

NEWS IN BRIEF.

AMALGAMATION OF JEWISH CITRUS CO-OPERATIVES.

Jerusalem.

The amalgamation of the Jewish citrus co-operatives was decided upon in principle at a meeting in Tel-Aviv under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Hoofien. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Jewish Farmers' Federation. The agreement was the outcome of prolonged negotiations and will be enforced next season. It is of immense importance to Jewish citrology. The discussion emphasised how essential it was that full Jewish labour in picking and packing should form the basis of the agreement.—(Palcor).

TEL-AVIV DELEGATION RECEIVED BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Jerusalem.

A delegation of Tel-Aviv Municipality, headed by the Mayor, Mr. I. Rokach, was received by District Commissioner R. E. H. Crosbie, whom they urged to permit the mobilisation of 1,500 Jewish constables for the Tel-Aviv environs, the erection of a fence on the Tel-Aviv-Jaffa boundary, the patrolling of roads in the vicinity of Tel-Aviv by Jewish constables, and other security measures. Mr. Crosbie replied that the Government was now discussing the appointment of fresh Jewish supernumerary constables as well as the general safety of Jewish quarters at Jaffa.—(Palcor.)

"HABIMAH" TO GO TO AMERICA.

Jerusalem.

After consultation with Rabbi Goldmann, President of the Zionist Organisation of America, and ascertaining that the New York Fair will last for two years, the Jewish Agency Executive has decided that the Habimah Art Theatre shall proceed to America in 1939 to give performances while the Ohel Labour Guild Theatre will go on tour in America in 1940.—(Palcor.)

ITALIAN LABOUR LEADER CONDEMNS ITALY'S ANTI-SEMITIC POLICY.

New York.

Italy's racial and anti-Semitic policy was condemned as "an artificial and detestable importation from Nazi Germany" in an address by Luigi Antonini, recognised as the foremost Italian Labour leader in America, before a mass meeting of Italian needleworkers here.

Mr. Antonini, who is State Chairman of the American Labour Party and Vice-President of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Association, paid tribute to Jewish contributions to Italian life, and he concluded by warning that agitation against minorities might prove a boomerang against Germans and Italians here.—J.T.A.

ITALIAN CONSUL RECALLED FROM BOSTON.

New York.

The Italian Consul in Boston, Mr. Guido Segre, who is a Jew, has been recalled from his post, it is revealed here.—J.T.A.

ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN RETURNS ITALIAN ORDER.

London.

Mr. Arthur Rubinstein, the famous Jewish pianist, has cancelled his Italian contract for the coming season, it was learnt here. He has returned to Signor Mussolini the Cross of the Commander of the Crown of Italy, with which he had been decorated. Mr. Rubinstein's action is stated to be a protest against Italy's recent anti-Jewish measures.

Mr. Rubinstein is popular in Italy, and the Italian Royal family have always shown him favour. Signor Mussolini presented his own autographed photograph to Rubinstein on the last occasion when the pianist performed at the Duce's house.—J.T.A.

TEXT-BOOKS BY JEWISH AUTHORS REMOVED FROM ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

Rome.

Signor Giuseppe Bottai, Italian Minister of Education, has addressed a circular to all the prefects of the Kingdom ordering them to remove text-books by Jewish authors from all the State and private schools.—J.T.A.

DR. CLAUDE G. MONTEFIORE'S ESTATE.

London.

A fortune of £622,999 was left by Dr. Claude G. Montefiore, President of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, who died at the age of eighty on July 9th, it is announced here. The bulk of the residue was left to his son, Mr. Leonard G. Montefiore.—J.T.A.

FATE OF BARON LOUIS DE ROTHSCHILD.

London.

"There is reason to believe that Baron Louis de Rothschild, who has been in prison for six months, will not be allowed to leave Austria until the special State court, which begins its duties early in October, has pronounced its verdict on his conduct as Chairman of the Credit Anstalt, which collapsed in 1931," the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" reports.

"It is not believed, however, that he will be sentenced to further imprisonment or otherwise punished for any alleged offences, except by the confiscation of his property in Austria.

"Baron Louis de Rothschild is still in the headquarters of the secret police in Vienna. He is not allowed to receive visitors, but is sometimes confronted with people he formerly employed. The investigation of his affairs is not yet finished.—J.T.A.

"BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE" FOR GERMAN JEWRY.

Berlin.

A "Book of Remembrance," in which every Jew at present residing in Germany as well as every Jewish community and institution are to be inscribed, is to be compiled by the Jewish National Fund in Germany. The record of present-day Jewry in Germany is to be deposited in the J.N.F. headquarters on Mount Scopus as a living chronicle of German Jewry, "uniting the descendants of to-day's German Jewish immigrant in Pales-

tine with that generation to whose memory the book is dedicated. The proceeds from the inscriptions are to be spent on the purchase of land for a new colony to be known as "Tel-Zikaron," to be founded for and by Jews of Germany.—J.T.A.

JEWES IN TURKEY AFFECTED BY ITALIAN ANTI-JEWISH POLICY.

Instanbul.

Almost 600 Jewish families in Turkey, comprising over 2,000 people, will be affected by the Italian Government's anti-Jewish policy. About 800 of them had opted for Italian nationality by virtue of a special decree issued after the conclusion of the Treaty of Lausanne in 1923, and they fear that they will now become Stateless. Only 200 Jewish families in Turkey hold Italian nationality before 1919.

The J.T.A. here understands that Italian institutions in Turkey have already been ordered to dismiss their Jewish employees. Whether this order will also apply to Jews of Turkish nationality employed by Italian institutions in the country is as yet uncertain. As the Turkish Government would certainly frown upon any discrimination against Turkish nationals, whether Jews or not, such a step is hardly to be expected.—J.T.A.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS.

Paris.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress under the chairmanship of Dr. Nahum Goldmann has just concluded here. Several members of the Administrative Committee representing the Jewries of various countries took part in the meeting. Professor Dr. David Cohen, of Amsterdam, who had been co-opted to the Executive following the adhesion of Dutch Jewry to the World Jewish Congress, was present for the first time and was welcomed by the Chairman. Reports on the work of the political department were given by Dr. Goldmann, Mr. Louis Lipsky, of New York, and Rev. M. L. Perlzweig, of London, who made a report on the political situation in South Africa and his conversations with members of the South African Government.

The meeting took a number of decisions following a discussion on the Jewish situation in East European countries. The new situation arising out of the anti-Semitic legislation in Italy was considered and a Sub-Committee was appointed to give immediate effect to a number of measures adopted by the meeting.—J.T.A.

ORGAN OF POLISH LEGIONARIES CONDEMNS RACIAL THEORIES.

Warsaw.

Anti-Semitism in Poland and Nazi racial theories are strongly condemned in an article in the current issue of the official organ of the Union of Polish Legionaries.

The author of the article, Józef Relidzinski, former legionary of the First Pilsudski Brigade and at present a high official of the Polish Ministry of the Interior and a well-known Polish man of letters, deplors the fact that the Jewish question has become in Poland "an object of political strife and street demonstrations," and condemns those "who seek to solve the Jewish question by smashing windows and by cracking Jewish heads."

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