

NEWS IN BRIEF.

ITALIAN JEWS IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

The Italian Jewish Settlers' Association in Tel-Aviv states that there are 133 adults of Italian nationality who left that country after the anti-Jewish laws were introduced. Of this number 17 were lawyers with degrees of Ph.D., prior to their arrival in Palestine; 11 were physicians, 12 were pharmacists and chemists, 12 engineers and 21 held other degrees and were teachers; seven were rabbis, eight were manufacturers, eight were clerks and 34 belonged to various professions.

These persons have now been transplanted to a different vocational existence in Palestine. Twenty-four are engaged in agriculture, 14 in crafts and industry, nine in trade and insurance, nine in heavy industry, nine have pensions, 22 have casual employment, 10 are continuing their studies, and 19 are unemployed.

SEED PRODUCTION BY KEREN HAYESOD SETTLEMENTS.

Jerusalem.

The Jewish Grain Growers' Association reports that for the first time cabbage seed has been produced by Keren Hayesod settlements and is available for sowing. These settlements have been engaged in the production of seed for the past three years and have achieved satisfactory results, especially with clover, lucerne and other types of animal feed. Central Hamashbir and a private wholesale firm are the chief middlemen.

Some of the seed sold are tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, beet, radish, peas and lentils. A large number of Keren Hayesod villages are now engaged in this business and the provision of potato seed is now being arranged.

SOVIET RUSSIA GRANTS TRANSIT VISAS TO PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

The Jewish Agency has received a report from Lithuania stating that the Soviet authorities have granted transit visas via Odessa to Jewish immigrants from occupied territories proceeding to Palestine.

NORMAL INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS IN HAIFA TO BE MAINTAINED.

Jerusalem.

The Histadruth Council of Haifa has decided to continue work under all circum-

stances. At a joint meeting between the Council of the Histadruth of that city and the Manufacturers' Association, it was decided that normal conditions in industry should be maintained in the city in all circumstances.

JORDAN VALLEY GETS OWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Jerusalem.

At the initiative of Mr. Liuba Ravitz, a Jordan Valley Jewish settler, a Symphony Orchestra has been formed for this district of Jewish Palestine, and bids fair to become an important factor of the Yishuv.

The musicians are inhabitants of the Keren Hayesod settlements. The concert held recently at Dagania was an unqualified success, and exceeded the expectations of the organisers. The programme consisted of Handel, Hayden and Schubert, conducted by Mr. Ravitz.

MR. ERI JABOTINSKY RELEASED.

London.

Mr. Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late Mr. Vladimir Jabotinsky, who had been detained in Palestine for some time, has been released by the authorities.

FOUR HUNDRED JEWISH CHILDREN FOR PALESTINE.

London.

The Youth Aliyah announces that permission has been granted for the emigration to Palestine of 270 Jewish children in Denmark. A route has been agreed, across Sweden, Russia, and thence either by land or sea to Haifa. Sweden and Russia have agreed to permit their transit; Turkish visas have not yet been obtained, but it is hoped that they may be granted in the near future. One hundred and thirty children in Sweden are also preparing for their departure, though this party too is temporarily held up for lack of Turkish visas.

ORT ACTIVITIES.

London.

With the rapid developments in the war position, the British Ort-Oze has been faced with an extension of its activities, little anticipated even a few weeks ago.

Hundreds of refugees who managed to escape from France are being cared for by the Ort-Oze, which is doing its best to alleviate distress.

The Oze has, amongst other things, established a canteen in the North of London, where refugees are given good meals either free or for a very nominal charge. Another aspect of Oze work is the retraining of 200 medical practitioners for various kinds of kindred professions which at the present time offer much scope for useful employment.

The British Ort is enlarging its Technical Engineering Schools in Leeds by making room for another 150 refugee boys between the ages of 15 and 18. In addition, the establishment of training courses and hostels for women and girl refugees is now in hand, and it is also planned to establish engineering courses inside one of the internment camps.

LITHUANIAN "ORT" TO CONTINUE.

New York.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency here learns, on reliable authority, that the Lithuanian Ort in Vilno has been recognised by the Russian Government and has received permission to continue with its work.

It is further stated that in addition to its ordinary work, the Ort has been granted facilities for the opening of new courses, where local Jews as well as refugees will receive training as technicians and in agricultural pursuits.

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