

\$4500 Given Palestine Orchestra

The Palestine Orchestra, comprising first-string symphonic musicians who play now for about \$20 a week, was enriched last night by a \$4500 gift from 200 prominent Philadelphians.

The check was presented to Dr. Albert Einstein, noted physicist and himself a refugee from oppression, at a brilliant dinner in the Warwick.

Rubinstein Speaks.

Dr. Einstein, an amateur violinist, was present in his capacity as honorary president of the American Committee of the Palestine Orchestra Fund, which has set a nationwide goal of \$50,000. The other guest of honor was Arthur Rubinstein, Polish concert pianist, who said:

"Aside from the fact that we are persecuted the world over, we Jews are normally helpless. When we do something notable, we are known as a German scientist, a French writer—or a Polish pianist.

"In the Palestine Orchestra, composed of refugees who were soloists and first-string instrumentalists in their own countries, we have a nucleus of which Jews can be peculiarly proud."

The dinner was given by Frederic R. Mann, president of the Seaboard Container Corporation, and Mrs. Mann. To assure that the guests' contributions should go exclusively to the orchestra fund, Mann defrayed the total expense of the affair.

Gives Hour's Recital.

In presenting the check to Dr. Einstein, the host explained the eminent physicist ignored a slight indisposition in order to attend and therefore would not speak, except to give formal thanks. Besides making a brief address, Rubinstein gave an hour's recital.

Among the guests were Judge Eugene V. Alessandroni, Ellis A. Gimbel, Dr. Jacob Billikopf, State Supreme Court Justice Horace Stern, Howard Loeb, Sol Hurok and Jerome Louchheim.

The Palestine Orchestra was formed in 1935 by Bronislaw Huberman, concert violinist, and was conducted in its first concert by Arturo Toscanini, who gave his services free. Its members, whose talents commanded large fees in their home countries, average between \$80 and \$100 a month in salary.