

NEWS IN BRIEF.

HISTADRUT LABOUR BUREAU.

Jerusalem.

The Central Histadrut Labour Bureau announces that, in the past two months, the Histadrut has absorbed 2,400 unemployed, while the Labour Contracting Bureaux in the colonies secured in the past citrus season the handling of 2,000,000 cases of fruit, which is over a quarter of total Jewish exports.—(Palcor.)

JEWISH POLICE FORCE FOR TEL-AVIV.

Jerusalem.

Tel-Aviv is to have an exclusively Jewish police force, according to a recommendation made by Sir Charles Tegart, Palestine Government adviser on police matters. The British policemen of the Tel-Aviv Police Force are to be concentrated in special detachments and are to be used only in special emergencies, such as disorders, etc.—J.T.A.

KING DAVID HOTEL NOT TO FLY NATIONAL FLAGS.

Jerusalem.

The management of King David Hotel, the largest hotel in Jerusalem, has decided to remove all the flag-poles from its building, and is planning to cease the display of the national flags of its visitors. The decision was taken after great indignation was caused among the Jews by the display of the Swastika flag.—J.T.A.

BISHOP OF WINCHESTER CONDEMNS NAZI CRUELTY.

London.

The alarming revival of cruelty in these years was condemned by the Bishop of Winchester, Dr. Cyril Garbett, when he visited the annual assembly of the National Free Church Council at Bournemouth.

"I don't think Germany can have any idea of the disgust and loathing with which the great mass of decent people throughout the Anglo-Saxon world read of these insults, these outrages, and these cruelties committed upon men, women and children of the Jewish race in Vienna and elsewhere," the Bishop said.—J.T.A.

FURTHER ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST GERMAN JEWS.

Prague.

The Board of Directors of the Co-operative Bank in Gross-Gerau, in Hessen Nassau, has decided to expel all the Jewish members of the Co-operative, irrespective whether they are depositors or creditors, to stop all business deals with Jews, to issue new credits in future only to Germans and to pay no more interest to Jews on their deposits.

Two more Jewish firms passed into "Aryan" hands in Germany. One of them is the sailcloth weaving concern of Froehlich and Wolf, in Hessen Lichtenau, and the wholesale bedding firm of Christl Nachf., in Cham.

The two Jewish directors of the leather works Rothe, of Bad Kreuznach, Otto Marum and Dr. Max Muenzheimer, were forced to leave the Board of Directors.

A Berlin court sentenced the Jewish owner of "Kavalierklub," the well-known clothing stores in Berlin to a fine of 6,000

marks, or 100 days' imprisonment, for an alleged attempt to camouflage his firm as "Aryan."

A court in Potsdam fined a Jewish wholesale rag merchant of Brandenburg 5,000 marks for alleged profiteering.—J.T.A.

NAZI PROPAGANDA IN LUXEMBURG.

Luxemburg.

The annexation of Austria by Germany has caused an intensification in the anti-Jewish campaign conducted by the German Nazis in the Duchy of Luxemburg. Leaflets of an anti-Jewish character are distributed daily throughout the Duchy containing the usual accusations against the Jews, with the added threat that if the Jews are not expelled from Luxemburg "a certain Herr Hitler" would be asked to do it for the Luxemburg Government.

At night almost all the Jewish shops and firms in Luxemburg have Swastikas painted on their windows and doors.

Between 50 and 60 Jewish families, mostly from Germany and the Saar, are making preparations for emigrating overseas.

Although the Foreign Minister of Luxemburg recently obtained from Belgium a binding pledge that Belgium would defend Luxemburg territory in case of an invasion, the general feeling in Luxemburg is very tense.

An attack on the present anti-Semitic propaganda in the country is published in the Liberal paper "Escher Tagblatt," which condemns especially the Nazi hooligans who paint swastikas on Jewish shops.—J.T.A.

DEATH OF FAMOUS JEWISH PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE.

Vienna.

Prof. Ismar Boas, the famous German-Jewish authority on metabolism and digestive diseases, died here at the age of 80.

Prof. Boas was born in 1858 at Exin, Posen. He became Professor of Berlin University in 1907. He was the originator of the clinical treatment of stomach diseases. He published a large number of text-books which were translated into several languages. His chief book was on the "Diagnosis and Therapy of Stomach Diseases." He was also one of the founders of the "Archives of Diseases of Digestion."—J.T.A.

BRUNO WALTER REFUSED PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN FLORENCE MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Vienna.

Herr Bruno Walter, the famous Jewish conductor, and Dr. Lothar Wallerstein, former director of the Vienna State Opera, have been forbidden to participate in the forthcoming music festival at Florence at the instigation of the Italian Foreign Office, according to the Rome correspondent of "Neue Wiener Tagblatt."

The correspondent reports that the two conductors have been replaced by "Aryans."—J.T.A.

TRIBUTES TO ITALIAN JEWISH MAYOR.

Rome.

Adv. Renzo Ravenna, one of the most prominent personalities in Italian life, sent in his resignation from his office of Mayor of the city of Ferrara, a post which he has occupied for the last twelve years, to Signor Mussolini for reasons of health.

Signor Ravenna is a brother of Felice Ravenna, former President of the Union of Jewish Communities of Italy, who died in 1936. He is a close friend of Marshal Italo Balbo.

The Municipality of Ferrara organised a farewell reception to Signor Ravenna, which was attended by the Archbishop of Ferrara and representatives of the Government.

Marshal Balbo, who was also present at the farewell reception, made a speech in which he paid a warm tribute to the great energy, loyalty and patriotic services of Signor Ravenna. Marshal Balbo said that during his last audience with Signor Mussolini, the Duce asked him to express to Signor Ravenna his recognition of his services rendered to the city of Ferrara.

Adv. Ravenna was the last Jewish Mayor of an Italian city.—J.T.A.

RIFT IN ITALIAN JEWRY CLOSED.

Rome.

A compromise having been reached at the eleventh hour between the "traditionalists" and the "assimilationists" among Italian Jews, a single list of candidates was presented to the Congress of the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy which was held here. The compromise, which was arrived at after long discussions, provides that none of the more extremist leaders in either camp should be a member of the new Council of the Union. The present President of the Union of Jewish Communities of Italy, Signor Federigo Jarach, has been re-elected.

Adv. Bruno Ascoli of Rome was elected Vice-President of the Union.

Prof. Davido Prato, Chief Rabbi of Rome and Principal of the Rabbinical Seminary, was unanimously elected by the Congress as a member of the Council of the Union with full voting rights on the Council and the Union's different committees. His election is generally regarded as a great moral victory due to the general esteem in which he is held even by the non-Zionists.

An agreement was also reached on the question of the future development of Jewish cultural and philanthropic activities in Italy. So far as Zionism was concerned, it was decided to follow the lines laid down by the Government.

It is understood that the "Committee of Italians of the Jewish Faith," which was formed in Florence some time ago by the extreme assimilationist Jews, is to be dissolved.—J.T.A.

BOMB-PROOF SHELTER UNDER ROTTERDAM SYNAGOGUE.

Amsterdam.

The Rotterdam Jewish Congregation which is now engaged on rebuilding the Great Synagogue has decided to transform the larger cellar under it as a gas and bomb-proof shelter.

The decision was reached after consultation with the Burgomaster of the city.

The shelter will be the first of its kind in Holland.—J.T.A.