

# NEWS IN BRIEF.

## NO IMMIGRATION QUOTA FOR PERIOD APRIL TO JUNE.

Jerusalem.

In a Gazette Extraordinary it is announced that the Government has decided not to issue an immigration quota for the ten months ending 30th June. The position, it is stated, will be reviewed "in the light of future circumstances."

According to the provisions of the White Paper, which limited Jewish immigration to Palestine to 75,000 in five years, the number of Jews still entitled to enter the country is 42,132.

It is learned that the Government has granted 150 replacement certificates, i.e. certificates to replace those the validity of which, due to difficulties of travel, etc., have lapsed.

## IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

In the first four months of 1941, 3,500 Jewish immigrants came to Palestine, including about 1,400 new Jewish arrivals in April. Another 1,600 immigrants with valid certificates are in countries having some link with Palestine and may possibly get away. Since the outbreak of war against Poland on 1st September, 1939, five thousand Polish Jews have been able to reach this country. The Jewish Agency established a Central Polish Jewish Committee to assist the needy immigrants, and the Committee was able to collect funds for this purpose, spending hitherto some £P.12,000.

## PALESTINE AND IRAQ.

Jerusalem.

During 1940, Iraq's exports to Palestine amounted to £447,000 (in 1939—£284,000), whereas Palestine's export to Iraq amounted to £22,000 in 1940 and £15,000 in 1939. Palestine obtains large quantities of cattle for slaughter, wheat and fish from Iraq, and a considerable quantity of eggs (3.9 million eggs). Iraq imports industrial goods from Palestine, but they amount only to a small sum.

## PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Jerusalem.

The Palestine Symphony Orchestra has returned from its third Egyptian concert tour of the season. Twelve concerts were given in eight days, four of which were for the public, six for the Army and Navy, and two special educational concerts. Italian prisoners were the audience at a special concert for war wounded given by the Orchestra. Some of the musicians gave recitals on the Egyptian radio. The Orchestra has been invited for another Egyptian tour in October.

## IN MEMORY OF DOV HOS.

Jerusalem.

The first training-camp for marine instructors ever to be held in Palestine has completed an eight-day course on the shores of Lake Kinnereth under the auspices

of the Jewish Agency's Maritime Department. Some thirty-one instructors participated.

## TRAINING CAMP FOR MARINE INSTRUCTORS.

Jerusalem.

The new premises of the "Noar Haoved" at Tel-Aviv were dedicated to the memory of Mr. Dov Hos at the formal opening. The building, which cost some £P.4,500, will serve as a recreation centre.

## A.R.P. IN JERUSALEM.

Jerusalem.

The A.R.P. Committee here has recommended that the Municipality make an additional grant of £4,600 for steel helmets, trailers, pumps and other apparatus.

## MR. JAMES ROOSEVELT'S IMPRESSIONS OF PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Mr. James Roosevelt, son of President Roosevelt, has completed a tour of Palestine. He has been deeply impressed by the rapid development of the Jewish colonies.

## DR. WEIZMANN ON IRAQIAN REVOLT.

New York.

Mr. Weizmann, in an address here, denounced the Iraqi revolt. He added that Britain would find that the Jews of Palestine would remain constant to her cause.

## ROSENWALD FAMILY'S GIFT TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY.

New York.

The Rosenwald Family Association, which is headed by Mr. William Rosenwald, has given the sum of 10,000 dollars to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In a letter to Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, President of the Association, Mr. Rosenwald expressed confidence in the University's work and appreciation of its "constructive programme."

## PARIS CHIEF RABBI ARRIVES IN NEW YORK.

New York.

Dr. N. J. Ovadia, Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Paris, has arrived here on the Portuguese steamship, "Serpa Pinto," with his wife. They told how their escape from France had been aided by the officials of a Catholic seminary.

They left Paris the day before the German occupation, Madame Ovadia said, and were given sanctuary in a Catholic seminary for four months while Gestapo agents sought the Rabbi. The priests and nuns aided Dr. Ovadia to obtain an identity card so that he could evade the Nazis.

Another passenger on the "Serpa Pinto" was the famous Russian-born sculptor, Naoum Aronson, who has lived in France for fifty years. The sixty-seven-year-old artist, who before the Nazi invasion main-

tained six galleries in Paris, has been able to bring with him only photographs of his works.

## CHILDREN'S HOME NAMED AFTER DR. WEIZMANN.

New York.

The Jewish section of the Inter-Faith Committee for Aid to the Democracies has given 25,000 dollars for a nursing home for children in Britain, to be named after Dr. Weizmann.

## MIZRACHI COLONY IN PALESTINE.

Atlantic City.

The Mizrahi Organisation here has resolved to raise 50,000 dollars, to complete the 100,000 dollar fund for a colony in Palestine to be called Nachlat Herzog.

## RAV OF BREST LITOVSK ARRIVES IN PALESTINE.

London.

Rabbi Soloweitschik, the famous Rav of Brest Litovsk, and a member of the Central Rabbinical Council of the Agudath Israel, has arrived in Jerusalem, the Agudist Executive in London learns.

Rabbi Soloweitschik, who made an arduous journey across Siberia, received a Rabbinical certificate for Palestine through the intervention of the Jerusalem Agudath Israel and the Chief Rabbinate.

## THE INFERO OF GURS.

London.

Many of the 6,700 aged Jews expelled from Germany at an hour's notice last October have been transferred to new hospital camps from what they called the "Inferno of Gurs," the notorious internment camp in the Pyrenees, according to reports reaching here.

American newspaper men taken round the new camps found almost all of the Jews ill. They describe Gurs as an unfurnished barracks, built in ankle-deep mud, in which the internees were perpetually hungry and ridden with disease. More than one in ten died, they said. Some estimated the deaths as high as twelve a day.

The party was rushed through one admittedly modern barracks at Le Vermet, the internees standing to attention and forbidden to talk. But despite the severe punishments often meted out in this camp, the prisoners organised a slight demonstration, each holding a handful of bread to show the size of their day's ration.

## POLISH GHETTOS.

London.

Two Ghetto areas have been established by the Nazi authorities in Radom, the centre of the leather industry in Poland, it is learned in Polish official circles here.

A Ghetto has also been established in the North-Eastern part of Kielce, according to the "Krakauer Zeitung."

A Catholic Church has been established in the Warsaw Ghetto for Catholics of Jewish origin, according to the "News Chronicle." A converted Jew officiates as priest, it is reported.

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