

# NEWS IN BRIEF.

## PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME IN PALESTINE: £285,481 ALLOCATED.

Jerusalem.

The Government of Palestine has allocated the sum of £285,481 for public works. This expenditure, which was incorporated in the Palestine budget for the year 1937-38, will be made out of the proceeds of the Palestine State Loan.

The main items of expenditure on public works are: sewerage in Jerusalem, £42,000, and in Haifa, £8,400; research for water sources, £5,000; water provision in villages, £4,877; provision for long-term loans in the hill districts, £50,000; school-building in towns, £56,285 and building of a central post office in Jerusalem, £61,458.—J.T.A.

## SIGNOR TOSCANINI EXPECTED IN PALESTINE: WILL CONDUCT THREE CONCERTS.

Jerusalem.

Signor Arturo Toscanini is expected to arrive here on November 7th, to conduct three of the ninety concerts to be given this season by the Palestine Symphony Orchestra.

The orchestra has been strengthened by the addition of ten new members from Germany, Holland and Poland. The subscription list for the orchestra's second season has already grown from the 2,500 last season to over 4,000.—J.T.A.

## MISS HENRIETTA SZOLD LEAVES FOR VISIT IN AMERICA.

Jerusalem.

Miss Henrietta Szold, noted Hadassah leader and head of the Youth Aliyah movement, left Palestine on a two-month visit to the United States, during which she will aid the Youth Aliyah fund-raising campaign.—J.T.A.

## FRIENDS PLAN GERSHWIN FOREST IN PALESTINE.

New York.

A 10,000-tree George Gershwin Memorial Forest in Palestine is being planned by friends of the late composer, who have formed a committee to sponsor a memorial concert in the Metropolitan Opera House on January 11. The forest will be located on a hillside not far from the Ossip Gabrilowitsch grove.—J.T.A.

## OPENING OF TEL-AVIV-HAIFA HIGHWAY.

Jerusalem.

The official opening of the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway took place in the presence of leading authorities and representatives of national institutions. Mr. E. Keith Roach, the District Commissioner, cut the ribbon stretching across the roadway at the new bridge over the Alexander River, facing the Jewish settlement of Maabroth in Emek Hefer, and the road was opened to traffic. The road shortens the journey by 50 kilometres and fast cars may now cover the distance in two hours, passing Jewish settlements and hugging the sea for a considerable distance.—(Palcor).

## LORD PEEL'S DEATH MOURNED.

Jerusalem.

The death of Lord Peel is mourned throughout the Yishuv. The Vaad Leumi published a statement of condolences at the passing of a great statesman, expressing appreciation at his deep understanding of Jewish problems. The statement was broadcast.

Lord Peel's name will be inscribed eternally in Palestine history, linked with the historic document which will probably represent a new turning-point in the annals of the country and of Zionism—declares the Hebrew press in the course of a eulogy.—(Palcor).

## GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AGAINST ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE.

Jerusalem.

Describing the Government's action against the Arab Higher Committee as "a bloodless revolution," the local "Palestine Post" says that the last five days made a deeper impression on the country than any action in the last 20 years. The Government had not resorted to grim repression as the Royal Commission foreshadowed but must hold fast. "The Government struck a blow for civilization; nothing more and nothing less."—(Palcor).

## HADASSAH SENT £130,685 TO PALESTINE IN YEAR.

New York.

The Hadassah, American women's Zionist Organisation, announced that it had sent 653,426 dollars (£130,685) to Palestine during the year ending October 1st for the maintenance of Hadassah institutions there.—J.T.A.

## TRACT OF 4,000 DUNAMS ACQUIRED NEAR HAIFA TO BE DEVELOPED AS RESIDENTIAL SUBURB.

Jerusalem.

An area of 4,000 dunams, known as the "Khreibeh," lying between the village of Yajur and Mount Carmel, has been acquired by the Palestine Land Development Company in conjunction with the Neshet Portland Cement concern, Africa-Palestine Investment, Ltd., and a group headed by Mr. Moshe Smilansky.

One thousand dunams are being set aside for the settlement of workers in the Neshet factories. The remaining area is to be opened up for construction of a residential suburb.—J.T.A.

## M. BLUM VISITED ANCIENT PRAGUE SYNAGOGUE.

Prague.

M. Leon Blum, the French Vice-Premier, who headed the French delegation to Czecho-Slovakia on the occasion of the death of T. G. Masaryk, accompanied by his wife and daughter, visited the Altneuschul Synagogue and the old Jewish cemetery in Prague. M. Blum, who spent a long time inspecting the Jewish antiquities, was greeted in Hebrew and French by the representative of the Prague Jewish Community. In reply to the greetings, M. Blum stated that he had always been a true son of the Jewish religion.—J.T.A.

## DEATH OF DISTINGUISHED ITALIAN JEWISH SCIENTIST.

Rome.

Senator Alessandro Lustig, one of the most distinguished Italian pathologists and bacteriologists, has died in Florence at the age of 80.

The deceased was a member of the most important scientific academies in Italy and an Honorary Doctor of the University of Buenos Aires. He was professor of pathology at the University of Florence after the War and Chairman of the Italian Cancer Institute. He was a member of a well-known Trieste Jewish family.—J.T.A.

## NAZI PROTEST LEADS TO CENSORING OF EXHIBITS IN PALESTINE PAVILION.

Paris.

Following the intervention by the German Embassy, the Paris Exposition authorities ordered the Palestine Pavilion to remove its displays depicting 80,000 Jews driven out of Germany and the pictorial representation of the increased death-rate of Jews in Germany.

These instructions have created a painful impression in Jewish circles here.—J.T.A.

## CHIEF RABBI SHNEERSON PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE PRESIDENT MASARYK.

Paris.

Special services commemorating the memory of the late Professor Masaryk were held here in the Kehilath Hacherdim Synagogue. The commemoration prayer was recited by the chief Rabbi G. Shneerson.

"Religious Jews will retain the memory of the President-Liberator as a friend of the Jews and as a great democrat," Chief Rabbi Shneerson declared. "The spirit of distatorship, whatever it may be, is foreign to religion which appreciates the free manifestations of human will which dictatorship tends to subjugate. The aim is not all that counts with religion, the means also count."—J.T.A.

## ANDREWS ASSASSINATED BECAUSE HE KNEW OF ARAB REVOLT PLAN.

London.

The "Daily Herald," reports that evidence has been received in London proving that Mr. L. Y. Andrews, District Commissioner for Galilee, "was almost certainly murdered by Arab terrorists because he had discovered details of a plot for a new Arab revolt in Palestine."

As a result of this evidence, the paper asserts, members of all parties will demand a full Parliamentary inquiry into the failure of the Palestine Government to control terrorist activities. The Cabinet, it states, will be asked whether the Palestine Administration was aware of the plan allegedly prepared by the Bludan conference to foment a new uprising with the ultimate aim of establishing a new Arab Empire comprising Transjordan, Syria, Iraq and Palestine, and what action it took to prevent the reign of terror which culminated in the assassination of Mr. Andrews.—J.T.A.

## LITHUANIAN CABINET MEMBER STRESSES JEWISH FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION.

Kaunas.

Strong expressions of friendship between the Jewish and Lithuanian peoples were voiced by members of the Government and leaders of the Government Party in addresses to the conference of Jewish War Veterans held at Jurburg. General Caplikas, the