

NEWS IN BRIEF.

PROGRESS OF TEL-AVIV PORT.

Jerusalem.

The seaport of Tel-Aviv, created two years and a half ago, has moved into second place in Palestine, surpassing Jaffa, as a port for incoming cargo, according to Government figures for the first nine months of this year.

Tel-Aviv handled 16 per cent. of the total cargo discharged at Palestine ports during the nine months, as against 9.3 per cent. in the first nine months of 1937. Haifa's share declined from 76 per cent. to 70 per cent., while Jaffa remained stationary at 14 per cent.

Palestine's total imports by sea declined 25 per cent. in weight, from 706,000 tons to 529,000 tons, as compared with the first nine months last year, and nearly 20 per cent. in value, from £P.11,800,000 to £P.9,500,000.

Tel-Aviv's export cargoes nearly doubled as against last year, from 15,342 tons to 29,096 tons. The total Palestine shipments by sea were about 330,000 tons, almost the same as last year.—J.T.A.

YISHUB'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO KOFER HA'YISHUB.

Jerusalem.

According to a report given to a conference of the Kofer Ha'Yishub Committee and representatives in Tel-Aviv, the Yishub has hitherto contributed over £P.100,000 to the Fund also 15,000 various articles of jewellery and wedding rings. (Palcor.)

REPAIRING THE WAILING WALL.

Jerusalem.

The Executive of the Palestine Redemption Fund (Kofer Hayishub) decided to assign a certain sum for repairing the damage done to the Wailing Wall by Arab hooligans during the Arab occupation of the Old City of Jerusalem. The money was handed over to the Jewish National Council (Vaad Haleumi) who will supervise the repair work.—J.T.A.

YISHUB RALLY RESOLUTIONS.

Jerusalem.

Resolutions adopted at the Yishub rally in Jerusalem declare that the Yishub adds its voice to the outcry of horror of the entire people against Germany's savagery, and declares that the sole remedy lies in Palestine, which has already demonstrated its capacity by the absorption of 50,000 German Jews. The Yishub supports the Jewish Agency's demand to reopen Palestine for 100,000 refugees, finding it difficult to conceive how the British Government, which showed such a humane attitude to the refugee problem, can refuse the admission of 10,000 children whom the Yishub wants, and expresses readiness to help in their absorption. A special resolution voices the Yishub's disappointment and condemnation of Viscount Samuel's statement during the debate in the House of Lords.—(Palcor.)

HUBERMAN ON PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Jerusalem.

Addressing a press conference in Jerusalem, Bronislaw Huberman, the famous violinist and founder of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, revealed that the Orchestra had a budget of £22,000 per annum, which was about the lowest in the world for first-class musicians. He said that he had been very greatly gratified when he had received spontaneous contributions from non-Jews in England and Australia. If immigration had continued at a reasonable rate, the Orchestra might now have been self-supporting. The Orchestra is to go to Egypt in February, while Ain Harod and Daganian will in future become permanent concert centres like the main cities.—(Palcor.)

Miss HENRIETTA SZOLD TO SUPERVISE IMMIGRATION OF GERMAN JEWISH CHILDREN INTO PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

The Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council) has appointed Miss Henrietta Szold, the founder of the movement dealing with the immigration of Jewish youth from Germany, as head of an organisation supervising the immigration of Jewish children from Germany.—J.T.A.

POPULATION OF PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

The population of Palestine is estimated to have been 1,418,619 on June 30th, 1938, according to the Government Office of Statistics.

Of the settled population, 828,806, or 61.3 per cent., were Moslems; 399,808, or 29.6 per cent. were Jews 111,796, or 8.3 per cent., were Christians, and 11,856 were of other religions. The estimate also includes 66,553 nomads.—J.T.A.

TIBERIAS HOT SPRINGS CLOSED DOWN.

Jerusalem.

The Tiberias Hot Springs Company has announced that it has closed the baths at Tiberias, one of the principal resorts for tourists both from Palestine and abroad, owing to conditions in the country.—J.T.A.

ADOLF BUSCH REFUSES TO GIVE CONCERTS IN ITALY.

Jerusalem.

The following letter, written by the famous German violinist, Adolf Busch, to the Italian State Concert Bureau, was issued for publication by Dr. J. L. Magnes, President of the Hebrew University:—

"The unworthy decision of the Italian Government to follow the example of the Third Reich in introducing their barbaric anti-Jewish Code into Italy, forces me to notify you that I can no longer see my way to giving concerts in your country.

"To my mind it is futile and ridiculous to work for the sake of culture in a country whose political policy has placed upon it the stamp of inhumanity and lack of culture.

"I shall be obliged if you would convey my decision to the concert agencies concerned, and at the same time express to them my deep regret that these circumstances have forced me to take such a step."—J.T.A.

ONLY JEWISH PAPER IN LEBANON SUSPENDED

Jerusalem.

The only Jewish weekly in the Lebanon, "Al Alam el Israeli," of Beirut, has been suspended on the ground that it published an inciting article.

The article attacked Arab leaders in the Lebanon and Syria for taking a greater interest in Palestine than in domestic affairs, and declared that Jews in Eastern countries outside Palestine could not hold themselves foreign to Jews in the Holy Land. It was apparently written in response to the plea of Hebrew papers in Palestine that Jewish communities in Arab countries should support Zionism.—J.T.A.

GERMAN RABBIS OBTAIN PERMISSION TO ENTER ENGLAND, HOLLAND AND FRANCE.

London.

The J.T.A. here is informed by the Agudist World Organisation that the British Government has granted permits for 46 German rabbis to come to England. Dr. Colijn, the Dutch Prime Minister, has granted permission for 40 German rabbis to enter Holland, and M. Georges Bonnet, French Foreign Minister, informed the Agudist Organisation of France that 30 German rabbis would be immediately permitted to enter that country.

In addition, permission has been obtained for 30 German cantors to enter England, while 100 Jewish religious teachers and 150 Jewish religious students have also obtained visas for England.—J.T.A.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF BRITISH LEGION CONDEMNS NAZI GOVERNMENT.

London.

At the annual reunion of a British Legion branch in Manchester, Major Sir Francis Fetherstone-Godley, National Chairman, said that he himself had nothing but detestation, dislike and disgust for the policy of the German Government as regards refugees. The Nazi Government, he declared, put tolerance and decency on one side and reverted to brutality and sadism.

Eleven German Jewish refugee ex-officers, all wearing the Iron Cross and other German decorations, were also present at the meeting. One of the German ex-officers also attended a service at the Great Synagogue and was afterwards the guest of honour at a reunion tea in the Maccabean Hall.

Mr. Neville Laski, K.C., proposed the toast of "The Legion."—J.T.A.

BRITISH ZIONIST FEDERATION AND ARAB-JEWISH DISCUSSIONS.

London.

A resolution adopted unanimously by the Executive Council of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland at a specially convened meeting held here, condemns the refusal of the British Government to admit 10,000 German Jewish children to Palestine and conveys to the Jewish Agency "serious doubts as to whether in these circumstances it can participate" in the London Arab-Jewish discussions.—J.T.A.