

Latest Cables

Palestine Emergency Conference in New York.

New York.

The Palestine Emergency Conference has passed a resolution stating that any post-war programme of rehabilitation will fail unless Britain and the U.S.A. join to further the development of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

The delegates expressed their disappointment at the failure of the Jewish army negotiations and asked Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, to intervene.

Jewish Army Project.

Washington.

Colonel Patterson, Commander of the Jewish Legion in the last war, and Pierre van Paasen, the famous journalist, addressed the Jewish Army Conference here and demanded the creation of a Jewish Army.

A Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Pierre van Paasen for furthering the project.

3,500 years of Jewish Heroism

STRIKING EXHIBITION.

Jerusalem.

An exhibition illustrating 3,500 years of Jewish heroism was opened here by Mr. I. Gruenbaum. It has been arranged by Mordecai Narkis under the direction of the Bezalel Museum and includes 350 exhibits showing Jews as warriors and as defenders of their own country and freedom.

No Further Statement on Palestine Policy.

London.

Mr. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, stated in the House of Commons that the Government saw no necessity to make a further statement on Palestine policy.

Youth Aliyah.

Jerusalem.

Over 2,300 members of the Youth Aliyah have entered Palestine since the outbreak of war. The total number now in Palestine is 7,700, of which 65 per cent. are engaged in agriculture.

Histadruth Elections.

Jerusalem.

Eighty thousand people participated in the Histadruth elections. The preliminary results show a large majority in favour of the Mapai.

Polish Jews in Japan.

London.

It is learnt from Dr. Schwartzbart, Jewish representative on the Polish National Council, that no Polish Jews re-

Palestine Symphony Orchestra.

CONCERT TOUR IN EGYPT.

Jerusalem.

The Palestine Symphony Orchestra has returned from their eight-day concert tour in Egypt. No less than 15,000 people, both troops and civilians, heard the twelve concerts given there. There were two gala performances in Cairo and Alexandria, three youth concerts in Alexandria and Heliopolis, concerts for the Army, Navy and Air Force, and an Egyptian Red Crescent benefit concert. Three concerts, given for youth, were conducted by Crawford McNair, formerly Director of Programmes, Palestine Broadcasting Service, who left that post this year. He was wearing the uniform of a Royal Air Force officer, and is now stationed in Egypt.

main in Japan, but that a thousand are included among Shanghai's Jewish population of 2,500.

IN BRIEF.

Washington.

The sum of 400,000 dollars was raised in 1941 by the Jewish section of the Inter-faith Committee to aid the Democracies.

Stockholm.

Anti-Jewish legislation in Finland and Denmark is expected shortly as a result of Nazi pressure.

Jerusalem.

Leo Gutfreund, one of the survivors of the "Patria" disaster, is the first Czech to be killed in Tobruk.

Paris.

An anti-Jewish Exhibition is to be held here; the Press is renewing its anti-Jewish campaign.

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Agency's Experimental Station (on whose premises the conference was held) had carried out successful scientific experiments in this respect. Major Mason declared that the Government with the assistance of the Jewish Agency had organised the purchase of most of the seed that would enable 15,000 dunams of ground nuts to be planted. If all did their duty, it would be possible in 1942 to meet Palestine's need in this crop. Before the war, one ton cost £P13, but now it had increased fourfold. Planting and maintenance costs had been decreased, he disclosed, as a result of the successful experiments at the Rehovoth station. Dr. D. Horowitz spoke on the scientific aspect of ground nut and soya bean growing. Prof. I. Wilkansky (Volcani) declared that the extension of oil-plant production would facilitate the possibilities for large-scale colonisation on mixed farming basis. Two hundred and fifty farmers from 120 Jewish farming centres in all parts of the country and of all types attended the conference.

Turnover of Tnuva.

£1,000,000 MARK PASSED.

Jerusalem.

The turnover of Tnuva, central sales organisation of the Jewish agricultural settlements, has for the first time passed the £P1,000,000 mark. The increase is due both to the higher output of milk, milk products, eggs and vegetables, but also to the higher prices. The turnover increased from £P704,200 in 1939/40 to £P1,060,000 during the year ended September 30, 1941, or by more than 50 per cent., of which milk and milk products accounted for £P470,000. Milk production reached a new record at about 19,000,000 litres, or 2,200,000 more than in the previous 12 months. Demand for liquid milk was larger both for general consumption and for the Army. Some 10,000,000 litres of milk were turned into cheese, butter or cream by the central dairy at Tel Yosef. Four different types of cheese are now being produced. The output of goat milk totalled some 750,000 litres, and some 60 tons of goat-milk cheese were made. The output of eggs marked a 15 per cent. decrease, the first for many years, owing to the increase of fodder prices.

The production of vegetables, excluding potatoes, rose from 10,400 tons to between 11,500 and 12,000 tons, while sales of potatoes increased from 3,830 to 4,400 tons. Sales of fruit, especially bananas, grapes, apples, pears, etc., rose, prices being only slightly higher. Much progress was noted at the five factories of the settlements of Ashdod Yaacov, Givat Brenner, Givat Haim, Kfar Giladi and Kfar Vitkin, which produce jam, marmalades, fruit juices, citrus by-products, vegetables, preserves, etc.

Catches of lake and sea fish and fish from artificial ponds showed much progress, sales advancing from 94 to 140 tons, valued at about £P16,000. More than 1,000 dunams in various settlements have been reserved for fish ponds from which fish are already being sold, while another 400 dunams of ponds are filled with young fish.

Increasing Agricultural Production in Palestine.

MEETING OF JEWISH FARMERS.

Jerusalem.

A meeting of Jewish farmers assembled at Rehovoth to discuss means to increase agricultural production, was addressed by Major Frank Reginald Mason, Director of Agriculture and Fisheries in the Palestine Government. The main problem before the conference was the production of various kinds of oil, especially from ground-nuts. Before the war some 20,000 tons of ground-nuts were imported for the value of £P250,000, according to the estimate of Dr. Arthur Ruppin, and by being grown locally, some 2,000 families would find a livelihood. The area to be planted for the harvesting of this quantity would be 50,000 dunams. The conference also dwelt on the growing of soya beans, which have great nutritive value for humans and can be used as a green fodder for cattle, apart from its various industrial qualities. The Jewish

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