

LATEST CABLES

The following cable news has been received from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as we go to press

Brilliant Reception to Palestine Symphony Orchestra

FIRST CONCERT A TRIUMPH

Tel-Aviv, Wednesday.

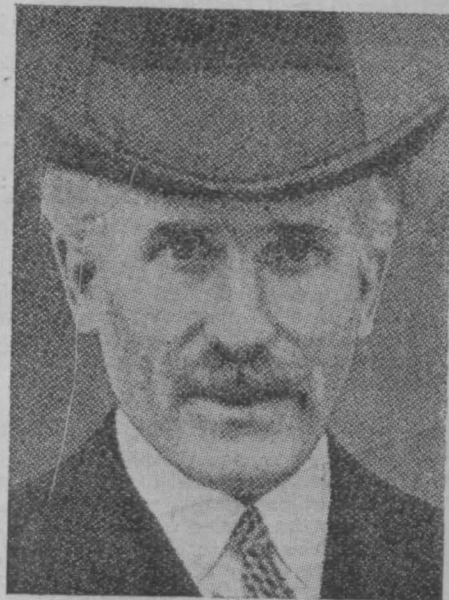
THE inaugural concert of the new Palestine Symphony Orchestra opened in Tel-Aviv on Saturday evening before a brilliant gathering, which included Sir Arthur Wauchope, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, leading members of the Jewish Agency Executive, leaders of the Military and Air Forces in Palestine, and prominent members of the Jewish community. The hall was packed with an audience of some 2,500 people.

The inaugural concert was a brilliant triumph, alike for the orchestra and for the untiring efforts of Bronislaw Huberman, who has spent so many months in organising this great combine of musicians, which includes some of the outstanding musical talent of Europe.

The concert was conducted by the world-famous maestro, Arturo Toscanini, who came specially from America for the purpose. His action was both a gesture and a tribute—a gesture against that bitter regime in Germany which has exiled so many outstanding European artists, because they were Jews; and a tribute to the genius of Israel, which has produced such artistic talent and which in the old-new Homeland, is now seeking to revive its ancient culture, working only on the highest standards.

Huberman and Toscanini received a tremendous ovation from the audience. The programme included the famous third "Leonora" Overture of Beethoven's, and items by Brahms, Mendelssohn and Schubert. The next evening a repeat concert was held under the auspices of the Histadruth. Again the hall was crowded to the doors, and Huberman and Toscanini received another great ovation.

Plans are in preparation for a considerable time ahead. Such has been the recognition of the new orchestra in the musical world that some of the greatest players of the day will appear as soloists in future programmes. It is believed that the next concert will have Adolf Busch as soloist, and that Mr. Benno Moiseiwitsch will appear on a future occasion.



Arturo Toscanini, who conducted the inaugural concert of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra.

Shertok Instances Inequalities in Public Works

Jerusalem, Wednesday.

MR. M. SHERTOK, in giving evidence before the Royal Commission, pointed out that Jews contributed 60 per cent. of the Treasury, while they were only 30 to 33 per cent. of the total population. He demanded that 30 to 33 per cent. of public works should be made available to Jewish contractors, explaining that although Jewish wages were double that of the Arabs, Jews were willing to accept Government contracts on the same terms as the Arabs. Finally he demanded a 50 per cent. increase in the Jewish municipal contracts in Jerusalem and Haifa, in accordance with the numerical proportion of the Jewish population in those sections.

NOVEMBER IMMIGRATION

Jerusalem, Wednesday.

IT is officially reported that the Jewish immigration into Palestine during November numbers 938 persons, 108 of whom came in under the capitalist category.

ONLY THIRTY DOCTOR'S

CERTIFICATES FOR 1937

It is further announced that the Government will not issue more than thirty certificates for physicians during 1937.

DUEL CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Warsaw, Wednesday.

DEPUTY BUDZINSKI has accepted the challenge of Jewish officers to a duel. It will be recalled that last week Jewish officers challenged him to a duel for insulting Jewish soldiers who fell while fighting for Poland. Budzinski is one of the most violent anti-Semitic speakers in the Sejm.

Commission's Sessions Soon to Conclude

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

Jerusalem, Wednesday.

IN an official communique issued just before Christmas, the Royal Commission records that it will soon conclude hearing evidence and invites all individuals and organisations to give their evidence as soon as possible.

The communique is generally interpreted as a last warning to the Arabs to cease their boycott of the Commission.

THE VAAD LEUMI'S EVIDENCE

Jerusalem, Wednesday.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Vaad Leumi appeared yesterday to give evidence before the Royal Commission. They complained that the Government does not allocate sufficient expenditure for Jewish health and education. Ben Zwi particularly emphasised, in regard to Arab-Jewish relations, that the Keneseth Israel had issued many appeals to the Arabs for peace.

Eliahu Berligne, in the course of his testimony, was asked by Sir Laurie Hammond whether he regarded public security or education as the more important. He admitted that the former was of greater importance, but claimed that this by no means absolved the Government from spending so little on education. Sir Laurie Hammond pointed out that the disturbances had seriously affected the Government Budget which had increased from £1,700,000 in 1929 to two and a half million pounds for next year.

Chief among other witnesses who appeared were Berl Katzenelenbogen and Henrietta Szold.