

NEWS IN BRIEF.

AMERICAN JEWS IN PALESTINE EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Jerusalem.

Greetings and appreciation to President Roosevelt, for his services in supporting the justice and defence of Jewish rights in Palestine, were adopted in Tel-Aviv at the Conference of the American Jewish Association under the chairmanship of Mr. Elias Ginsburg of Haifa. The conference appealed to United States Jewry for co-ordination of efforts for Palestine in the present emergency.—(Palcor.)

SIR DAVID EZRA'S GIFT TO TEL-AVIV ZOO.

Jerusalem.

Sir David Ezra, of Calcutta, has sent to the Tel-Aviv Zoological Garden Society some "Alexandrian and other parrots and birds, a pair of Indian martens and a pair of monkeys. The Tel-Aviv Zoo, which was founded and is conducted by Rabbi Schornstein, formerly of Copenhagen, has received a large number of animals as gifts lately.—(Palcor.)

HAPOEI SPORTS ORGANISATION.

Jerusalem.

About 2,500 workers from towns and Keren Hayesod settlements in Palestine participated in the Passover rally of the Hapoel Sports Organisation at the Maccabiah Stadium in Tel-Aviv on Sunday and Monday, April 9th and 10th. There were 5,000 spectators. The participants wore uniforms of blue shirts bearing the Hapoel emblem and khaki shorts. Tableaux of current events in Palestine were staged by workers under the direction of Z. Baraban, of the Ohel Workers' Theatre, whilst there was also a sports tournament.—(Palcor.)

FAMOUS BRITISH CONDUCTOR IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Dr. Malcolm Sargent, famous British conductor, has arrived in Palestine to conduct the 7th and 8th subscription series of eight concerts of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra. He will spend 18 days in Palestine on his third annual engagement.—(Palcor.)

MEMBERSHIP OF HISTADRUTH.

Jerusalem.

Figures published by the Histadruth show that the total membership of the Histadruth numbers 108,010, of whom 86 per cent. is engaged in agriculture.

The Sole Boneh (contracting agency of the Histadruth), undertook Army contracts during 1938 to the value of half a million pounds, including contracts in non-Jewish areas. Further large works are proceeding.—(Palcor.)

SENTENCE ON JEW QUASHED.

Jerusalem.

Major-General R. H. Haining, General Officer in Command of British troops in Palestine, has quashed the sentence of five years' imprisonment imposed by the Jerusalem Military Court on the 64-year-old Jew, Efraim Shmuel Kahana, for the possession of revolvers, bullets and explosive materials. Kahana will be released on surety of £250. Kahana was previously an arms dealer, but his licence to sell arms was revoked on January 1st.—J.T.A.

DEATH OF DR. MAX DIENEMANN.

Jerusalem.

The death took place in Tel-Aviv of Dr. Max Dienemann, one of the leaders of the World Union Progressive Judaism.

Dr. Dienemann was only three weeks in Palestine, and his death is due to his sufferings inflicted upon him in the concentration camp in Buchenwald, where he was kept after his arrest during the November pogrom.

Dr. Dienemann was born in 1875 in Krotoszyn, in the district of Posen. Between 1903 and 1919 he was Rabbi in Ratibor, Eastern Silesia, and since then District Rabbi in Offenbach-on-the-Main. He was the author of a number of works on Jewish religion as well as of a book on Judaism and Christianity. In addition he contributed a large number of articles and essays on Jewish theological subjects.—J.T.A.

WASHINGTON AVENUE NAMED IN TEL-AVIV.

Jerusalem.

America's capital, Washington, has been honoured by the naming of an avenue of trees in the Florentin Quarter of Tel-Aviv. Residents have planted 240 trees and called the site Washington Avenue, as a tribute to the fine American spirit of to-day which has so greatly enheartened the oppressed Jewish people. Deputy-Mayor Dov Hos, Councillor Moshe Chelouche, Councillor S. Shoshani and other Municipality officers were at the inauguration ceremony.

Florentin Quarter is still affiliated with the Jaffa Municipal Administration, but its inhabitants hope, as a result of their prolonged campaign, to come within Tel-Aviv jurisdiction.—(Palcor.)

"JUEDISCHE WELT RUNDSCHAU" TO BE PRINTED IN PARIS.

Jerusalem.

Terminating a controversy which arose over the jealous protection of Hebrew as the sole public language of the Yishuv, it has been decided that the "Juedisch Welt Rundschau," replacing the famous Berlin organ of the Zionist Organisation, is to be printed and published in Paris instead of in Palestine. Moreover, the bulletin of the German Settlers' Association is to become only a house organ for members, and will not be offered for sale.

The bulletin of the Hitachduth Olei Germania ve' Olei Austria is to have a Hebrew section equivalent in length to the German matter, and will only be circulated to Hitachduth members.—(Palcor.)

SEPHARDIC CONGRESS IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

A Congress of Sephardic Jews with the object of uniting all the Sephardic Jews of Palestine in one organisation took place here. Mr. Abraham Almalia, Executive member of the Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi), was the leading figure at the Congress.

Speakers at the Congress pointed out that the interests of the Sephardic community in Palestine are not safeguarded and that the community does not occupy a place in the social life of the country which would correspond to its numerical strength. The Sephardic Community numbers 140,000 persons, but their participation in the Jewish social and political life, is much lower than it should be in proportion to the general Jewish population.

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ARAB BANK AT JAFFA RAIDED.

Jerusalem.

Armed terrorists raided the Arab Bank at Jaffa and escaped after they held up the clerks and robbed LP.2,850. Police and troops immediately cordoned and searched the area, finding LP.1,414 in two adjoining houses, and confiscating four revolvers. Later they found another LP.110. Nine Arabs were arrested.—(Palcor.)

JEWISH POLICEMAN DECORATED FOR GALLANTRY.

Jerusalem.

An impressive parade of the Palestine Police took place in Jerusalem, when the High Commissioner, Sir Harold MacMichael, distributed decorations and medals to 29 officers and men for gallant and meritorious service during the disturbances. Three Jews were included among those who received decorations for gallantry. They are Assistant Superintendent Salmon Sofer of Jerusalem, who received a medal of the British Empire; Constable Nathan Bacher of Kfar Saba, who was decorated for gallantry which led to the capture of a whole gang of brigands, and Moshe Goldstein, a ghaffir, of Pardess Hanna, who, though already wounded, assisted his companion in engaging brigands, killing two and routing the remainder.—(Palcor.)