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Oxford Synagogue Ladies' Committee

The annual meeting of the Committee took place at the Oxford Synagogue on August 12. Mr. R. Suttner presided and gave a comprehensive report on the activities of the Committee.

The following were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mrs. H. Senior; Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. Raissen and Mrs. Kagan; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Joffe; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. W. Witkin.

It was announced that Rev. Yesorsky was arranging a beginner's Hebrew class for ladies. All interested are kindly asked to communicate with the Chairman.

AMERICAN ATTITUDE TO PALESTINE

Rabbi Sherman's Address to Luncheon Club

"Neither the Jewish, nor the American point of view in relation to Palestine are given a fair presentation in the English press," stated Rabbi David Sherman, newly appointed minister of the Cape Town Jewish Reform Congregation, in an address to the Luncheon Club of the Johannesburg Zionist Association last Friday.

Rabbi Sherman said that the British public is given the impression that American interest in Palestine was insincere. Every time a prominent American said something favourable to Zionism, the news agencies inspired by England, say that he was being influenced by the "Jewish Vote."

"These arguments about vote-catching devices come with ill-grace from a British Government which prior to the elections promised the Zionists more than they asked for," said Rabbi Sherman.

It is true that in certain urban areas the Jewish vote is able to tip the balance, but this does not explain American support for Zionism. Some of the staunchest supporters of the Zionist cause in the Senate and in the House of Representatives represent districts where there were no Jews at all. Generally speaking, it is the progressive American who supports Zionism. In studying the alignment of forces in the United States, one must realise that those who are anti-Semitic are often more violently anti-British and anti-Russian.

Referring to the argument used by Mr. Bevin that Americans want to see Jews in Palestine because they did not want them in New York, Rabbi Sherman said that immigration of Jews to America was continuing all the time, and in any case while morally indefensible, the American quota laws are not comparable with the restrictions on Jewish entry into Palestine. America never undertook an international Mandate to establish a national home, such as the British had undertaken in Palestine.

It should, however, not be thought that there were no anti-Zionist elements in Washington. A certain section of the State Department, which like the British Colonial Office, is least responsive to public opinion, is opposed to Zionism under pressure of oil interests, and of certain missionaries.

Rabbi Sherman told of an interesting interpretation given to the report that a loan of a quarter billion

dollars was to be granted to the Arabs. When the figure of quarter of a billion dollars was announced, it was recalled that exactly the same amount was budgeted for the Jordan Valley Authority, which if materialised would be of benefit to Jews and Arabs alike. Apparently, the British Colonial Office was not interested in collaboration between Jew and Arab. Hence the scheme of separating the two communities, and of offering the money to the Arabs alone.

Mr. Edgar Bernstein, who presided, thanked the speaker for the masterly analysis of American reaction to Zionism.

Memorial Meeting for the Late Dr. Isaac Breuer

A memorial meeting for the late Dr. Isaac Breuer, who passed away in Jerusalem recently, was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. Abt on August 21.

Among those present were Prof. L. Rabinowitz, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation, Rabbi M. Kossowsky and Rabbi A. H. Lapin.

Hespedim were delivered by Rabbi B. Rabinowitz and Dr. H. Abt, both of whom were intimate friends of the late Dr. Breuer. They paid glowing tribute to his personality and characterised his strong influence on Orthodox Jewry in Europe.

With Dr. Breuer's death Orthodox Jewry has lost an outstanding Talmudical scholar, a thinker and writer of the highest rank, and the legitimate follower and interpreter of Rabbi S. R. Hirsch.

KEREN HAYESOD:

MR. S. M. LEVIN ADDRESSES BULAWAYO ZIONIST YOUTH

DURING his stay in Bulawayo, Mr. S. M. Levin was the guest-speaker at a well-attended Oneg Shabbath organised by the local Zionist Youth, the Young Women's Zionist Organisation and the Habonim. Mr. Levin referred to the part which Jewish Youth had played at many important stages of our history, and discussed the role of Youth in our present struggle.

The dramatic presentation "Herzl" was produced and songs were sung.

