor of New York, sent a message to the rally in which he declared that the extension of Nazism was "a grave menace to the peace of the world."

The speakers who addressed the rally included Congressman Fish, Mr. J. T. Mahoney, President of the Amateur Athletic Union, Prof. Franz Boas and Prof. William E. Dodd, former American Ambassador to Germany.

At Hollywood the anti-Nazi rally was attended by thousands of people and was addressed by Mr. Eddie Cantor and Miss Dorothy Parker, the American poetess.

The German Consul in New York, Dr. Hans Borchers, also addressed a meeting attended by 2,000 Germans, and he justified the Nazi regime and declared that the Jewish problem in Germany was a consequence of Jewish ambitions resulting in repressions.—J.T.A.

## LATVIAN TEXTILE SYNDICATE LIQUIDATED.

Riga.

The Latvian Textile Syndicate, which consists almost entirely of Jewish firms, was liquidated here, according to a decision of the Latvian Cabinet. The Syndicate has been taken over by the State Credit Bank.

The Government has also expropriated the largest Jewish textile factory in Latvia, "Buffalo." This action of the Government has reduced the Jewish textile manufacturers in Latvia to a state of impotence and the small Jewish textile factories are facing ruin.

The Latvian Government has also taken over all the large breweries in Riga which were owned by Jews.—J.T.A.

## VIENNA JEW SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

Vienna.

Herr Lewenschuss, the Vienna Jew who threw a brick at the windows of the German tourist offices where a large portrait of Hitler was displayed, was sentenced here to four months' hard labour.—J.T.A.

## DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN VIENNESE JEWISH LAWYER.

Vienna.

Dr. Richard Pressburger, the Vienna Jewish lawyer, died here at the age of 76. He was the counsel for Philip Halsmann, whose trial at Innsbruck for killing his father while they were mountaineering in the Tyrol had attracted a great deal of attention in 1929, because of the implication that the jury which sentenced Halsmann for a term of imprisonment was prejudiced against him because he was a Jew.

Dr. Pressburger at the time declared that he had proofs that the fact that Halsmann was a Jew was the turning point in the whole trial, and that he was found guilty not because the jury believed him guilty, but only because he was a Jew. The verdict of guilty against Halsmann aroused at the time great notice in the Jewish and Liberal Press both in Austria and abroad.—J.T.A.

## LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTES TO JEWISH PHILANTHROPIC INSTITUTIONS.

Kaunas.

The Lithuanian Government has decided to distribute among different philanthropic institutions, 690,000 lits (about £23,000). 85,500 lits, about 12 per cent., is to be given to Jewish orphanages, children's homes, hospitals and the Oze (Jewish Health Organisation).—J.T.A.

## FAMOUS ITALIAN JEWISH ART CRITIC FINED.

Rome.

Dr. Dario Sabatello, the well-known Jewish art critic and former Director of the Rome Art Gallery, was sentenced to a fine of 200 liras and to the payment of 1,000 liras costs for boxing the ears of the art critic of the anti-Semitic paper "Il Tevere."

The incident occurred at the opening of the Autumn Art Season in the presence of the higher official representatives of the Italian artistic art world. After the speech of the presidents of various Italian Art Societies, the art critic of "Il Tevere" shouted: "Long live Italian art! Down with Jewish art!" Dr. Sabatello immediately turned to the anti-Semitic art critic and slapped his face.—J.T.A.