

# NEWS IN BRIEF.

## FIRST JEWISH PILOTS IN PALESTINE. Jerusalem.

In the presence of the Palestine High Commissioner, Sir Harold MacMichael, the Chief Rabbis of Tel-Aviv, Amiel and Usiel, and many guests and representatives of the Press, the first Palestine pilot licences were presented to six Jewish pilots who graduated at the Palestine Aviation School, founded by the American Jew, Mr. H. M. Katz. The presentation ceremony was accompanied by an air display in which the instructor and the pupils of the school took part.

Mr. Katz, the founder of the Aviation School, is himself a pilot and an air enthusiast. The school was equipped by him at his own cost. He also provided the aeroplanes. Sixteen Jews, of which the first six were now certified as pilots, were receiving instruction at the school.—J.T.A.

## TARBUSHES WORN AGAIN IN PALESTINE. Jerusalem.

The tarbush, red flower-pot-shaped headgear with a black tassel, which figured prominently in Palestine politics last year when it was banned by the Arab terrorists in favour of the kuffiyeh, flowing kerchief bound with cord, is making a comeback. Its slow reappearance is regarded here as a sign of waning terrorist influence.

In Nablus, which became a centre of terrorism last year, increasing numbers of tarbushes are seen in the streets, worn chiefly by supporters of the Arab National Defence Party, opponents of the former Grand Mufti.

Notices were recently posted on mosque doors in Nablus announcing that anyone who wished to wear a tarbush would be supplied with one free. Overnight these were torn down and replaced by notices that anyone wearing a tarbush would be shot. Nevertheless, shops in Nablus are again selling the little red top-pieces.—J.T.A.

## MAX BROD TO ACT AS ARTISTIC ADVISER TO HABIMAH. Jerusalem.

The well-known German-Jewish writer, Max Brod, who left Czechoslovakia shortly before the occupation of the country by Germany, has been invited by the famous Habimah Theatre to act as its artistic adviser.

Mr. Brod, it is understood, is now working on the dramatised version of one of his novels for the Habimah.—J.T.A.

## TEL-AVIV TEACHERS' STRIKE TERMINATED. Jerusalem.

An agreement has been reached between the teachers of Tel-Aviv and the Municipality of that city. The dispute, which led to a strike by the teachers, was in connection with salaries.—(Palcor.)

## DEATH OF FORMER LEADER OF RUSSIAN JEWRY. Jerusalem.

The death took place here at the age of 72, of Meir Kreinin, the well-known Jewish educationist.

Kreinin was born in Staro-Bichov, in the Mohilov Province, in 1867. He studied at the Juridical Faculty of St. Petersburg University. He began his social work in 1895, when he organised in Moscow a branch of the Society "Mefizeh Haskala." In 1902 he organised a conference of Jewish teachers and social workers in Orsha, at which for the first time the question of the curriculum of Jewish schools was discussed. In 1904 he went back to St. Petersburg, where he combined his business as a large industrialist with intensive Jewish social work. He was one of the editors of the Jewish educational monthly published in Russian as well as one of the founders of the Jewish People's Party. He published a large number of articles on Jewish education in several periodicals, including the "Jewish School," of which he was editor. He lost his fortune in the October Revolution and lived for a time in Berlin, where he was an active member of the Emigdirekt. As President of this organisation he visited several countries of South America to study immigration possibilities for Jews.—J.T.A.

## DATE GROWING IN BEISAN. Jerusalem.

Kvutzath Maoz, in the Vale of Beisan, planted its first date palm plantation late in March, the 165 sapplings having been brought from Gan Rachel at Kinnereth. The sapplings come from Iran, Iraq and Egypt, and a great future is promised for date cultivation in the Beisan valley which by climate, soil and adequate water is well-suited for this form of horticulture. Date growing was one of the ancient occupations in this part of Palestine, now being restored by Jewish agricultural pioneering effort.—(Palcor.)

## WELL-KNOWN SINGER SETTLES IN PALESTINE. Jerusalem.

Herman Yadowker, well known European tenor who arrived some months ago to settle in Palestine, is establishing a class for cantoral singing at the Palestine Conservatoire of Music in this city.

Born in Riga, Yadowker for a considerable time was principal tenor at the Royal Opera House in Berlin at the time this institution was in the flower of its career, and he became a personal acquaintance of the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm II, now at Doorn. Among his other friends was Richard Strauss, and at the premiere of "Ariadne in Naxos" the famous composer entrusted Yadowker with the part of Bacchus. His outstanding technique and musical qualities enabled him to sing the Rhadames on one day and the following day Des Grieux in "Manon" or Octavio in "Don Giovanni"—(Palcor.)

## JEWISH LABOUR IN PETACH TIKVAH. Jerusalem.

For the first time in its 60 years' history, Petach Tikvah employed 100 per cent. Jewish labour in its citrus groves for the present shipping season. There were

4,000 Jewish hands engaged in all. When the season is over, and about 2,000 hands are idle, it is hoped to initiate public works for £50,000 in building arterial thoroughfares in the colony, roads among the groves, an abattoir and market place, and also private houses for a further £25,000. The Histadruth is building a Workers' House and also a school.—(Palcor.)

## DANZIG CHILDREN TO BE BROUGHT TO LONDON. London.

According to the "News Chronicle," all German Jewish and "non-Aryan" Christian children still in Danzig—since the Nazification of the city and the Jewish expulsion orders only 200 children in a total Jewish population of 2,500 now remain—are to be brought to England to find temporary homes.

Arrangements have been made by the Movement for the Care of Children from Germany for some of the children to be taken into private families, but the majority will go to Barham House, Claydon, near Ipswich, which is now the "clearing house" for refugee children. The Lord Baldwin Fund for Refugees, is providing the money for the children's upkeep.—J.T.A.

## DANZIG JEWISH MUSEUM FOR U.S.A. Warsaw.

In view of the forthcoming liquidation of the Jewish Community in Danzig, the Jewish Museum of the Jewish Community, which contains a large number of very valuable medieval Jewish treasures as well as 51 Scrolls of the Law, has been sent to America through the intermediary of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

The Danzig Reform Synagogue, which has been taken over by the Danzig Senate, is now being demolished. The organ of the synagogue was bought by a church in Cracow.—J.T.A.

## PALESTINE PAVILION AT NEW YORK WORLD FAIR. New York.

A complete model of Solomon's Temple will be exhibited for the first time in the Jewish Palestine Pavilion at the new New York World's Fair, it was announced by Dr. Israel Goldstein, Chairman of the Pavilion's Board of Directors. The work of the Rev. Jacob Jehuda, architect-designer of Jerusalem, who devoted 14 years of intensive research and six years of actual construction labour to the task, the model covers an area of 81 square feet.

The Palestine Hebrew Culture Fund will hold a national convention here during the World's Fair as the climax of its campaign to raise 50,000 dollars for the dissemination of Hebrew culture. The date of the convention has not yet been announced. Mr. Saul Tchernichovsky, Hebrew poet and writer and President of the Hebrew Pen Club in Palestine, is expected to come from Palestine to take part in the convention.—J.T.A.

## NO MORE AMERICAN VISITORS' VISAS FOR GERMAN JEWS. Washington.

Officials of the State Department disclosed that visitors' visas to the United

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