The Chairman, Mr. Dave Zipper, welcomed back to Bulawayo Mr. and Mrs. Abe Abrahamson. Mr. Abrahamson replied in a short address.

Mrs. Sadie Kaplan proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Levin.

WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN IN BRAKPAN

DR. DEBORAH KATZEN, President of the S.A. Women's Zionist Council, was the guest-speaker at a function held at the home of Mrs. R. Galland, at which the Brakpan Women's Keren Hayesod Wizo Campaign was officially started. Mrs. R. Eschur, Chairman of the Brakpan Women's Zionist League, presided over a large gathering, and Dr. Katzen's address was listened to with rapt attention. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. S. Altshuler. Mrs. R. Solomon is the Society's Keren Hayesod convener, and energetic canvassing is taking place.

Board of Deputies

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"Council of Human Rights"

A letter has been received from the "Council of Human Rights" (a semi-religious organisation recently set up in Durban) requesting an official statement on the attitude of Jewish Synagogues to the colour bar in South Africa. It was intended that this statement should be incorporated together with similar statements by the Christian churches.

The Committee has decided to appoint a sub-committee to investigate

the matter, and to draw up a statement which would be carefully considered prior to submission to the "Council of Human Rights."

"Jewish Affairs"

The new "Jewish Affairs" has evoked much comment, mostly of a favourable kind. But the circulation still leaves a great deal to be desired.

In submitting the report, DR. SONNABEND said that he thought that lately the interest of Deputies in the Public Relations work of the Board had fallen off. It was partly due to the fact that in doing Jewish defence work they had always felt they were confronted by tremendous forces and their own efforts by comparison seemed puny. That was even more so to-day, when non-Jews seemed to be far more "Jew-conscious" than ever before. His own view was that the Zionist Federation should set on foot large-scale distribution of pamphlets and leaflets. If they could not get the Jewish point of view into the press, which was the best course, then they must take the second best course. He was sure that the Public Relations Committee of the Board would be glad to collaborate in such a scheme.

As regards "Jewish Affairs," Dr. Sonnabend said that there were still some Deputies who thought that the Board had no right to start its own publication. They could not deny, however, that the Board had a duty to inform the community of its activities. Every "tuppence-halfpenny" society did so.

In the discussion of this report, Mr. B. GERSMAN said that the Jewish community could not have a view on the Indian problem. There was the same conflict of opinion among Jews as among non-Jews.

MR. E. BERNSTEIN and MR. M. SZUR urged, however, that the Board should be interested in all manifestations of racial discrimination.

MR. A. NACH said that if the Jewish community wanted friends they must seek a rapprochement with liberal forces in every camp.

General Purposes

MR. J. MEYER (chairman of the General Purposes Committee) submitted the report of his committee, which mentioned that the committee is conferring with the Meshullochim with a view to revising the present system for controlling their activities. It was also reported that the committee is pushing the question of provision of matzo for next Passover. Enquiries are being made as to the availability of matzo from the U.S.A. for export and a conference with the S.A. Matzo Manufacturers is being arranged.

Mr. Meyer also mentioned that constituent bodies are being advised that the appeals that are being made by the Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Council in London overlapped with the appeals on behalf of the South African Jewish War Appeal.

Communal Relations

In calling upon Mr. I. A. Maisels (chairman of the Communal Relations Committee) to present the report of that Committee, the Chairman congratulated him on his election as president of the United Hebrew Congregation of Johannesburg.

MR. MAISELS, in returning thanks, said it had been pointed out to him that he was the first South African Jew to be appointed to that position. He did not regard that as a matter for congratulation. It was merely a sign of the times, an indication that our resources from overseas are drying up and we must find our strength within our own community.

Mr. Maisels warmly eulogised Prof. Baron, who by his outstanding ability and genial personality has invigorated the cultural currents of South African Jewish life.

Mr. Maisels also paid a warm tribute to Mr. S. W. Sulski, the secretary of the Communal Relations Committee, who was being promoted to the post of secretary of the Council of Natal Jewry and will take up his duties there in Durban next month.