

RUMANIAN IMMIGRANTS TO PALESTINE

Affidavits for Certificated Jews

Jerusalem, February 17th.

IT is understood here that the British Consul in Bucharest, before leaving that city, issued affidavits for all certificated Jewish immigrants to Palestine. This action was taken, it is learned, on the instructions of the Palestine Government, as a result of intervention by the Jewish Agency.

The British Consul in Budapest is believed to have received similar instructions.

The number of prospective Jewish immigrants to Palestine now in Bucharest is approximately a thousand. The majority of them will benefit from these facilities.

JEW'S TEMPORARY SHELTER TO BE ERECTED

A Hostel for the Homeless

London, February 21st.

PART of the Jews' Temporary Shelter in London's East End is to be re-opened as a Hostel for Jewish working men who have been bombed out of their homes or whose families have been evacuated. Those using the Hostel will be expected to contribute towards the cost of their board and lodging.

The shelter is at the same time carrying on its charitable work in helping with grants those aliens who are stranded here and whose cases do not come within the scope of the work of other existing organisations.

ZIONIST "BOOK OF THE MONTH" CLUB

New York, February 19th.

THE announcement has been made here of the formation of a Zionist Book-of-the-Month Club, which will publish monthly a book of specific Zionist interest or a translation from Hebrew of a literary classic or contemporary Palestinian work.

The Scopus Publishing Company of New York, which is sponsoring the Club, reports that the first volume will be "Excerpts from Herzl's Diaries," with an introduction by Pierre van Paassen.

Other volumes scheduled for publication are a "History of Zionism," by Lotta Levensohn; "Excerpts from Achad Ha-am's Essays," an "Anthology of Zionist Thought," and anthologies of Hebrew prose and poetry. There will be ten volumes in all.

MATZOS FOR JEWS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

J.D.C. to Spend 250,000 Dollars

New York, February 20th.

THE American Joint Distribution Committee is to spend at least 250,000 dollars on the provision of matzos for Jews in German-occupied territories, it is revealed by Mr. Morris C. Troper, European Director of the Joint.

The Nazi authorities have given permission for the entry of the matzos, which will be purchased in Yugoslavia and Hungary and, with the sanction of the respective governments, shipped to Jewish relief committees in Poland and other Nazi-controlled areas.

SUPPORT FOR POLISH JEWS IN PALESTINE

Polish Government's Allocation

London, February 20th.

FOLLOWING conversations between the Polish Government and Dr. I. Schwartzbart, the Jewish member of the Polish National Council, the Polish Government has agreed to undertake the responsibility for the support of two hundred of the Polish Jewish refugees who escaped to Palestine. The sum of £14,400 has been allotted to cover their support during 1941.

With regard to the remaining Polish refugees in Palestine, numbering some 250, the Polish Consul in Palestine has been instructed to inquire into their financial standing, and when this inquiry is completed the Polish Government will consider the matter.

The sums allotted for the support of individual Polish-Jewish refugees in Palestine are the same as those fixed for non-Jewish Poles.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S TRIBUTE TO HAYM SALAMON

Chicago, February 20th.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has praised the recognition given to Haym Salamon, that notable Jewish figure in the American Revolution, in a monument now nearing completion under the auspices of the Chicago Patriotic Foundation.

In a message to the Foundation, the President said: "I am gratified at learning of the belated recognition of the invaluable services rendered to the American Revolution by Haym Salamon. The gratitude the nation owes to Salamon's memory will be partly paid through the erection in Chicago of a monument portraying Salamon in Washington and Robert Morris."

SHOLOM ASCH TURNS SIXTY



SHOLOM ASCH, the famous Yiddish writer, who is now celebrating his sixtieth birthday.

Sholom Asch is one of the few Yiddish writers to have achieved world-wide fame outside as well as inside the Jewish community, and some of his books have been translated into many languages and performed in almost all European countries. His most notable works are "Three Cities," "The Calf of Paper," and "The Nazarene."

A "CYRUS ADLER" SCHOLARSHIP

New York, February 19th.

THE establishment of a Cyrus Adler Scholarship by Mrs. Felix Warburg is announced by the Jewish Theological Seminary here. Mrs. Warburg has given the sum of 10,000 dollars, the income of which is to be awarded each year to the outstanding student of the graduating class of the Rabbinical Department "who comes closest to the all-round human being that Cyrus Adler was."

Mrs. Warburg made the gift on the seventieth anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. Felix M. Warburg, the well-known philanthropist.

WORLD UNION OF CZECHOSLOVAK JEWS PROPOSED

London, February 19th.

THE formation of a world union of Czechoslovak Jews was decided upon at a meeting of the Council of the Federation of Czechoslovakian Jews.

Mr. H. A. Goodman, the Chairman, announced that branches of the Federation had recently been formed in Palestine and the United States, and that further branches were projected in Canada and South Africa. The Czechoslovak Government in London, he said, had shown the greatest interest in the activity, the object of which was, to quote the words of M. Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, "to restore a free Jewish community in a free Czechoslovakia."

JEWISH WARDEN HONOURED O.B.E. for "Meritorious Service"

London, February 20th.

THE Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) has been conferred on Mr. Emmanuel Morris, a full-time warden attached to Post 9 (Stoke Newington Common, Hackney), for "meritorious service" last October.

The incident occurred on a night when a very large bomb fell on a block of dwellings. A whole section of a five-storey building collapsed on the communal shelters beneath. Water and gas mains were broken, and nearly all the exits were blocked.

Mr. Morris discovered a gap in one of the exits through which he could crawl. He found several women who were unable to move, as they were pinned under heavy beams.

With water rising rapidly around him, he managed to shift the beams and saved four women. He then had to make a hurried exit himself, as the water had nearly reached his neck. In fact, he had to be dragged out by helpers.

NEW PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN HADASSAH

Montreal, February 20th.

THE tenth annual convention of the Hadassah Organisation of Canada has elected Mrs. A. Raginsky, of Montreal, President in succession to the late Mrs. A. J. Freiman, founder and first President of the Organisation.

A PALESTINIAN OPERA

THE score for an original opera with contemporary Palestine as its setting is being written by Mr. Marc Lavry. The opera is to be called "Gad, the Watchman." Mr. Max Brod has adapted the script from a drama by Mr. S. Shalom.

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