

a hearty send-off at a reception held at the Beitenu Hall on Hadar Hacarmel yesterday afternoon, prior to their leaving for camp tomorrow.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. David Hacoheh, co-manager of Solel Boneh Ltd., and speakers included Messrs. D. Remez, Aba Hushi, Beri Repetur and many others. Farewell messages were also received from Mr. Moshe Shertok, the Jewish Agency Recruiting Office, and from a number of Jewish public institutions. After refreshments were served the ceremony ended with the singing of the Jewish National Anthem. 15.9.42

Dr. A. Granovsky, of the Jewish National Fund, reported during the year since its President died, while Mr. M. Shertok spoke on the political importance of the Fund to the Zionist movement. 24.9.42

Mr. Shertok, Head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, reported on his talks with Mr. Willkie and the talks between a Jewish delegation and Mr. Casey. 25.9.42

NEW RECRUIT MARCHES WITH VETERAN

"BATTALION DAY" PARADE IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Jewish infantrymen to be incorporated in the newly constituted Palestine Regiment were the vanguard, and veterans of the last war bearing the regimental colours of the "1st Judeans" brought up the rear at an impressive Battalion Day parade through streets decorated with flags and greenery this afternoon. 26.9.42

(Marching from the Central Bur Terminus, the 1,500 Jewish soldiers, A.T.S. and veterans swung off 2nd of November Square, where they were reviewed from a decorated platform by the Area Commander, Colonel Goodwin; the District Commissioner, Mr. R. E. H. Crosbie; the head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, Mr. M. Shertok; and the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Israel Rekach. They later broke ranks at Dizengoff Circle and drew to the Maccabi Stadium where a crowd of 15,000 saw the inter-company finals of sports competitions, at the close of which a message from the Jewish community was read by Dr. B. Z. Mossinsohn of the National Council (Vaad Leumi) for Palestine Jews.

The head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, Mr. M. Shertok, affirmed that Great Britain and her Allies were reaping the benefit of the Zionist development. The war effort was, firstly, a duty to the Jewish people and also vital for the future of the National Home. 11.10.42

Speaking of conditions in Palestine, Mr. Shertok outlined the efforts of the Jewish Agency in promoting neighbourly relations with the Arab population. "We are not designing to rule or dominate anybody," the speaker said, "We are not striving to exploit countries; our ideal is not endless strife with our neighbours. We want

SUBSTITUTE ZIONIST CONGRESS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — All five members of the Palestine Executive of the Jewish Agency now in Palestine will be among the speakers at the second war-time "substitute Zionist Congress" to be held tomorrow evening and Wednesday at the Ohel Hall here. 29.9.42

The absentee members are the President, Dr. Chaim Weizman, the Chairman, at present in New York; Mr. David Ben Gurion, on the way to Palestine; and Mrs. Rose Jacobs, of New York.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, will preside at Monday night's opening session when he will speak on "Jews in the Diaspora."

There will be three sessions on Tuesday. The feature of the morning session will be a political survey by Mr. Shertok.

The participants will be representatives of the Jewish public institutions, members of the Zionist Executive, some 200 delegates to the last Zionist Congress who are now in this country, and representatives of public organizations and institutions.

First Volunteers Welcomed Back

PALESTINIANS SAW SERVICE ON 4 FRONTS

TEL AVIV, Thursday. Palestine's first volunteers to the army, who returned to this country after three years of service in France, Greece, Crete and the Western Desert, were feted by the Jewish Soldiers Welfare Committee here last night. 2.10.42

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Eurstein, and speakers included Mr. M. Shertok, Mr. E. Golomb, J. Baral and Chelouche and a private in an Infantry Company. An AMPC Sergeant replied.

Mr. Ben-Gurion Back in Tel Aviv

IN AMERICA AND ENGLAND

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, arrived here yesterday from Cairo after an absence from Palestine of just over a year. 4.10.42

Mr. Ben-Gurion, who returned in an American passenger plane, was welcomed at the airport by Mr. M. Shertok, Mr. E. Kaplan, Dr. B. Joseph and Mr. D. Remez.

