



# Letters to the EDITOR

## Anti-Semitic Story

Sir,—In last week's "Zionist Record" you quote an editorial from the "Manchester Guardian" in which it is said: "The man who tells an anti-Semitic story in a train is not far removed from the hooligan who throws bricks through windows of Jewish premises." This is a very apt remark and expresses the root of much of the trouble. People grow indignant when stones are thrown through their windows, but are inclined to overlook anti-Semitic remarks when made in a train, a bus-queue or a shop.

If young Jews were to make up their minds not to put up with this kind of nonsense and to reply in kind they would gain in respect. Yet there are some of the older people who always advise us not to make a fuss when we complain about some anti-Semitic remark.

Yours, etc.,  
YOUNG SOUTH AFRICAN.

## A Good Suggestion

Sir,—Zionist Societies and branches of the Women's Zionist League might consider the following suggestion for their forthcoming cultural function. They should take the excellent reports of the UNO Session on Palestine published in the "Zionist Record" and have them dramatised before the public. The cross-examination of Ben Gurion and other witnesses would provide an answer to some questions which puzzle the public and would serve the purpose of enlightening us on some controversial aspects of Zionism. Mr. Shertok's summary at the end would, if well delivered, give a good presentation of the Zionist case while the evidence of the experts would introduce much factual information.

Yours, etc.,  
WOMAN ZIONIST.  
Johannesburg.

## A Little Late

Sir,—Mr. Raban and Mr. Gordon are a little late with their criticism of the independent candidates in the School Board Elections. These criticisms should have been made immediately the candidates presented themselves to the public. Furthermore, such criticisms should not be couched in gentle terms. They should be sharp and outspoken. During the General Elections people should be more vigilant and expose those who jeopardise the chances of progressive candidates.

Yours, etc.,  
"SHALOM."  
Berea.

## Likes Schwartz Articles

Sir,—May I compliment Mr. David Schwartz on his witty, scintillating style and thought-provoking articles. I always look forward to his short musings in the "Zionist Record" and miss them when they are not there. I enjoyed in particular "Logic and Lady Astor" and "They Had Their Holidays."

(Miss) B. GOLDSTEIN.  
Johannesburg.

## Molly Picon Should Come Again

Sir,—Anyone who was present at the performances of Molly Picon and Jacob Kalich at the Standard Theatre will agree with me that they filled a void in the entertainment programmes of Johannesburg.

Could I ask them through your columns to visit South Africa again. May I also suggest that they encourage other Jewish artists of their type to visit this country. The success of their performances has proved that there is definitely plenty of scope for this type of programme here.

Yours, etc.,  
D. LEWIN.  
Johannesburg.

## VETERAN OF JOHANNESBURG COMMUNITY

### Death of Mr. Abraham Sive

THE death occurred in Johannesburg on Saturday, August 9, of Mr. Abraham Sive, a veteran of the Johannesburg Jewish community.

Mr. Sive was born in Plungian, Lithuania, 72 years ago. In 1896 he came to South Africa and lived most of the time in Johannesburg where he took a keen interest in communal affairs. He was a trustee of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, honorary president of the Ort-Oze and a liberal contributor to all communal and national causes. Mr. Sive was particularly interested in constructive Jewish activity in every sphere, and this made him attached to the Ort-Oze as well as to the "Binyan," of which he was a director.

At the 1945 Congress of S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies he was elected member of the Executive Council, but was obliged to resign shortly afterwards owing to ill health.

Mr. Sive was particularly devoted to the two major National Funds, and on several occasions he was chairman of Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth campaigns in Johannesburg.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lily Sive, chairman of the Women's Section of the S.A. Jewish War Appeal, and an outstanding personality in the field of Jewish social welfare, two sons and two daughters.

