

# Yishuv

State Sources.

## in Negev

Jerusalem, December 29th.

There will soon be derricks and machinery of busy oilfields in the southern deserts to be oil in that soil.

Discovery of oil in the event of an emergency.

The only natural resources of the country at present are the Dead Sea minerals, for which a new Mining Ordinance has been provided. But in view of the fact that the provisions for oil mining differ from oil extraction, it is pointed out by the Attorney-General William James O'Connell, K.C., M.C., that special legislation is required to bring this form of soil-mining into effect.

Leases are to be paid for concessions, licences and prospecting permits, "dead rents" for oilfield exploitation and royalties upon tonnage of crude oil exported.

## Subway Tunnel

Tel-Aviv, December 30th.

Plans to build bridges over the sections of the line, the Commission suggests the construction of railway tunnels under the roads at these points.

Another suggestion is that, in accordance with the recommendations of the British railway Commission, Sir Felix Pole, the railway station should be removed from the centre of the city, as it is at present, and reconstructed at a point near to the port, where there is considerable room for a large station. The present site could be turned into a park.

## GOVERNMENT AID SOUGHT

Jerusalem, December 30th.

ISAAC BEN-ZVI, President of the Vaad Leumi, met Mr. A. Katznelson to-day to discuss with Mr. W. D. Battle, Chief Secretary of the British Government, the question of Government aid for the educational and health services.

The question of security was also discussed at the interview.

## DR. WEIZMANN IN ERETZ ISRAEL



Dr. Weizmann Returns after a Year's Absence. From left to right: M. Shertok, Mrs. Weizmann and Dr. Weizmann.

### PRESENCE OF MIND AVERTS CATASTROPHE

Haifa, December 28th.

A PRIVATE soldier of the Essex Regiment at Haifa showed great presence of mind this evening when he picked up a bomb which had been thrown into a crowded cafe and threw it into the roadway, where it exploded without damage. The assailant was not caught.

The restaurant was crowded at the time with British soldiers and policemen and, had the projectile exploded, it would have caused considerable damage.

### COUNTER-TERRORISM THREATENED

Jerusalem, December 27th.

IT is reported in Arab quarters that the opposition to the former Mufti of Jerusalem have threatened to reply with counter-terrorism if the followers of the Mufti will not stop their assaults on the Nashashibi group.

### COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Jerusalem, December 30th.

QUESTIONS affecting the economic interests of the country were discussed at a meeting of the Customs Advisory Committee affiliated with the Jewish Agency which was held in the offices of the Jewish Agency's Economic Bureau in Tel-Aviv to-day. Mr. E. Kaplan presided and those present included Mr. M. Shertok and Dr. Rottenstreich, of the Agency Executive, Mr. N. Thyschby, of the Agency's Trade and Industry Department, and Mr. D. Horowitz, of the Economic Research Institute.

### BIALIK HOUSE OPEN TO PUBLIC

Jerusalem, December 30th.

ON the 10th of Teveth (14th December) the Bialik House was opened to the public. In the house is to be found Bialik's library comprising some 3,000 volumes, which is now being made available to the public. S. AND P.

### SIR CHARLES TEGART'S MOVEMENTS

Jerusalem, December 27th.

SIR CHARLES TEGART made a thorough inspection of all police stations and institutions in Haifa yesterday. The Palestine press has been forbidden to mention the visit, in accordance with the general order not to report Sir Charles's movements in Palestine.

### ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Jerusalem, December 30th.

TWENTY-TWO Jewish and 13 Syrian illegal immigrants were yesterday sentenced in Safed to imprisonment of four to six weeks' before being deported from the country.

### PASSENGERS TO LAND AT TEL-AVIV

Tel-Aviv, December 27th.

MR. I. ROKACH, the Mayor, told the Tel-Aviv Municipality at its meeting last night that passenger landing facilities at Tel-Aviv port would be inaugurated before Passover. Investments in the port hitherto total £210,000 by the Yishuv and national institutions and there are some 1,400 Jewish labourers employed.

## RADIO LICENCES HELD BY JEWS

Tel-Aviv, December 31st.

IT is estimated that of the 26,878 radio listening licences in force at the end of October, 1937, at least 20,000 were held by Jewish listeners.

"Gal-Hed" (Wave-Echo) is the name of a new Palestinian wireless set which is now being manufactured in Tel-Aviv. The prices range from cheap small sets to large and expensive ones in "luxury" cabinets. The factory which makes them recently supplied a number of instruments to the Palestine Broadcast Service studios and station.

## THE EX-MUFTI

Jerusalem, December 27th.

THE Arab press here reports to-day that the Palestine Government has sent a note to the Syrian Government pointing out that the Mufti was carrying on political intrigue in the country in spite of the promises not to engage in politics.

The Syrian Government, according to the Arab press, replied that the Mufti was only receiving private guests.

## JEWISH YOUTH TO TAKE UP SEAFARING

Jerusalem, December 30th.

JEWISH youth in Palestine are to be trained in practical seamanship with a view to developing a Jewish mercantile marine. Plans and a budget have been prepared for the establishment of a Nautical School at the Hebrew Technical Institute at Haifa.

The curriculum will provide for all kinds of seafaring and the cadets will be apprenticed on ships plying between European ports and Palestine.

At present there are several societies to encourage young Jews to become mariners. The Marchioness of Reading is interested in one named the Zebulun Society.

Zebulun was one of the twelve tribes of Israel which settled in the coastal plain between Haifa and Acre, now named Emek Zebulun. They were great seafarers, the Jews of old who "went down to the sea in ships."

## CHILDREN PAY TRIBUTE TO AVINOAM YELLIN

Jerusalem, December 30th.

THE Teachers' J.N.F. Council has collected a sum of money from school children in Jerusalem for the planting of a grove of trees to be named after Avinoam Yellin, the education inspector who was murdered outside his office on Mt. Zion.