

NEWS IN BRIEF.

INDUSTRIES IN PALESTINE TOWNSHIPS.

Jerusalem.

It has been announced by the Town Council of Petach Tikvah and the Local Councils of Hadera and Rishon Le'Zion that they are prepared to foster the setting up of new industries within their areas by placing at the disposal of interested parties the ground and by lowering municipal expenses. The Petach Tikvah Council has set up a special industrial area.

PALESTINE FISHING INDUSTRY.

Jerusalem.

The Jewish Agency is developing efforts to extend the Jewish fishing industry, and loans have been given to seven Keren Hayesod settlements to instal ponds for fish-breeding, mainly carp, to extend existing reservoirs for this purpose, and to expand fishing on Lake Kinnereth. Jewish share in Palestinian fishing is now estimated at 18 per cent. against 7 per cent. last year.

ALLIANCE SCHOOLS IN TEL-AVIV.

Jerusalem.

The Department of Education requested the Municipality of Tel-Aviv to budget £21,000 for the maintenance of the Alliance Schools at Tel-Aviv. The graduates of these schools will receive certificates endorsed by the Educational Department of the Free French Movement.

JEWISH-ARAB TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC IN JAFFA.

Jerusalem.

"Haaretz" states that the League for Promoting Jewish-Arab Co-operation and Understanding is shortly to undertake a complete plan in the pursuit of its policy, and one of the outstanding features will be the opening of a clinic for tubercular patients of both races at Jaffa.

NEW PRESIDES OVER POLISH NATIONAL COUNCIL.

London.

For the first time the Polish National Council in London has been presided over by a Jew.

Mr. Herman Lieberman, leader of the Socialist fraction, has been elected Acting Chairman of the Council, since the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, is remaining in the United States to continue

the discussions inaugurated by General Sikorski, the Premier.

THE PALESTINE ORCHESTRA.

Jerusalem.

The Palestine Orchestra has received the gift of a Purcell Suite arranged by John Barbirolli for the New York Philharmonic Orchestra from the composer. It is hoped to play the work during the coming season.

MORE EXPULSIONS OF JEWS FROM POLISH TOWNS.

London.

Jews living in the Polish town of Zyrardov, as well as those of Lublin, have been deported and sent to smaller towns in the provinces, according to information reaching responsible Polish circles here. The procedure of rounding up and deporting the victims was, it is stated, carried out with all the usual German brutality and disregard of humanity.

At Zyrardov the districts were cordoned off, and all the Jewish inhabitants driven to the station. Here all their cases and bundles were taken from them, and 1,500 persons were sent to Warsaw. After women, children and old people had been forced to bath in public, the men had to run the gauntlet through lines of police.

To accommodate the new arrivals the German authorities in Warsaw have set aside a further block of houses on Dzika and Stawka Streets in the Warsaw Ghetto, and all the Polish inhabitants of these houses have been evicted to make room for the deportees.

EXPULSION OF LUXEMBURG JEWS.

London.

The Jews of Luxemburg have been notified, as an "alien element," that all but about 300 of them, who are classified as aged or infirm, must emigrate.

Of Luxemburg's pre-war Jewish population of about 4,500, over 3,500 have already emigrated. About 850 still remain. The Nazi authorities have classified them in three groups: about 300 aged and infirm who cannot leave, about 350 of varying ages who have the possibility of emigrating to America, and the remainder, who, at present, have no emigration possibilities.

Most of the aged and infirm live in special homes established by the Jewish community. They will be permitted to

remain in Luxemburg until they die, but may be segregated in a special quarter.

Those in the second group will be permitted to remain until they are ready for emigration. Those in the last group, unless they find a country to which to go, will probably be sent to the Lublin Reservation in Poland.

All able-bodied Jews in the second and third groups are now employed in forced labour projects on the Luxemburg frontier. Each morning, at 6 a.m., trucks pick them up and transport them to Nauneg, on the frontier, where they work in the quarries, breaking stone for road-building and other construction work.

LUXEMBURG SYNAGOGUE CLOSED.

London.

The synagogue in Luxemburg has been closed "in the interests of public security," and is shortly to be pulled down entirely. Its closure followed a raid on it by a gang of Nazis during a recent Friday night's service. The raiders, brandishing revolvers, interrupted the services and manhandled the Chief Rabbi of Luxemburg, Dr. Robert Serebrenik, and numerous worshippers. Subsequently, the Rabbi was held in custody, and was forced to sign a statement agreeing to the closing of the synagogue. Chief Rabbi Serebrenik made good his escape from Luxemburg, and is now in the United States.

Religious services are now conducted for the remnant of the congregation in one room of the Jewish school building.

BERLIN JEWS EXPELLED FROM HOMES.

Stockholm.

Many more Jews in Berlin have now been served with notices to vacate their apartments within periods of from seven to fourteen days in order to make room for bombed evacuees from Hamburg and Kiel, the Berlin correspondent of the "Social Demokraten" reports.

The Jews are not allotted accommodation elsewhere, the inference apparently being that they should be able to squeeze into the apartments of wealthier co-religionists.

CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR FOREIGN JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA.

Lisbon.

Huge concentration camps, able to hold more than 50,000 people, are being constructed by the Vichy Government in French North Africa. To these, according to news reaching here from Vichy, foreign Jews in France are to be deported, unless they are able within a short period to emigrate from the country.

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