

Two scholarships named for Hanna Rovina — the leading lady of "Habimah" — are to be given by the Jewish Agency and Vaad Leumi Executives for students of "Habimah" School of Drama, in appreciation of her recent tour of the Jewish Brigade Group and other Palestine units fighting on the Italian front.

The announcement was made by Dr. A. Katznelson at a reception for Miss Rovina on Thursday night at Mr. I. Kline's house after the performance of "Phedre" in Jerusalem. Mr. M. Shertok read a letter from the British officer serving with the Jewish Brigade, describing the deep impression made by Miss Rovina's performances near the front-line against a background of artillery and mortar fire. Hundreds of letters of appreciation are now coming from the men.

## RALLIES OPEN MARITIME DAY CELEBRATIONS

### SCHOOL-CHILDREN TO PARADE IN HAIFA

Maritime Day celebrations began in Haifa on Friday night with a get-together of Jewish seamen at the Sailors Club on Kingsway.

A mass meeting at Maccabi Hall yesterday morning heard speakers on the importance of Jewish seafaring for the economic and national future of Palestine, including Dr. H. Wiedra, of the Jewish Agency's Maritime Department and Mr. M. Pomrook, of the Palestine Maritime League.

There will be a rally and parade of thousands of school-children and members of sports organizations at the Reali School Ground on Hadar Hacarmel this afternoon, when Mr. Moshe Shertok, Head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency, will be the principal speaker. The celebrations will be rounded off with a dinner at the Werner Cafe.

### RECRUITS STILL NEEDED

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A recruiting parade of some 200 ex-servicemen was held in Allenby Road here today. The discharged soldiers marched through the streets with placards calling for recruits for the Jewish Brigade.

The parade followed a meeting at the Magen David Adom Hall which was addressed by Mr. M. Shertok. He appealed for recruits to fill the ranks of the Brigade which, he urged, should be kept for garrison duties in occupied Germany. The ranks could be filled by new volunteers, members of existing units and by Jews from liberated countries, he declared.

A VICTORY RALLY will be held this afternoon at 5, under the auspices of the Vaad Leumi, at the open-air theatre of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. Mr. Shertok, Chairman of the Vaad Leumi Executive and Assembly, and representatives of Local Councils will be present, and speakers will include Mr. M. Shertok, the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Herzog, Mr. D. Renz, and Dr. M. Sneh. There will be additional bus service (No. 9) beginning at 4 o'clock.

# MASS V-DAY RALLIES

Entire Jewish communities everywhere in Palestine, in the large towns, in the villages and even the remote settlements turned out yesterday afternoon in their tens and hundreds of thousands for parades and mass celebrations, on the occasion of victory in Europe. Little was reported of festivities in Arab centres except in Amman, Acre, and Gaza, while Jaffa and Nablus had only official functions. Palestine Post reporters telephoned from those towns last night as well as from Haifa, Tel Aviv, Safad, Tiberias, the Sharon, and the Jezreel Valley. Some of their accounts are given on Page 3.

The excitement in Jerusalem began on Tuesday lasting long into the night, with singing and dancing in Jaffa Road and in the Zion Circus, turned into a mass parade and demonstration yesterday afternoon.

Old residents said that they had never witnessed such a turn-out, thousands of spectators lined the streets to watch the parade of tens of thousands, which converged on the Jewish Agency Building, at the entrance of which the Zionist colours were draped, and bordered in black in mourning for the Jews murdered in Europe.

In the parade, headed by members of the Jewish Community and Labour Councils, there marched students, working youth, discharged soldiers of this war and veterans of the

## "May Justice Be Done to Jews"

### MR. SHERTOK'S MESSAGE TO LORD GORT

Feelings of profound relief and thankfulness, shared by Jews throughout the world, at the final and decisive victory achieved by H.M. Forces and the Allied Armies over Nazi Germany were conveyed yesterday in a letter to Lord Gort as representative of His Majesty, from Mr. Shertok, writing on behalf of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

"While mourning the millions of their dead, Jews rejoice in the defeat of the infernal regime, which from its inception, singled out the Jewish people for repression and destruction, and has caused so much suffering throughout Europe, and in the triumph of the cause of freedom and justice with which Great Britain has become so singularly identified," writes Mr. Shertok. "At this solemn hour we fervently trust that in the shaping of the new international order, justice may be done to the Jewish people, and its age-long yearning for national rehabilitation in the land of its origin may be fulfilled," the letter states.