PROPOSED GORDON MEMORIAL REST HOME

The suggestion that a "Special Policemen's Rest Home" be built in memory of the late Joshua Gordon, of the Jewish Agency was made at the unveiling of his tombstone on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem yesterday, the first anniversary of his death. The proposal was made in the course of his eulogy by Mr. J. Rabinovitch, senior worker at the Jewish Agency. Those who attended the ceremony included Gordon's former comrades-in-arms in



The Colonel, O.C. Palestine Recruit Training Depot taking the Salute (at the right of the picture) with the Adjutant, P.R.T.D., and Mr. M. Shertok, of the Jewish Agency, standing behind him. 10.10.42

Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Shertok were hosts to some 150 officers and nurses of British, American New Zealand, Australian, Jewish, Polish and Indian army formations at a cocktail party on Sunday evening at the Experimental Station in Rehovot.

JEWISH LABOUR CONFERENCE CLOSED

WORKING YOUTH URGE TO UNITE

KIFAR VITKIN, Saturday. — The Zionist platform adopted by the Histadrut (Jewish Labour Federation) at their recent Tel Aviv conference, and the "Biltmore Programme" adopted by the Zionist Organization of America, were endorsed at the first Palestine conference of the Jewish Labour Party which closed here on Thursday night after four days' deliberations. New statutes adopted at the conference include a clause providing for the dissolution of factions within the party. This was passed by 205 votes to 100, the Opposition group having more than 100 delegates abstaining. The preamble of the new 19-clause constitution stated that membership in the party is conditional upon adherence to its principles. A debate must be held on matters of policy whenever demanded by one-third of the Central Committee. 1.11.42

The conference urged labour youth movements to unite, an extended greetings to Jewish soldiers and auxiliaries, both serving and prisoners. Some 500 delegates representing agricultural and industrial workers from towns and settlements in all parts of the country and guests filled the cooperative settlement's hall (Beth Haam) throughout the discussions. The principal political address was delivered at the opening session on Sunday night and on the following morning by Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive (also of the Party). He spoke of the post-war aspirations of the Jewish people, when the rehabilitation of the remnants of European Jewry would be a problem for the Jewish nation as well as the states reconstructing the future.

At a later session, Mr. Moshe Shertok added that the present demands of the Jewish people in Palestine were based upon the work of the 25 year

Completed Unit Leaves

An hour before the departure for the front of a recently completed Jewish army unit, an open-air farewell reception and religious service was held in a training camp and was attended by Mr. M. Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, British Commanding Officers and representatives of the Jewish Soldiers Welfare Committee. 14.10.42

One of the soldiers led the service and addresses were delivered by the Company's Officer Commanding, the Chaplain, and Mr. Shertok, Biblical recitations and group singing completed the programme.

Petah Tikva Begins Drive

Thousands of spectators in Petah Tikvah on Saturday afternoon saw a parade of A.T.S. auxiliaries together with contingents of Jewish auxiliary police, firemen, first aid volunteers, and other passive defence workers, as well as representatives of youth organizations. Twelve hundred strong, the procession was greeted in the Town Hall courtyard where it formed up, by the Mayor, Mr. J. Saphir, and Mr. J. Rashish, of the Recruiting Committee. 10.11.42

The one-week recruiting drive in the town was launched on Friday night at a rally at which the principal speaker, Mr. Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department foreshadowed a new phase in Palestine Jewry's recruitment activity, which would this time also create the framework for the wider enlistment of Jewish women. Maintaining that the war which would wipe the forces of evil off the slate of history, was only now beginning, Mr. Shertok urged that the time had come to establish the Jewish battalions for whom a vital task was awaiting.

Excellent Combatant Forces

He recalled the fine service by Jewish units in the desert campaign, and stated that the work done by the Jewish infantry companies, who had proved excellent combatant forces, justified the decision to incorporate