

## Adolph Busch's Rebuff To Italy

### Inhumanity And Lack Of Culture

Jerusalem, December 12th.

THE following letter written by the famous German violinist, Adolph Busch, to the Italian State Concert Bureau was issued for publication by Dr. J. L. Magnes, President of the Hebrew University:

"The unworthy decision of the Italian Government to follow the example of the Third Reich in introducing their barbaric anti-Jewish code into Italy, forces me to notify you that I can no longer see my way to giving concerts in your country.

"To my mind it is futile and ridiculous to work for the sake of culture in a country whose political policy has placed upon it the stamp of inhumanity and lack of culture.

"I shall be obliged if you would convey my decision to the concert agencies concerned, and at the same time express to them my deep regret that these circumstances have forced me to take such a step."

## NO FURTHER APPEALS TO DOMINIONS REGARDING REFUGEES

London, December 13th.

MR. Neville Chamberlain, replying to a question in the House of Commons, refused the suggestion to make another appeal to the Dominions regarding the admission of refugees. He pointed out that it was a matter for the Dominions concerned and that recent statements by the Dominions' ministers indicated that they were fully alive to the importance and urgency of the question.

Lady Astor asked if it were true that no offer had come from Russia to help in any way. No answer was returned.

## Protest of Hebrew Press

Jerusalem, December 15th.

ALL the Hebrew papers strongly protest against the tone of the statement made by the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava in the House of Lords debate on Palestine, and take exception to his attitude towards the question of Jewish refugee children. Exception is also taken to Lord Samuel's speech.

## Death Of Yiddish Translator Of "Jean Christopher"

Warsaw, December 12th.

THE death has taken place here at the age of 35 of Aaron Mark, the translator into Yiddish of Romain Rolland's famous novel "Jean Christopher." Mark was also the author of a Yiddish-Polish lexicon and of a collection of Jewish poems.

## JEWISH EMPLOYEES OF GERMAN FIRMS

### Questions Regarding Dismissals

London, December 14th.

LIEUT.-COMMANDER Fletcher questioned the Home Secretary in the House of Commons concerning cases in which British employees in the service of German firms in London are being dismissed, in consequence of instructions received by such firms from the German Government that they are not to employ persons of the Jewish faith after 25th December, 1938.

Sir Samuel Hoare replied that he was aware that allegations had been made that the services of persons had been terminated by German firms on racial grounds, but he had no knowledge that instructions had been issued by the German Government of the kind suggested. He could give the assurance that permission would not be given for the importation by any firm of any foreigner to fill the place previously filled by anyone holding the necessary qualifications.

## Jewish Students Ordered Out Of Wawelberg High School

Warsaw, December 12th.

THE Wawelberg Technical High School, which has been closed for two weeks following attacks on Jewish students by anti-Semitic Endek students, was reopened to-day.

The school authorities ordered that Jewish students must occupy the separate benches assigned them on the left side of the lecture rooms. As the Jewish students, however, refused to obey the order and remained standing during the lectures, the Director ordered them to leave the school.

The Wawelberg Technical High School was founded by the Jewish industrialists Wawelberg and Rothwand.

## Italian Demand For Censorship of Hebrew Press

Rome, December 15th.

A DEMAND for a stricter censorship of the Hebrew press in Palestine, for the sake of preserving the present good relations between London and Rome, is made by the Jerusalem correspondent of the violently anti-Semitic "Regime Fascista."

The correspondent complains that insults to Mussolini and Hitler have recently been published in the Palestine Hebrew press. Referring to Mr. George Bernard Shaw's recent proposal, that an international Commission should be established to decide whether the two dictators should be sent to a lunatic asylum, which was reprinted by the Hebrew press without mention of Mr. Shaw, the correspondent pours abuse on the Hebrew press for publishing such "ill-tempered attacks and vulgar insults." He urges the Mandatory Power "to take immediate steps to call the Hebrew press to order, for by indulging in so gross a licence of a political character they may disturb the good relations which at present exist between the two capitals of Italy and England."

## Collective Fines on Arabs

Jerusalem, December 14th.

THE authorities have completed the collection of a £400 fine imposed on the Arab market place quarter of Haifa on the 12th December for the murder of two Jews.

Another £200 fine has been imposed on the community of the Arab quarter of Haifa where a Jew was shot.

## Distribution of Capitalist Certificates

Jerusalem, December 15th.

IT is stated that the great majority of the 2,000 Capitalist permits of the immigration schedule for the current six months have already been distributed. Many applications have been received for the remainder of the permits, which are nearing exhaustion.

## New Rector of Hebrew University



Dr. Abraham Halevy Fraenkel who was recently elected Rector of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for the next two years.

## Committee Of Youth Council Appointed

Jerusalem, December 15th.

A JOINT Committee for Youth Affairs, under the chairmanship of Mr. N. Bistrizky of the J.N.F., has been set up by the Council elected at the last Zion Congress to deal with such activities. Other members of the Committee are Mr. E. M. Epstein, of the J.N.F., Mr. Yehuda Yaari, of the Keren Hayesod, and Dr. Gottesdiener and M. Gordon of the Zionist Executive.

The programme of the Committee will include the creation of a centre for training Zionist delegates, publication of Zionist literature, and the issue of educational material. A further objective will be the establishment, where feasible, of an adult body to render moral and material assistance to the youth organisations in each country. The Council of representatives of Youth Organisations, which have their headquarters in Palestine, will be constantly consulted on the programme and activities of the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee is giving particular attention to a scheme for bringing to Palestine young people from the United States of America and the British Empire for a period, in order to become fully acquainted with Jewish life in the country.

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