## MAGEN DAVID ADOM IN SOUTH AFRICA

### Concert on East Rand

East Rand Jewry are requested to note that the concert, "Life of Magen David Adom," will be staged at the Springs Town Hall on Thursday, September 4, and at the Benoni Town Hall on Thursday, September 11, under the auspices of the combined Springs-Brakpan Union of Jewish Women branches and Nigel and Benoni - Boksburg - Germiston Union of Jewish Women branches respectively. This concert will portray the spirit of the Yishuv and Jewry to-day in song, story, verse and picture. David Goldblatt, the well-known Johannesburg theatrical producer, is in charge of the production together with Mr. J. Idelson, who has written some special music for this concert. Please watch the press for further details.

## MOLLY PICON ATTENDS JEWISH FUNCTIONS



MOLLY PICON and her husband, Mr. J. Kalich, were the guests of honour at the weekly Zionist Luncheon Club. Molly had the members of the Zionist Luncheon Club in tears all through the lunch hour: firstly in tears of laughter and then in tears of sorrow over her warm rendering of the hymn of the Vilna Ghetto, sung in both Yiddish and English. Mrs. Jeanette Davidoff, who presided, told the gathering of the wonderful work which Molly and Jankel had done dur-

ing their tour of Europe recently, when they handed over all their earnings of that trip to the D.P.'s.

Saying that he and Molly had never left a country without giving a special performance for the Jewish community, no matter how small, Mr. Kalich said that they had a sincere desire to be associated with Jewry all over the world.

"We are Zionists—American Zionists," he declared. He then gave a brief description of his and Molly's

visit to Poland and Palestine. Realising the potentialities of Palestine, he continued, he had not been amazed at the complete transformation of the stricken children who had come from Europe, into healthy, normal and happy children of the Yishuv.

He described the work which Molly had done during the war when she had entertained over 2,000,000 soldiers. The U.S. Government, in appreciation for this work, had presented her with a bracelet on which all the symbols of the army, navy and air force were attached. The War Department had added a Magen David to all the other symbols.

Molly Picon then told a few humorous stories, and when she attempted to close her brief address, the audience began to clamour for more.

"We have come to this country as Yiddish artists," said Molly in conclusion, "and if we have brought a minute or two of happiness into your lives, in these sad days for our people, we feel that we have achieved our object."

Molly Picon also attended the banquet given by the Parkview-Greenside and Districts Hebrew Congregation, to celebrate the official opening of its new communal hall. She was given a rousing ovation when she appeared before the gathering. (Picture above shows Molly Picon at the banquet.)

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## S.A. Revisionist Party Protests Against Deportation of Leaders

The following resolution, adopted by the Executive Committee of the United Revisionist Party of South Africa, was sent to the Prime Minister with the request that it be forwarded to the British High Commissioner for the Union:

"The British Government in Palestine has arrested the leaders of a political party there, which disagrees with the present British policy, and has sentenced them without hearing or trial to lengthy detention.

"Britain has condemned such actions by other governments as anti-democratic. It is no less anti-democratic when committed by Britain herself.

"The United Zionist Revisionist Party of South Africa calls upon Britain either (a) to bring the arrested men forthwith before an impartial court on charges of violating laws in the framing of which they have been freely represented, or in which they have freely acquiesced, or (b) to release the arrested men without delay.

"Failure to accede to this request will undermine all Britain's moral authority in dealing with such matters in other countries."

The following message was sent by the South African Revisionist Party to Mr. Trygve Lee, Secretary-General of the United Nations Organisation in Lake Success:

"The arrest of Palestine Jewish mayors and Revisionist leaders and the outlawing of the Betar by the British administration is a further indication of the bankrupt condition of the British administration under whose regime Palestine has degenerated into a police state where no rule of law applies and which is governed by arbitrary whims of officialdom. It is furthermore a violation of UNO's call for restraint during the Fact Finding Enquiry Commission's work. The South African United Zionist Revisionist Party request your urgent intervention to prevent further aggravation of the present unfortunate situation."

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