

NEWS IN BRIEF.

TURKISH TRADE WITH PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

"Davar" reports that an envoy of the Turkish Ministry of Commerce, Dr. Aday, who visited Palestine some weeks ago, returned to Palestine again on his way from Ankara to Cairo. He brought with him the news that the Turkish Ministry of Commerce has approved many of the suggestions and requests which had been presented to him, on his former visit, by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish Foreign Trade Institute, in connection with the possibilities of increasing trade between Palestine and Turkey.

The Turkish Ministry of Commerce has agreed that the frozen credits of Palestinian exporters, amounting to £17,000, shall be fully paid. It has further been agreed that trade between Palestine and Turkey shall in future be carried on without exchange restrictions on the basis of reciprocity.

In order to facilitate this trade, the Turkish Ministry has agreed to establish in Haifa a special branch of the Ministry which will serve Palestine, Transjordan and Syria.

NEW TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH FOR HAIFA.

Jerusalem.

A Branch of the Trade and Industry Department of the Jewish Agency has been opened at Haifa.

In opening the office, Dr. Schmorak, member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, who is head of the Trade and Industry Department, stated that during the year 1939, £280,000 had been granted as loans through various financial institutions of the Jewish Agency for trade and industry purposes.

USE OF FOREIGN GOODS DENOUNCED IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Leaflets were distributed in all letter boxes in Jerusalem houses, denouncing the unnecessary use of foreign goods and giving the names of twenty people in national or public institutions as the Jewish Agency, the Keren Kayemeth, the Anglo-Palestine Bank, and others who are buying foreign-made cigarettes. It was announced that, if necessary, further names would be published.

GERMAN JEWISH YOUTHS TO COMPLETE MUSICAL STUDIES IN PALESTINE.

New York.

Seventy-five talented German Jewish youths, some of them rescued from Nazi concentration camps, are being taken from the Greater Reich this year and transported to Palestine, where a new life will open for them. They will join the four hundred students at the Palestine Conservatoire of

Music, be enabled to complete their studies and make a contribute to the music of Palestine and the world.

These students are entering Palestine under a special immigration quota granted to the Conservatoire by the Palestine Government. Many of them destitute, they will receive free tuition and maintenance for the duration of their two-year course. Now the news has come that the Government will also allocate entry certificates for Polish Jewish music students.

For their rescue the young musicians have to thank a famous musician who visited Palestine seven years ago and became so impressed with the Holy Land's music potentialities that he founded the Conservatoire. That musician is Emil Hauser, who is now visiting the United State to stimulate interest in the Palestine music school.

ANCIENT ARMAMENT FACTORY UNEARTHED IN PALESTINE.

London.

In the vault of a German Catholic monastery on Mount Zion an ancient armament factory and mint have been discovered, reports the Jerusalem correspondent of the "Daily Mail." They belonged to Jewish rebels under Bar Cochba who revolted eighteen hundred years ago.

The equipment was unearthed at the rebel stronghold of Bittir, six miles from Jerusalem by a Benedictine archaeological expedition thirty-five years ago, but fearing confiscation by the Turkish Government they hid their find in the Mount Zion monastery where it was forgotten. It has now again been unearthed by monks.

GERMAN JEWS FOR POLAND.

London.

Thousands of German Jews are being sent to Poland to work on the roads and railway tracks so that the Nazis can establish transport connection between Germany and Russia.

Nazi authorities in German towns, notably in Vienna and Berlin, have received orders to "collect" as many strong male Jews as possible for the new task, and in Vienna this has resulted in another anti-Jewish drive, thousands being arrested and congregated in the open sports stadium in icy weather.

One-third of the total Jewish population of Berlin (30,000) is to be recruited for Nazi-Soviet building plans.

TYPHOID IN WARSAW.

London.

In Warsaw's Jewish quarter a typhoid epidemic has broken out. According to the "Daily Herald," reports from American re-

lief committees in Poland say the Nazi authorities are hindering relief work in every possible way.

FATE OF FAMOUS AUSTRIAN JEWISH GENERAL.

London.

Among the many victims of the latest Jewish drive in Germany was General Emil von Sommer, the famous Austrian Jewish general. He incurred the special disfavour of Vienna Nazis because he put on his general's uniform and decorations when he was forced to sweep streets in Vienna in 1938. He has now lost his life.

ORT SCHOOLS IN POLAND.

London.

The Central Board of the Ort Union in Paris learns reliably that among its trade schools in Warsaw, the workshops in Zabia Street have resumed work. They are producing clothes for war victims. It is also learned that the Ort School in Długa Street was severely damaged during the bombardment before the capture of the city.

The President of the Central Ort Executive Committee of Poland, Dr. Maisner, as well as the Director of the Ort, Mr. J. Jassunsky, are in Warsaw.

Prof. JULIUSZ WOLFSOHN.

London.

Professor Juliusz Wolfsohn, the famous Jewish composer and pianist, celebrated his sixtieth birthday on January 7th. Prof. Wolfsohn escaped from Vienna in August, 1939. He lives at present in London, but he expects to leave for the United States shortly.

Professor Wolfsohn is the composer of many compositions based on themes from Jewish folk-songs. A "Jewish Rhapsody" and a "Hebrew Suite" are among his chief works.

A gala performance of the Hebrew Suite was held in New York on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday.

CANADIAN JEWRY.

Montreal.

The Canadian Jewish Year Book for 1939-1940 published here includes articles on the history of Canadian Jewry, biographies of prominent Canadian Jews, a survey of world Jewry by Jacob Lestchinsky, statistical tables and a chronological

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