"May I add that in this hour of victory, we remember the valiant part which your Excellency personally took in the conduct of military operations during the most critical phase of the war. We share in the satisfaction which you must feel that the struggles and sacrifices of those dark days have not been in vain."

last, scouts, sports organizations, and delegations of various political parties. Their slogans, which drew loud and prolonged cheers from the watching crowds, demanded free immigration to Palestine of the Jews of Europe, the abrogation of the White Paper, the right of self-defence, and the settlement of this country.

From the balcony of the Jewish National Fund Building, in the presence of the Head of the Political Department, Mr. Shertok, the Acting Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Auster, and representatives of national institutions, Mr. I. Ben-Zvi, President of the Vaad Leumi spoke to the gathering.

## DOROTHY THOMPSON LEAVES PALESTINE

Dorothy Thompson, the American columnist, and her husband Maximilian Kopf, who have spent about a week in Palestine, left yesterday on their way to Germany. They were the guests at a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. M. Shertok, at their home in Rehavia on Tuesday evening.

Miss Thompson, who was introduced by Mr. Shertok, stated that she was a Zionist insofar as a devout Christian passionately devoted to her faith could be a Zionist. She had, during her very short stay here, exhausted her capacity for impressions. She had been thrilled by the work of the young people in the communal villages in Palestine, stating that pioneering settlement of the type undertaken here needed a deep faith and ideological inspiration.

Miss Thompson met several Arab political leaders during her stay.

## NEW TAXES DISCUSSED

The proposed new taxation, in particular the increase in Company Income Tax, was discussed by a delegation of the Jewish Agency Executive in a two-hour interview with the Chief Secretary, Mr. R. Scott, and the Financial Secretary, Mr. A. W. I. Savage, yesterday.

The delegation, which was composed of Mr. M. Shertok, Dr. E. Shmora and Mr. D. Horowitz, emphasized that the new taxes mostly burdened the Jewish population, which, in addition, had to provide for the maintenance of its own educational and social services as well as its emergency relief services.

The adverse influence which the new taxation would have on the general economic life of the country, particularly during the transition period from war to peace, when special encouragement of productive investments would be necessary, was also stressed.

## JEWISH CLAIMS TO STATEHOOD REINFORCED

### MR. SHERTOK AT PRESS MEETING

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The claim to Palestine as a Jewish State was the cry of Jewish martyrdom which had plumbed the profoundest depths of poignancy, declared Mr. M. Shertok, head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency, in a speech at the formal

Palestine Journalists, in the Museum here.

Referring to the San Francisco Conference, Mr. Shertok pointed out that the Jewish claim for statehood was clearly reinforced by the appearance in the international arena of five Arab States enjoying complete equality in the family of the United Nations and united in the framework of the Arab League.

The Jews of the world, with five million victims of the slaughter, with tens of thousands of soldiers on all battle-fronts, with a magnificent movement of voluntary enlistments in Palestine culminating in the Jewish Brigade Group which had carried the Jewish flag into battle, have been left on the threshold of the conference room. Various Arab States, on the other hand, whose attitude in the present war and whose contributions to the war effort were well-known, had merely to put their hands to certain paper formulae to gain admission.

This new departure fundamentally alters the setting of the political stage on which the Zionist issue is to be fought out. Hitherto, when we were reduced to lobbying at international conferences without being given a seat, we could console ourselves with the theory that there sat a non-partisan world tribunal before which the Jews appeared as mere claimants. But now, one of the contending parties had been elevated to judgeship and occupied a seat on the bench.

### Arab Claim

Mr. Shertok referred to the claim of the Arab States for the position as Mandatory Power for Palestine. So far, the considerations by which our issue was judged were those of equity, practicability, expediency and its effect on the other political issues at stake. Now, a new factor had become operative — that of a national will uncompromisingly hostile to ours. There is no way of settling it save by bringing the positive national will of the Jewish people to bear upon the issue and to oppose the negative will of the Arabs, continued Mr. Shertok.

In these circumstances, the denial to the Jewish people of statehood and an officially recognized representation based on international equality ceases to be a mere historic wrong to which the entire world has become accustomed and to which it had perforce to acquiesce. In view of the quintuple representation granted to the Arab world, our disqualification becomes a glaring distortion of modern realities — in fact an intolerable political absurdity.

Insistence on statehood should not blind us, however, to the question of area and scope of development, Mr. Shertok went on. Our purpose is not merely to achieve a symbol of independence but to create a new reality, broad and secure. Statehood is the instrument and framework; mass settlement is the aim and substance. We must have all Palestine, namely all the empty spaces of Palestine and all its potentialities which only we can utilize effectively. We should, therefore, equally emphasize our claim regarding