SUMMARY

M. PERACH — a new oleh from Riga, tells about Riga's Jews and their struggle for self-expression as a Jewish community. This centres around a persistent attempt to erect a memorial to thousands of Jews who had been massacred near Riga, the capital of Latvia, and buried in a mass-grave at Romboli. The writer, who calls himself M. Perach, tells a very convincing tale of the growth of Jewish self-consciousness, courage and persistence, as the struggle developes.

JERZY ROSS — a Jewish writer and journalist from Poland, former cultural attaché at the Polish embassy in the U.S.A. — a newcomer to Israel — brings us the story of a forced-labour camp at Poniatov. Ross, who had served in the Warsaw Ghetto Red Magen David, providing medical aid to those who were wounded in the uprising, eventually reached Poniatov with the evacuées from the "shop" district.

In this article Ross describes the camp's construction, the prisoners' labour, human relations and the camp's regime. In one of the transports from the camp, Jerzy Ross was transferred to the affiliated camp, working for the German air-force. Thanks to this accidental transfer, his life was saved, during the German massacre of prisoners at Majdanek, Poniatov and Travniki.

The late LUDWIG WÖRL a German and former prisoner in Nazi concentrations camps — one of the "righteous of the nations" — describes his work as a medical orderly in several concentration camps. Wörl used many devices in his attempts to ease the prisoners' suffering. His status as an experienced worker in the medical service, enabled him to get first-hand information about the camp's establishment, and the way the labour and extermination were organised, masked as health services. Wörl was one of the few Germans, whose soul bore the permanent scar left by the memories of the past and its horrors.

CHAIM KAFRI — a member of Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, originating from Slovakia, took pains to collect rich documentary

evidence about the life and work of Gizi Fleishman — a noble and courageous figure of the Jewish underground in Slovakia. She belonged to a small circle, whose members made various attempts to rescue Slovakian Jewry. Giving up a chance to save her own life, she remained at her post, until she was deported to Auschwitz, where she died.

ARYEH MORGENSTERN — prepared a study about the methods of organisation and work of the Jewish Relief Committee, attached to the Jewish Agency, during the Second World War. Aryeh Morgenstern, born in Israel and a student at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, prepared the study as his thesis at the University's Institute of Contemporary Jewish History. The study, based upon material from archives, and evidence collected from former committee-members, describes its dilemmas concerning methods of organisation, financing, its oversights and systems of action.

Dr. YEHUDA BAUER — of the Institute of Contemporary Jewish History at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, publishes a chapter of his study of the "Brihah" movement — "Flight and Rescue"; This book — the fruit of prolonged research, appeared in the English language and is being edited and translated for publication in Hebrew. The Hebrew edition will be published by Moreshet and Sifriath Ha'poalim.

ISRAEL GUTMAN — analyses the motivation and character of the recent Anti-Semitic wave in Poland, flowing in two channels: 1) An attempt to purge the Poles of the responsibility for cooperation and passivity at the time of the mass-massacres of Jews during the Second World War. 2) An Anti-Semitic drive against the Jewish nation, Zionism and Israel. The author of this article attempts to trace the causes of the Anti-Semitic outbreak, stressing its specific characteristics.

ALEXANDER KLUGMAN — editor of the Polish daily newspaper in Israel — "Nowiny Kurier" and an expert on polish affairs in this country, gives a detailed description of a batch of quasi-scientific propaganda publications, mirroring the attitude to Jews, Zionism and Israel and exposing the vulgar and despicable character of the recent Anti-Semitic wave in Poland.

Dr. CHAIM SHAMIR — of the Tel Aviv University, publishes a collection of records reflecting The Anti-semitic propaganda methods used by the Weltdienst, a German organization for spreading antisemitism in some European countries.

Dr. DOV LEVIN reviews two books: one, by Dr. Mark Dvorecki, on the subject of concentration-camps in Estonia; the other — a history of a Jewish community in the Soviet Union.

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