

## MDA Presents Excellent Concert

One of the outstanding features of the Magen David Adom concert, held in Johannesburg this week, was "The Journey Home," a dramatic presentation written by Louis Goldman and outlining the work of the MDA in Israel. The story is unfolded by Isobel Cort and Mervyn Isaacson, and a musical background is provided by the Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Solly Aronowsky.

The story was treated with imagination, but would have been considerably improved by an injection of poetic vigour. Louis Goldman has an undoubted ability and his work was a fine and fitting tribute to the MDA.

The rest of the programme was extremely pleasant and included orchestral works by the Youth Symphony Orchestra, which showed signs of having greatly improved during the past few months. There was some slight confusion at the end of Bizet's "L'Arlesienne Suite," but the rendering, as a whole, was excellent.

The Jewish traditional dances and Palestinian dances by Hannah Seinfeld and her group showed the development of Jewish art through the ages. This was not necessarily intended to be a history of Jewish dancing, but the signs of a gathering hope and strength were unmistakable. The dancing was most convincing, and it seems a pity that the stage and background gave the dancers so little colour.

The Johannesburg City Hall is an almost impossible place for any lone singer, and Cantor Dave Propis and Dr. Norman Zwick deserve the highest praise for their performances, which drew an enthusiastic response from the packed hall.

The music for the concert was arranged by Mr. H. Ichilcheck.

## SPORTS REVIEW BY 'MONTE'

### NORMAN GORDON IN GREAT FORM



NORMAN GORDON, the great-hearted Springbok bowler, has hit the headlines again. Forced out

of big-time cricket owing to elbow trouble, he tried himself out this season in reserve league games, and took nearly 30 wickets, bowling accurately yet not asserting himself to the full.

Last Sunday he made his first senior appearance when he turned out for Jeppe Old Boys against Pirates, and in a brilliant spell of bowling took seven wickets for seven runs. He had the batsmen at sea with his in-swingers.

He was seen by some of the Transvaal selectors and if he maintains his form he seems to have a good chance of playing for Transvaal against the M.C.C. at Ellis Park on December 10. Should he stand up to a three-day match, he may even be considered for the Tests, although this is hardly likely in view of the nature of his injury, which, I understand, will necessitate an operation.

Gordon, now 37 years old, is a Johannesburg boy and was educated at the Jeppe Boys' High School. When he made his debut in Currie Cup-cricket he captured in all about 150 wickets, and his brilliant bowling in the 1938-1939 tests against England stamped him as one of the greatest bowlers South Africa has produced.

### A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW

IT does not always pay to be too good a sport, as Harry Bitman, a Jewish tailor, of Denver, Colorado, learnt to his regret recently.

Bitman sponsored a radio programme, featuring a Denver sports writer, and offered a suit to every listener who picked the winners of the week's ten most important games. For five weeks not a single competitor guessed right, but the following week brought nine correct replies. The sports columnist told his sponsor to pay, telling him that it could never happen again. The next week 412 people guessed correctly, and Bitman found himself indebted for suits at a cost of nearly £6,000.

Bitman nearly collapsed from shock and told friends afterwards: "At first I wanted to cut my throat." Later he announced that he would pay off a few suits a week until the debt was completely honoured. As he normally turns out only five garments a day, he will have to hire larger premises and also increase his staff.

The story made newspaper headlines and gained Bitman so much publicity that a national radio show put him on immediately. It now seems that he will benefit by this notoriety and will eventually make up his huge loss. At any rate, he has won the goodwill of his fellow-citizens and is toasted by sportsmen wherever they meet.

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### TOPSY TURVY



Henry Irslinger entertained ling fans with another thrilling at the City Hall last Saturday. The most spectacular bout evening was that between Lennowitz and "Killer" Coetz. A photograph shows Benny turning opponent upside down with the object of applying the Boston him.

### Obituary

#### Mr. Isaac Shapiro

The death has occurred, at the age of 58, of Mr. Isaac Shapiro, in the past few years, served as town councillor in Kopjes, and also the president of the III Congregation in that town.

Tribute to the high quality of Mr. Shapiro was paid at the funeral service, which was attended by a large crowd, including many from distant centres, and representatives of all sections of the community.

Mr. Shapiro came to South Africa from Russia when only 14 years of age, and immediately found employment with the Rand. In 1915 he went to Kopjes, where he farmed for a number of years, and later established a business for the raising of grain, which developed into one of the most successful concerns in Kopjes.

During the funeral processions a majority of businesses in the town were closed.

The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Fisher, of Johannesburg, and the Rev. Mr. Bernstein, of the Rev. C. Schubitz, of Johannesburg. Mr. M. Koren, chairman of the Kopjes Hebrew Congregation, and the Rev. J. Steyn, Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, delivered short orations in the synagogue.

Speakers at the graveside were Dawie van der Merwe, Mr. P. van der Merwe, Mr. Wilson Macrae, and Mr. Shapiro is survived by a widow, seven sons and two daughters.

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