

NEWS FROM THE YISHUV

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ACTIVITIES OF BIZUR

ACCORDING to the annual report of Bizur, Ltd., Tel-Aviv, for the financial year 1940-41, the company's own capital, including reserves, was half its debenture capital, the figures being LP.107,464 and LP.217,510 respectively.

The ordinary share capital is owned by the Keren Hayesod and the Unemployment Fund and the Debentures are in the hands of private investors. The total value of debentures issued in the five years of the company's existence is LP.321,430, out of which debentures to the value of LP. 104,000 have been redeemed. Loans granted in the year under review to finance building and road construction aggregated LP.23,000 only, the main reason for the reduction as compared with the total of loans granted in previous years lying in emergency restrictions in the use of building materials and the decreased road building activity of the settlements.

One of the more important works financed with the assistance of Bizur last year was the Tel-Aviv—Herzlia road.

DECLINE IN NUMBER OF LABOUR STRIKES

A STEADY DECLINE in the number of labour strikes in the Jewish community of Palestine is reflected in statistics published by the General Federation of Jewish Labour. Compared with 63 strikes declared in the first half of 1939, only 28 were called in the corresponding 1941 period, the number of working days lost because of strikes decreasing from 16,122 in the first six months of 1940 to 6,000 working days in the first half of 1941.

ORCHESTRA TO VISIT EGYPT

CONTRACTS for ten concerts in Cairo and Alexandria during November were signed by Mr. S. B. Lewertoff, General Secretary of the Palestine Orchestra, with the Societe Musicale d'Egypte. The Orchestra will also give special performances for the Army and for English schools in Cairo and Alexandria.

POLISH EXILES IN PALESTINE



A photograph of Polish nurses receiving training in the Hadassah Hospital. The Jewish Head Nurse explains how to treat a patient.

ONE of the many interesting phases of the war has been the sanctuary sought by Polish exiles in Palestine. In particular, Tel-Aviv has become the centre of a large non-Jewish-Polish community which has now its own school, newspaper, scouts, first-aid and other services.

The city of Tel-Aviv has given a welcome to the exiles, and the large number of Polish-Jewish citizens have been able to facilitate the acclimatisation of the strangers. The Poles have shown a keen interest in their new surroundings and, undoubtedly, have learned much about the practical side of the Zionist movement.

The exiles include many distinguished personalities, former Ministers of State and High Officers. There are, of course, also Polish units in the country, whose members, when on leave, visit the Jewish urban and rural settlements.

RELEASED FROM ACRE PRISON WATER SUPPLY RESTRICTED

AFTER depositing £200 bail each, the last six of ten members of Genossar settlement were released from Acre prison, reports "The Palestine Post."

The men, all members of the Jewish Settlement Police, were sentenced by the Military Court on 10th January, 1940, to terms ranging from five to 20 years for unlawful use of firearms. The six men released are Joseph Abrahami, Bar-Kochba Eisenberg, David Hess, Haim Littner, Joshua Rabinowitz and Emmanuel Rosenfeld.

OWING to the increased demand for water in the summer, it has been found necessary to restrict the quantity of water supplied by the Government to Jerusalem from Ras-el-Ain. Water tanks will be filled only every other day and consumption must be adjusted accordingly.

38% of Yishuv Under 18

THE Vaad Leumi has announced that 180,000 Jewish boys and girls, 38 per cent. of the Jewish community, are under 18 years.

PUBLIC WORKS BEGUN IN TEL-AVIV

WORK was launched on 1st August on a new scheme of public works in Tel-Aviv to the value of £18,000, of which £12,000 came from a Government grant and £6,000 from an allocation for relief until October. Planting of trees, construction and repair of roads, and completion of the improvement works along the Tel-Aviv sea-front, are among the works which, for the next 2½ months, will employ 1,000 men for three days a week.

Figures issued by the Tel-Aviv Municipality for the first five months of 1941 show that 11 new houses and 289 rooms were added to the city's structures, compared with 51 houses comprising 1,097 rooms in the same period of 1940. At the end of May, 1941, there were 7,068 houses in Tel-Aviv and another 920 huts. They had a total of 85,506 rooms.

INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF SHEEP-BREEDING

SHEEP-breeding is assuming an increasing importance in the Jewish agricultural economy of Palestine, and is proving to be a substantial factor in stimulating textile production, particularly in the villages. It has been much stimulated of late by the acquisition of lands suitable for pasture in Galilee.

In 1939 there were 70 settlements maintaining 12,500 sheep and goats, and the latter figure has now increased to 23,000. Ninety per cent. of all the flocks belonging to Jews are on Keren Kayemeth land.

PRELUDE TO INCOME TAX

THE first two circular letters of the Income Tax Adviser, dealing with deduction of the tax from salaries of employees and deductions of contributions by employees and employers to Pension or Provident Funds, have now been sent to firms and persons concerned. Recipients of the circular letters are requested to supply certain information before the end of the month, "even though the ordinance is not yet in force."

CUTHBERT'S for GOLF SHOES