

must, we are sure, be strengthened by the expression of abhorrence which the latest events have called forth in many parts of the civilised world. The protest meeting in London in which Mr. Lloyd George, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and many other Church dignitaries and leaders of thought took part, should help to remind the Polish Government and people that the latest barbarities are not passing unnoticed, and that Poland's reputation and status abroad is being very seriously damaged. Dr. Hensley Henson, Bishop of Durham, who has been so staunch a fighter against oppression and persecution, expressed, on that occasion, the feelings of all civilized men when he said:—"No considering man can escape feelings of shame, consternation and sorrow on the shocking occurrences which have been recently reported from Poland. . . . No nation can afford permanently to outrage the conscience of the world, nor can any State be permanently secure apart from the goodwill of its neighbours."

## THE FORDSBURG BY-ELECTION

THE Fordsburg By-Election for the Provincial Council, in most respects as uneventful a by-election as could be imagined, was utilised by the Nationalist Party candidate, Mrs. M. J. Vermeulen, to preach an

entirely unabashed policy of anti-Semitism—and to preach it in the name of her Party. Not only was a dodger issued which frankly proclaimed that it was the policy of the Nationalist Party to stop all Jewish immigration—that is a cry to which we have become accustomed—but in addition it specifically proclaimed the intention of the Party not "to extend citizenship . . . to individuals belonging to . . . the Jewish race." That this meant nothing less than to refuse citizenship to Jews was made explicit by the Afrikaans version. This is certainly an advance on previous pronouncements by the Nationalists, who, whatever the logical implication of their policy might be, have never before put it in this blunt form. We do not know whether Mrs. Vermeulen was authorised to speak thus for her Party: if she was not, the Party has at any rate not deemed it necessary to say so.

Apart altogether from the dodger, however, the election campaign was, it seems clear, conducted by the Nationalists largely on an anti-Semitic basis. For the most part, it took the pernicious form of a "whispering campaign" (in the vivid words of Mr. George A. Heard), wherein all manner of charges against Jews were "whispered" from house to house by the canvassers. And when it did come into the open, there was the spectacle of Mr. Haywood, M.P., who had come from the O.F.S. to edify his audience with the example of Hitler.

It would seem that there is little point in calling upon the Nationalists to consider the moral aspects of this sort of propaganda, because they have deliberately chosen it for the sake of the practical results which they hope it will bring. They should therefore consider its wisdom from a severely practical point of view as revealed in the results of the election. The large majority of the electors who voted—in fact close on 75 per cent. of them—recorded their vote against the Nationalist candidate, in favour either of the United Party or Labour candidate. Clearly those who *did* vote were not attracted by the new policy. And if the Nationalists would like to console themselves with the thought that some two-thirds of the electorate did not vote at all, they should then reflect that the anti-Semitic cry, in itself, was not sufficiently popular to rouse the voters to come to the polling booth. We make bold to say that the South African people as a whole has no time for this type of policy: and the sooner the Nationalists realise it, the sooner will they drop a policy which will not bring them victory but only debase our national life by pandering to those elements in the population which ought to be led and not themselves lead.

## THE PROGRESS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

### Brilliant Dinner in London

London, June 17th.

AT a dinner at the Savoy Hotel given last night to Friends of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem by Sir Robert Mond, it was announced that £7,000 had already been collected out of the £10,000 which it was hoped to raise annually in this country, and promises had been received for £5,000 per annum for the next six years.

As a result of last night's dinner, £2,100 was received in donations, and promises were received for £750 per annum for the ensuing seven years.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organisation, responding to a toast, said the University was only 12 years old, and for the Jewish race which measured its history in periods of thousands of years, it was a short time. The University had grown in measure as the National Home had grown. In the field of the Humanities and Science it now covered almost the whole range of human knowledge.

There were to-day at least six million Jews who were prospective candidates for immigration to Palestine, Dr. Weizmann went on, and if the roads were opened there would be such an immense migration.

Dr. Weizmann referred to the young Jews of Poland, Roumania and other parts of Europe who were thirsting for knowledge and unable to obtain it in their own country and said that for each one they accepted, they had to refuse between 30 to 40.

The future of the Hebrew University was intimately bound up with the future of the whole of Palestine and he believed that Palestine was destined to develop and would be a bridge between two great worlds, the East and the West.

#### Lord Rutherford's Tribute to Jewish Genius.

Before Dr. Weizmann's speech, Lord Rutherford, the eminent scientist, in proposing the toast of the University, paid a tribute to Dr. Weizmann for his work in many spheres and referred to him as "guide, philosopher and friend" of the University.

It was really difficult in the rise of men of genius to say that one na-

tion was superior to another. Rutherford went on. But the one thing which he thought could view the question in a sionate manner would agree, was that the Jewish race had great contributions to intellectual life, wherever they were scattered. Relative to their numbers, they had played a great part in the intellectual stimulus of the civilised

Referring to the "enforcement" of many distinguished from Germany, Lord Rutherford said: "I should like to express gratitude to the authorities in London for agreeing to take over more than 20 per cent. of those refu-

Sir Ronald Storrs, in proposing a toast of the Friends of the Hebrew University, said that to-day there were more links between the Jewish and the intellectual side of the University than in the days when Viscount Samuel was there. He was pleased to be given the opportunity to express his sympathy with and his admiration for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

#### A Land With Ideas and Aspirations

Viscount Samuel, responding to the toast, said that the Jews in Palestine were engaged in a great enterprise upon which the eyes of the world were fixed. They wanted not only a land flowing with milk and honey, but a land flowing with ideas and aspirations that should be helpful to the world.

Viscount Samuel added that the present expenditure of the University was small; it amounted to £80,000 a year, while it really cost at least £100,000 a year. In the United States they had had to look mainly to America. For years Britain had received from certain generous gifts, but hardly anything, and the whole burden had fallen upon America. They wanted to raise at least £100,000 a year from the Jewish community. Of this sum they had already collected £7,000 and received promises for the next six years of £5,000 a year. Whatever might happen, they thought they should be resolved to carry on the work of the University should it be necessary to extend.

Sir Philip Hartog, the Rev. Herbert Danby, Sir Allen Mawer and Sir William Rothenstein also spoke.

## MIZRACHI WORLD CONFERENCE

The World Conference of the Mizrahi Organisation will be held in Vienna on July 27th. Delegates are expected to attend from all parts of the globe.

## A NEW PATH TO THE SACRED WALL

Jerusalem, June 20th.

PLANS are under consideration for laying out a special pathway to the Western Wall (Kotel Maarabi) which will avoid the narrow crowded lanes leading through the Arab market-place in the Old City. The fact that visitors to the Western Wall have had to pass through these lanes has rendered visits particularly difficult and hazardous of late.

## TOSCANINI TO VISIT PALESTINE AGAIN

ARTURO TOSCANINI will visit Palestine again next year to conduct the Palestine Orchestra in a number of concerts, according to an announcement made by Dr. Walter Simon, the orchestra's manager, at a meeting held at the house of Mr. G. Agmon in Jerusalem.

Bronislaw Huberman, the orchestra's founder is to appear as soloist with the musicians at one of the season's concerts.

A subscription campaign is being aimed at filling the concert hall in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa next season with holders of season tickets rather than with purchasers of individual tickets, was announced at a goal determined upon by the directors of the orchestra.

Issay Dobrowen, E. W. Steiner and Michael Taube will be among the conductors who will lead the Palestine Orchestra next autumn.

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