

# NEWS IN BRIEF.

## JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

According to official figures supplied by the Jewish Agency, 1,656 Jewish immigrants entered Palestine during April, 1939.

A total number of 8,022 immigrants entered Palestine since January, 1939; 927 of that number were capitalists who were accompanied by 1,490 dependants. These figures exclude visitors to the country who were authorised to remain.—(Palcor.)

## U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Dr. L. Milk, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in the United States Administration, accompanied by his wife and daughters, have been on a visit to Jewish settlements in Palestine. He was escorted by the British Director of Agriculture here and his Jewish assistant, Mr. A. Grasovsky, and they had an armoured car escort with Jewish additional constables wherever they went. Dr. Milk took a deep interest in the various soil and other professional questions. They visited the Keren Hayesod kvutzah of Gan Shmuel, and Mrs. Milk promised to lecture in America on Jewish effort in Palestine.—(Palcor.)

## GERMAN-JEWISH CHILDREN FOR PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Immigration certificates under the new April schedule have been sent by the Joint Committee for Redemption of Children and Refugee Welfare for bringing 50 children to Palestine from Germany. The children are now in Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Leipzig, Frankfurt, Antwerp, Verdun and other cities, and the most urgent cases have been considered—children whose parents are in concentration camps, or who are unaware of the whereabouts of their fathers, or where the father has gone to a distant land and the mother has lost her sanity. When the children reach Eretz Israel, they will be taken in by families which have expressed a willingness to adopt or support them. Most will be located in Tel-Aviv and the adjacent colonies.—(Palcor.)

## TWO NEW JEWISH SETTLEMENTS ESTABLISHED IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Two new settlements were established on May 9th near Tirat Zvi and Ein Hashofet. One of the settlements, the Kvutzat Ariyeh of the Poale Mizrahi, occupies 2,200 dunams near Tirat Zvi. The second settlement is of the Hashomer Hazair and it occupies 6,000 dunams on the Dalia Eroukhna lands, near Ein Hashofet.—J.T.A.

## Dr. GLICKSON AND Dr. BOGRACHOW INJURED IN ACCIDENT.

Jerusalem.

While a party of journalists, including Dr. Glickson, Dr. Bograchow, Mr. Evserov, were travelling to Tel-Aviv by car after making a tour of the newly established settlements in the north, their car

collided with a military vehicle. Dr. Glickson and Dr. Bograchow were seriously injured, and Messrs. Gravitzy and Evserov were slightly wounded.—(Palcor.)

## REFUGEES RELEASED.

Jerusalem.

It is learned that the refugees who landed in Palestine without authority and were detained at Sarafend concentration camp, have been released, and that the Government will deduct from the next immigration schedule the number of certificates corresponding to the number of refugees.—(Palcor.)

## PALESTINE FOOTBALL CUP.

Jerusalem.

Over 12,000 people on May 6th saw "Hapoel," Tel-Aviv, beat the Maccabi-Absalom of Petah Tikvah by 2 goals to 1, and thus winning the Palestine Cup for the 1939 season. The Cup now remains in Hapoel's possession because it has been won by that team for the third year in succession.—(Palcor.)

## ARAB YOUTH SENTENCED.

Jerusalem.

An Arab youth aged 16, who was charged with murdering the Jew, Mizrahi last month, was sentenced by the Military Court in Jerusalem to life imprisonment and 20 strokes of the birch.—(Palcor.)

## DEATH OF JEWISH MUSICAL AUTHORITY.

Jerusalem.

Dr. Robert Lachmann, Keeper of the Archives of Oriental Music at the Hebrew University since 1934, died at the age of 47. Dr. Lachmann was a noted authority on comparative oriental music.—(Palcor.)

## TEL-AVIV GAS CONCESSION COMPLETED.

Jerusalem.

The final terms of the Tel-Aviv Gas Company, Ltd's. concession have been approved by the Municipal Council here, and the company will be registered locally with a capital of 150,000 dollars. The concession is for 50 years, but the Municipality may purchase it for its own operation at the end of 25 years on certain terms. The Municipality will get 4 per cent. of the Company's gross profits after it starts work.—(Palcor.)

## REVISIONIST SENTENCED BY MILITARY COURT.

Jerusalem.

Israel Schild, aged 21, a Revisionist, was sentenced by the Military Court in Jerusalem on Friday to a year's imprisonment. Schild was arrested on the 15th March last, and confessed to having attempted to set fire to the building of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.—(Palcor.)

## TEL-AVIV RECOGNISED AS JEWISH MUNICIPALITY.

Jerusalem.

By an order under the Religious Communities' Organisation Ordinance, the High Commissioner has proclaimed the Municipality of Tel-Aviv to be a Jewish Municipality within the meaning of the Jewish Community Rules. This step enables legal form to be given to the recent

fusion between the Tel-Aviv—Jaffa Jewish Community Council and the Municipality. This merger was decided upon after both bodies had, for a long period, practically duplicated certain functions, especially in the sphere of social service and relief. The Tel-Aviv Municipality will now carry on the communal duties formerly discharged by the Community Council.—(Palcor.)

## MISS HARRIET COHEN PLAYS IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Miss Harriet Cohen, eminent Anglo-Jewish pianist, who has arrived in Palestine on a visit of several weeks after a strenuous London season, consented to be soloist at four concerts of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Dr. Malcolm Sargent on April 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th.

When another soloist had to cancel his Palestinian tour owing to the Mediterranean situation, Miss Cohen, who was on board a liner on her way East, agreed to substitute in response to an urgent radiogram. She has already appeared in England on several occasions at orchestral recitals conducted by Dr. Sargent. Regarded as one of the leading women musicians of the day, she is a Bach specialist.—(Palcor.)

## VIOLINS MANUFACTURED IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

In a room in Tel-Aviv, Dr. Elihu Rappoport and two girl students are now engaged in producing Palestine's latest wares—violins. During a visit Mr. Z. Haftel, the concert master of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, tried the violins, which he pronounced, as of exquisite tone.

Dr. Rappoport is hoping for a large export industry. He has already produced 25 violins, some of which have been shipped to South Africa. Violin-making was once a monopoly of Germany, but people no longer wish to buy Nazi goods. Dr. Rappoport get his wood from various countries, but says that Palestinian equality is adequate.

Dr. Rappoport has lived many years in Palestine, and was once an agricultural labourer, a settler at kibbutz Beth Alpha, and a teacher. He started his new vocation of violin-making only recently.—(Palcor.)

## BOOM ACROSS HAIFA HARBOUR INSTALLED.

Jerusalem.

In order to prevent enemy attack in time of war, the 1,335 ton British destroyer H.M.S. Grenade has arrived here to assist in constructing a "boom," or giant drag-net worked on a "zipper" arrangement, across the entrance to Haifa harbour. A tug is always in attendance and draws back the nets when a ship is about to enter or leave the harbour. If a torpedo is fired at the harbour entrance, the "boom" catches the projectile and "hammocks" it back.

It is presumed that British naval men-o'-war will use the harbour as a base in the event of Mediterranean hostilities.—(Palcor.)

## PASSPORTS NEEDED BETWEEN TRANSJORDAN AND PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

For the past 20 years, since the British military occupation under General Allenby, no passports have been required by residents of the neighbouring territories of Palestine and Transjordan wishing to visit