



"should remind us, now as always, that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." — J.T.A.

# NEWS IN BRIEF.

## LARGE PUBLIC WORKS FOR TEL-AVIV.

Jerusalem.  
With the Government sanction, the Tel-Aviv Municipality is initiating large public works to absorb 1,300 labourers for six months and is also shortly undertaking the large drainage scheme which will cost £500,000 at the outset and will absorb 1,000 labourers for three years.—(Palecor.)

## PROF. DAVID YELLIN HON. PRESIDENT OF JERUSALEM JEWISH COMMUNITY.

Jerusalem.  
The Presidium of the Jewish Community in Jerusalem, which was elected recently, includes Professor David Yellin as Hon. President, and Mr. A. A. Eliasher, Mr. Chaim Solomon and Dr. Jacob Thon as members.—J.T.A.

## TRUMPENDOR MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Jerusalem.  
Several hundreds of settlers in the kvut-zoth and other centres in the Jordan Valley and Galilee made the pilgrimage to Tel-Hai on the anniversary of the death of Trumpendor and his associates in 1920. They held a memorial and there was also a review of youth.—(Palecor.)

## ANONYMOUS GIFT TO JEWISH NATIONAL LIBRARY.

Jerusalem.  
A collection of 20 letters and documents of the family Lassalle has been presented by an anonymous donor to the Schwadron Collection of the Jewish National and University Library. The letters were found among the papers of the Countess Hatzfeld.

The majority of the letters were written by the grandfather of Ferdinand Lassalle, Feitel Seev Berun, to his son Chaim Wolfsohn Heiman Lassalle (the father of Ferdinand) between 1801-1803.

The letters are partly in Hebrew, partly in Yiddish-German, interspersed with Hebrew words. Some are also in German, but written with Hebrew letters.

## RUMANIAN-JEWISH COMPOSER VISITS PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.  
Alexander Boskovitch, the composer of the "Chansons Populaires Juives," the orchestral suite which was publicly performed for the first time in Haifa by the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, arrived in Palestine to attend this event.

"In the music of this suite," Mr. Boskovitch explained, "I have tried to distil the essence of Jewish melodies. The

musical material is drawn entirely from East-European Jewish folk songs and I have tried, as far as possible to keep to the spirit of the original folk songs, songs which are the expression of a whole people." "Schlof mein tochter," "Fregt di Welt an alte Kasche," "Tif in Weldele," and "Chazkale, Chazkale, schpiel mir a Kazazkele" are some of the well known Jewish folk songs which form the basis of the orchestral suite.

## SWEDISH-JEWISH CONDUCTOR TO CONDUCT PALESTINE ORCHESTRA.

Stockholm.  
The well-known Swedish conductor Simon Pergamet-Parinet, brother of the well-known Stockholm composer Moses Pergament, has been invited by Mr. Bronislaw Huberman to conduct the Palestine Symphony Orchestra next summer. He will conduct for the first time his brother's "Hebrew Rhapsody" as well as a phantasy for violin and orchestra "Dybbuk."

Moses Pergament, whose "Hebrew Rhapsody" is to be played in Palestine, is also one of the most noted musical critics in Sweden. Five years ago his Jewish choral composition "Adon Olam" was performed in Stockholm with an orchestra of about 80 and a choir of 175 persons.—J.T.A.

## J.N.F. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FLOATS LOAN.

Prague.  
Engineer Oskar Aschermann, Director of the Jewish National Fund in Czecho-Slovakia, states in the current issue of the J.N.F. organ, "Eretz Israel," that the Czecho-Slovak National Bank has given permission to the J.N.F. here to float a public loan of £100,000, which is to be transferred to Palestine. The loan is secured by the J.N.F. property in Palestine.

The subscriptions to the loan began on March 10th.—J.T.A.

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PURIM MESSAGE.

New York.  
President Roosevelt in a message broadcast during the annual Purim broadcast of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, described the downfall of Haman as "one of the milestones in mankind's long and bloody struggle to achieve freedom." He concluded with the declaration that commemoration of this event

## JEWISH FARM MOVEMENT IN U.S.A.

New York.  
The Jewish Agricultural Society made substantial progress in 1937 in aiding the 100,000 Jews living on farms throughout the United States, its 38th annual report published here indicates.

The society continued its work of settling Jews on farms, providing advice and information, seeking farm employment for young Jews, and conducting the wide variety of activities that had made it a significant force in the Jewish back-to-the-land movement.—J.T.A.

## KAUNAS UNIVERSITY SENATE CONDEMNS ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES.

Kaunas.  
A special meeting of the University Senate held here condemned the anti-Jewish excesses in the University and decided to punish severely those who were responsible for them. The Senate also decided to take energetic measures to restore order.

The rector of the University has published an appeal to the Students' Union in which he requests the Union to take steps for the prevention of the recurrence of the incidents.—J.T.A.

## DEATH OF FORMER EDITOR OF "HAMELITZ."

Moscow.  
Leon Rabinovitz, former editor of the Hebrew daily "Hamelitz," died in Leningrad at the age of 76.

Rabinovitz was born in 1862 near Grodno and was a student of the Woloszyn Yeshiva. He studied medicine at Koenigsberg University and physics and chemistry at the Sorbonne University in Paris. He began his Hebrew journalistic career early in life, and in 1890 he became editor of the Odessa "Hamelitz," one of the first Hebrew dailies, and in 1893 editor-in-chief of the paper. After the "Hamelitz" closed in 1903, he founded in St. Petersburg the Yiddish daily paper "Tog."

Rabinovitz was one of the leading men in the Chovevei Zion movement.—J.T.A.

## ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER PROHIBITED IN MANCHUKIO.

Harbin.  
The authorities here have closed down the violently anti-Semitic White Guardist paper "Nash Put" in Manchukio.

For the past five years "Nash Put" has carried on a bitter anti-Semitic propaganda in the Far East. The last number of the paper was full of the usual incitements against the Jews and in addition called for pogroms on Jews. The paper was confiscated.—J.T.A.

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