

NEWS FROM PALESTINE

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THE MURDER OF DR. DE HAHN.

A Reuter cable from Palestine, reported the murder of Dr. de Hahn, the leader of the Agudath Yisroel in Palestine, which took place in the Jewish quarter in Jerusalem.

In commenting on this murder, the London "Jewish World," says:—

"It must not be supposed, without at least further evidence, that Dr. De Hahn suffered for his public acts, or that he fell to the murderous weapon of a Zionist. On the contrary, the probability is very strong that of such a deed no Zionist and no Jew was guilty, and it is known that Dr. De Hahn had many personal enemies in other directions. Be this as it may, nothing but the strongest condemnation will be expressed on all hands for the foul deed. It is to be hoped that the perpetrator will be discovered and brought to justice. The Jewish National Home must not become a safe cover for assassins."

Later cable information was to the effect that there was no reason to believe the murder to have been of a political character.

MIZRACHI BANK.

The Central Management in Jerusalem of the World "Mizrachi" Organisation is now making all preparations for opening its own Bank in Palestine, which has already been registered with the Government.

The new institution will be situated in Jerusalem and according to its constitution may carry out all kinds of Banking business. Its chief object is to help, support and finance undertakings and groups of workers in all circles who belong to the Mizrahi organisation, and to give material security to merchants, settlers, craftsmen and labourers of the same organisation by loans on easy terms or in other ways, to assist individuals, Societies, and Co-operatives to establish agricultural settlements, villages and Garden suburbs, etc., and to provide such persons with credit.

The capital is made up of shares of £1. The Bank is authorised to start business as soon as £10,000 shares have been purchased, including 100 founders shares. These have already been sold, but the Directors have decided not to commence activities until the total capital is subscribed, namely, £50,000. A committee has been formed in Vienna of 17 persons including bankers and experienced business men which has undertaken a campaign in Europe for the sale of the shares. It is expected that the new Bank will be definitely opened at the end of the summer.

RADIOS IN DEMAND.—The installation of radio apparatus in Palestine has been officially sanctioned. Many Palestinians have already acquired radio sets, and are "listening in" to concerts from distant parts of the world.

IMMIGRANTS IN MAY.—Nine hundred and six immigrants entered Palestine in May. The number in April was 938.

DAILY LABOUR NEWSPAPER.—The Council of the General Jewish Labour Federation in Palestine has elected Mr. Katzenelsohn to be editor of a daily newspaper which will be published by the Federation as its organ, beginning at the end of September.

JEWISH ATHLETES.—Three instructors of the Maccabee Athletic Organisation in Palestine are proceeding to Europe to take up a course of athletic instruction and to negotiate with the International Athletic Federation for affiliation of the Palestine Maccabee Organisation.

JEWISH COLONY AT WEMBLEY.—There has been sent from Jerusalem to the Palestine Pavilion of the British Empire Exhibition a model of the village of Nahalal, very finely executed in wood by Mr. Pfiffer, an architect in Palestine. The model shows this typical small-holders' settlement in the Valley of Jezreel complete in detail, and gives a very adequate picture of how a post-war Zionist colony is designed and built. An illustrated pamphlet describing Nahalal and how it has been established by the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod was available.

BOLSHEVİK'S "SENTENCE."—Thirty-seven Zionists were ordered by the Soviet authorities to be at the port of Odessa at latest by June 29th for immediate deportation to Palestine. The party included several married men, and comprised 46 souls in all.

HEBREW OPERA.—Sir Herbert Samuel was present at the first performance of Halevy's opera "La Juive," by the Palestine Hebrew Opera Company. Mr. Golenkin, the director of the company, submitted to the High Commissioner a memorandum describing the difficult financial position of the undertaking and petitioning the Government to grant it a subsidy. The memorandum states that at least £9,000 is necessary to enable the company to carry on its work of producing operas in Palestine in the Hebrew language.

FIRST GRADUATES OF GOVERNMENT LAW SCHOOL.—The Governmental Law School in Jerusalem conferred its certificate on the first students to complete the course and graduate at the school. Forty-five students have graduated, among them thirty-eight Jews. The graduates were congratulated by Mr. Norman Bentwich, the Attorney-General of Palestine. Speeches were also delivered by one Arab and one Jewish graduate and by one Arab and one Jewish teacher. The Jewish teacher in his speech emphasised that the Governmental Law School is the only place in the world where Modern Law is being taught in the Hebrew language.

JEWISH MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE.—A Jewish All-Palestine Municipal Conference was recently held. Forty delegates from all over the country were present to discuss municipal questions from the standpoint of the Jewish population.