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(Special Cables to the "Zionist Record").

Death of Mr. Julius Rosenwald.

Chicago, January 7th.

The death occurred here to-day of the great Jewish philanthropist, Julius Rosenwald.

Serious Position of Jewish Agency.**Negotiations for Loan Started.**

New York, January 7th.

"There is an urgent need to raise immediately a loan for the Jewish Agency; else its position is likely to become untenable and relations with the British Government will be seriously affected."

The above striking statement was made by Mr. Nahum Sokolow, in addressing to-day the Administrative Committee of the American Zionist Organisation.

It is announced that negotiations for a loan of one hundred thousand dollars have already been started by Mr. Emmanuel Neumann.

American Senators and Congressmen.**To Hear Views on Zionism.**

New York, January 7th.

Your correspondent is reliably informed that Vice-President Curtis has invited Mr. Felix Frankfurter and Mr. Emmanuel Neumann to present their views with reference to Palestine and Zionism before the select group of Senators, Congressmen and high Government officials.

The gathering has been arranged to take place in Washington in January and invitations have been issued by a distinguished committee, headed by Vice-President Curtis.

Lord and Lady Reading**Complete Their Tour of Palestine.**

Jerusalem, January 7th.

Lord and Lady Reading, whose visit to Palestine has been of so triumphant a nature left Palestine on Monday, accompanied by Mr. Pinchas Rutenberg.

The Marquess of Reading

So far as we are aware, Lord Reading's recent visit to Palestine was the first he has paid. We hope it will be the first of many, for, although he has attained the psalmist's span, he seems to retain an almost youthful vigour; and now that he has relinquished most of the great affairs of State which previously preoccupied him, we trust he will find it possible to pay frequent visits to Palestine so as to see and encourage the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in which in recent years he has been taking an increasing interest.

Largely under the inspiration of the late Lord Melchett, Lord Reading took and takes a close personal interest in several schemes of Jewish economic development in Palestine. But besides and transcending this severely practical association, Lord Reading has, as is well known, exercised—usually behind the scenes—an enormous influence upon the Government of the Mandatory Power; whilst more recently he gave, by his occupancy of the chair, a touch of the historic to the banquet tendered in London to Dr. Weizmann.

Lord Reading is not merely one of the greatest of living Jews; he is one of the very greatest of living Englishmen. Lord Chief Justice, Viceroy of India, Cabinet Minister — these are but some of the exalted posts which have been filled by this son of London shopkeepers who is to-day the Marquess of Reading.

It was thus in a three-fold aspect that he was regarded by the Jews of Palestine in his recent all-too-brief tour of the country, which seems to have taken on the character of a triumphal progress; as a Jewish nationalist, as a distinguished Jew whom advancing years have brought ever nearer to his people, and as perhaps the outstanding living example of the heights to which, given freedom of opportunity, the Jew can attain in the service of humanity.

Italy.

It is interesting to hear that with all the turmoil attendant upon the rise of Mussolini and Fascism in Italy, the Jews of that land have escaped the tragic rôle of being used as a "political football." As a matter of fact, the Jews are appreciated in Italy and as a result they have achieved greatness there.

Jewish statesmen and economists are helping modern Italy to a considerable extent. In the universities of Padua, Bologna and Turin, there are a number of Jews holding important positions. Until recently Professor Del Vecchio, editor of the Inter-National journal of Legal Philosophy, was rector of the University of Rome. Professor Del Vecchio, together with the economist, Professor Arias, who is known as the Fascist Karl Marx, are the two most important Jewish personalities who had been adherents of Fascism since its inception.

Jewish scientific authorities are especially prominent in the physio-mathematical faculty of the University of Rome. Among them are two whose reputation is international, Professor Enriques, the Italian Einstein, and Professor Levi-Civita, the only Jewish member of the Papal Scientific Academy.

In literature, art and music Jews have also contributed to Italian culture. Anniola Orvieto, the bard of Florence, is one of Italy's most popular poets. An honoured figure in Italian literature is Sabatini Lopez, the president of the Italian Authors' League.

Italo Sveto of Trieste, has a special niche in Italian literature. Sveto, whose real name is Schmidt, is now being "discovered" by Italian critics who have dubbed him the Italian Proust. For many years a wine merchant in Trieste, he devoted his leisure time to literary creation. Recently, however, he has gained recognition as one of the outstanding personalities in contemporary Italian literature. Alberto Moravia is another Jewish writer who has achieved recognition as have Guido de Verona and Pitigrilli.

Italy, the land of music, also has its Jewish composers. Castelnova-Tedesco, is a man of real talent, his opera "La Mandagola," having been presented with great success at La Scala in Milan. Incidentally this famous opera house is now managed by a Jewess, Anita Colombo. Vittorio Rietti and E. Sinigaglia have long since won fame for their musical works.