

## "Subversive Activities Control Act" in U.S.

### OPPOSED BY AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS.

New York.

The Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress (United States affiliate of the World Jewish Congress) has adopted a resolution opposing the "Subversive Activities Control Act" (the so-called Mundt Bill). The opposition is based on the ground that the Bill "would promote one form of totalitarianism without, in any way, meeting the threat of subversive activity with which it purports to deal."

The resolution further states: "The Bill is frankly aimed at curbing the activities of organisations, loosely described as 'communist-front' organisations." The experience of recent years shows clearly that powerful elements in our country are only too ready to apply that term to all organisations which believe in and work for the extension of democracy in this country by eliminating discrimination, protecting civil rights, and promoting equality of opportunity. The mere fact that the Communist Party of America advocates price control and the extension of anti-trust laws, social security and minimum wage legislation, as well as legislation curbing the evils of racial and religious discrimination, would make it highly dangerous for any other group to support such causes."—W.J.A.

## India's New Constitution and the Jews.

Bombay.

The vast majority of the Jews of India will automatically become Indian citizens, whilst others will have the option to acquire Indian citizenship under the terms of the draft of the future Constitution of India recently published, reports "Shema," organ of the Jewish Association of Calcutta. The Constitution also provides that no person attending educational institutions recognised or maintained by the State shall be required to take part in religious instruction imparted there or to attend religious worship conducted in such institutions unless such person or his guardian has consented to it.—W.J.A.

## Jewish Theological Seminary Confers Honorary Degrees.

New York.

Honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters were conferred upon Paul Baerwald, one of the founders of the Joint Distribution Committee, Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, former adviser on Jewish affairs to the U.S. command in Europe, and (in absentia) Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council in Israel, at commencement exercises held at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Dr. Solomon Grayzel, editor of the Jewish Publication Society, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters. Twenty graduates of the Seminary's rabbinical school were ordained, making the largest class ever graduated since the institution was established in 1887. Five rabbis from various parts of the U.S. were granted Doctorates in Hebrew Literature.—J.T.A.

Tel Aviv.

Isaac Bendor, Jerusalem correspondent of the Tel Aviv newspaper, Davar, died of wounds received during a recent bombing of the house in which he lived.

## South African Jewish Appeal.

### CLOTHING DRIVE FOR ISRAEL.

A special Clothing Committee of the S.A. Jewish Appeal is at present engaged on a lightning Emergency Drive amongst wholesalers and manufacturers to obtain as much clothing and footwear as possible to be shipped direct to Israel on the opportunity that will offer shortly.

The Committee is under convenorship of Mr. M. Bobrov, and its members are: Messrs. L. Diamond, L. Frank, P. Futeran, K. Leyser, H. Rothgiesser, M. J. Swiel and Mr. H. Woolf, and the response so far has been very gratifying. In addition, a Clothing Drive will be held on Sunday, 20th June, in the following suburbs: Oranjezicht, Tamboers Kloof, Vredehoek, Green and Sea Point, Claremont and Kenilworth.

The office of the S.A. Jewish Appeal have pointed out that there will be no time to have clothing mended and cleaned prior to packing, and therefore only articles that are in first-class condition will be shipped on this vessel.

## Witwatersrand University Lecturer Acted as Intermediary.

Dr. John Reedman, who is at present serving as an observer on the United Nations Truce Commission in Palestine, was until his appointment to the Economic Section of U.N.O. a senior lecturer in Economics at the University of the Witwatersrand.

It was Dr. Reedman who acted as intermediary between Moshe Shertok and Count Bernadotte while the latter was in Cairo negotiating with the representatives of the Arab States. He was first sent to Palestine by the United Nations to arrange for supplies of food and other goods to be sent there.

Dr. Reedman was closely associated with a number of progressive movements in this country and, until his departure for Lake Success, was one of those working for the establishment of a Liberal Party in South Africa.

As a member of the Society of Jews and Christians, Dr. Reedman delivered lectures and wrote articles, all designed to bring about an understanding and harmony between the different sections of the community. His entire career was distinguished by the firm stand he adopted against all forms of racial intolerance and social inequities.

