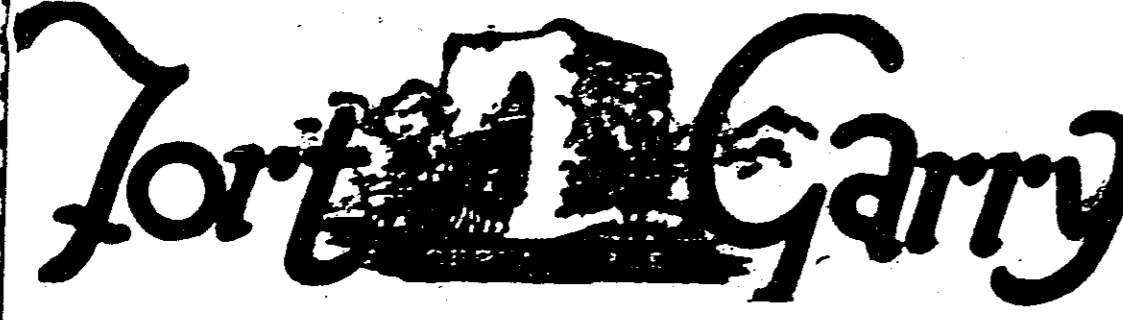


Robbe. I am going but whereto? Perhaps I should better remain here." No one knew where to go. Everyone felt helpless, forsaken and forgotten.

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But they had to disperse — to flee — hoping, praying for the best. Never will I forget that morning session at Slobodka. The date should be remembered. It was a momentous incident in Jewish history. The future historian will have to record: "On the 23rd day of June 1941, they stopped studying in Slobodka; for the last time the voice of the Torah was heard on Glazer and Forman streets."

Several days later, Friday, the 27th day of June, (Tamuz 2), the great Rosh Yeshiva, Hagon Reb Shraga Hurwitz passed away.

This was the third day of the murderous pogrom which snuffed out the lives of hundreds of Jews. This is the terrible regards, the horrible tale of Slobodka's end which I must relate to you. But with this story of death and ruination, I must add the following word

of hope and comfort. "Netzach Yisroel Lo Yeshaker." Slobodka will rise again in Eretz Israel to continue its glorious, divine tradition of teaching Torah and Musor. For only with Torah and true, lofty Yiddishkeit — "am Yisroel chai". In our day we may witness the return to Yisroel to Eretz Yisroel — "bimheira beyameinu, amen."

The Roman Catholic custodian of the Holy Land has declared in a recent widely publicized article that the re-establishment of Israel as a state is not contrary to Catholic doctrine. Writing in "Terra Sancta Magazine," Father Giacinti Pactio has declared that not alone is Israel's reconstitution compatible with passages of Catholic doctrine which he cited, but, in addition, even the rebuilding of the Temple on its former site would not be contrary to "New

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Rivkah Rieger-Israel's Art Ambassador to U.S.

By HAROLD STEIN

Israel is now sending to the United States all kinds of representatives — diplomatic, political and commercial. Rivkah Rieger is not one of these official representatives. However, in the opinion of many American art lovers she is the "ambassador" of Israeli art in this country. An exhibition of her art work in New York is now attracting a good deal of attention.

Rivkah Rieger, the wife of Dr. Eliezer Rieger, professor of education at the Hebrew university, has been painting for many years. She studied in Paris, Vienna and at the Bezalel School in Jerusalem. The Riegers have three gifted daughters, one of whom, Sholomit, is an artist of great promise who will continue her art studies when she is released from the Israeli army. Dr. and Mrs. Rieger are now in the United States.

these media extremely effectively. Her style is serene yet bold, vivid and colorful yet quiet and peaceful, dynamic and moving yet sensitive and modest. It is evident that the artist loves to paint and that she paints surely and swiftly with broad strokes and deep vision. Her work is expressionistic and modern and each picture bears witness to the artist's complete absorption in her subject.

Those who have watched Rivkah Rieger paint have said that at such times she is recognizable, "as one possessed." Proof of this lies in the fact that several of her pictures to be shown were painted while the bombs were falling during the siege of Jerusalem.

The works being exhibited here are, for the most part, landscapes, floral pieces, and portraits. The landscapes are in oils and water colors, the subjects are views of

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