Dr. Reedman wrote extensively on social and economic problems, and prepared many memoranda for the Institute for Race Relations, the Trades and Labour Council and the S.A. Society for Economics. In addition to his work at the University and his economic research, Dr. Reedman frequently lectured to groups and societies all over the country. He played a prominent part in founding the "S.A. Weekly," a journal sponsored by the Methodist Church, of which he was a leading member.

Berlin.

The Berlin Jewish community has announced its affiliation with the World Jewish Congress. The community represents about 7,500 Jews, residing in all four occupation zones in the city. In addition to these Jews, about 10,000 Jewish D.P.'s, as well as several thousand German Jews who have not yet officially re-entered the Jewish faith, which they left when the Nazis gained control, are living in Berlin at present.

## Pnina Salzman Concert in City Hall.

Pnina Salzman, the young Israeli pianist, gave the first concert of her present South African tour in Cape Town before a very large audience in the City Hall on Tuesday night, and enhanced the reputation she had gained on her previous visit in 1944 as an outstanding artist.

The programme opened with the Variations Serieuses, Op. 54, by Mendelssohn; this was followed by Liszt's Sonata in B Minor. These works were brilliantly played and demonstrated Miss Salzman's amazing virtuosity to the full.

After the interval she played Chopin's Nocturne in C Minor, Two Valses in G Flat and A Flat, and Fantaisie in F Minor, Op. 49. She revealed herself as an excellent interpreter of this composer's works and evoked much enthusiasm.

Miss Salzman then played Ben Haim's, the Palestinian composer's Suite, which created a great impression. The programme concluded with Ben Bartok's Allegro and Barbaro and Albeniz's Asturias. Miss Salzman received a great ovation and generously gave three encores—Granado's Spanish Dance, de Falla's Ritual Fire Dance and a Scarlatti piece.

Miss Salzman will give a second and final concert in the City Hall on Tuesday, 22nd June.

## Rumanian Zionist Organisation.

Bucharest.

The Central Committee of the Rumanian Zionist Organisation elected an Executive for the current year. The Labour groups—Poale Zion and United Workers' Party—have obtained 12 of the 20 seats on the Executive. A Presidium of three was also elected. It consists of Dr. Simon Zalman (Poale Zion), Professor Chaim Kraft (United Workers' Party), and Mr. Samuel Jack Kanner (Hoaved Hatzi).

It was announced that Rumanian Jewry will be represented by 10 delegates at the second session of the World Jewish Congress to be opened on 27th June at Montreux.

## Union of Jewish Women and Wizo (Stellenbosch).

Meetings are now being held twice a month, in addition to six sewing meetings. Work is progressing steadily.

On 17th May Mrs. P. Perel was the hostess at a card evening, at which funds were raised for the S.A. Jewish Appeal.

On 22nd May, at a private card party held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Spiro, a large amount of money was raised for S.A.J.A. Special thanks are due to the host and hostess for their fine effort.

Another function for S.A.J.A. took the form of a Novelty Games Evening held at the Talmud Torah Hall on 6th June. It was well patronised by the local community and district, as well as by members of Somerset West, Strand and Cape Town.

The games and competitions attracted young and old and an enjoyable evening was spent by all. Hot dogs and soup were sold throughout the evening by Mes. D. Shaban and Sherman.

The financial result of this successful function exceeded all expectations. The convener was Mrs. H. Gelb, and the sub-committee consisted of Mes. S. Marcus, M. Jackson, I. Pakter, S. Ziman and L. Osrin, assisted by all members.

A donation, which goes to Wizo, was received from Mr. and Mrs. Silke, "Annandale," from money raised through an auction held at the Pidyen Haben of their infant son. Wizo also benefits from the proceeds of a Jumble Sale on 4th June, convened by Mrs. S. Marcus and L. Ziman, assisted by Mes. M. Jackson, M. Zetler (jun.), Silberstein, Sherman and Stein.

Berlin.

Local mayoral elections in Germany point to a strong revival of the Nazi element. In Roethenbach, near Lauf, Karl Fischer, former Nazi mayor of the town, was re-elected with 2,600 against 1,300 votes, this time as candidate of the Christian-Social Union. At Heroldsberg, near Nuremberg, 64 per cent. of the population re-elected their former Nazi mayor.



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