

IMMIGRATION CONTROVERSY

Stuttaford's first speech in his new capacity augurs well for his following in his predecessor's footsteps. Both Mr. Stuttaford and General Smuts have during the last few days indicated that new legislation on the subject of immigration is to be introduced. That this is due to the hulla baloo set up by the opposition is fairly obvious. On the other hand the latest pronouncements of these ministers and especially General Smuts' reference to the recent immigrants from Germany, gives ground for hoping that whatever legislation is found to be necessary, will be free from the taint of racial discrimination. In this hope, we must suspend judgment until the precise nature of the new legislation becomes known.

But we cannot conclude without a reference to General Smuts' speech at Roodebank on the topic of Greyshirts. The Deputy Prime Minister spoke as an older counsellor to his countrymen: he warned them of the dangers of this imported movement; he reminded them of the friendliness which had always existed between the Jew and his neighbour; he recalled the spiritual and religious bonds which linked the Afrikaner with the Jew. We hope that his words will help to check this subversive movement; but there is a growing conviction throughout the country that South Africa should follow Great Britain's lead and introduce effective legislation for putting an end to this menace to racial peace.

MR. SHERTOK (concluded).

date to advise and co-operate with the Government on immigration matters, there was a duty imposed upon it to usurp the functions of the police in "hunting up" illegal immigrants. Neither law nor common human feeling demanded this. It is true that the Agency intervened with the Government to mitigate the hardships of this unfortunate class of immigrants. But this was not to "connive" at the illegality, and the Government itself recognised that these immigrants were to be placed in a category different from ordinary law-breakers, by making special provision for them in distributing the certificates under the bi-annual labour schedule.

The "illegal" immigration has been a standing reminder of the inadequacy of the "legal" immigration, and of the driving force which impels Jews toward Palestine.

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General Smuts on Greyshirt Danger

First Open Meeting of Royal Commission

Article: "We Are Not a Quarrelsome People"

Article: "The Man Who Knew The Jews Inside Out"

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Formation of a Kenya Zionist Society

Following upon the news of the great success of Mr. Baruch Zuckerman's appeal for the Keren Hayesod in Nairobi last September, comes the welcome report that the Kenya Zionist Society was founded at a recent meeting held on the 8th ult. The following office-bearers and committee were elected:

President, Mr. I. Somen; vice-president, Mr. W. Diamant; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Ziegler; hon. vice-president, Rev. Ph. Rosenberg, the J.N.F. Commissioner for Kenya. Committee: Mr. A. L. Block, Mrs. H. Ruben, Mr. J. Darevskv, Miss M. Rifkin, Miss S. Diamant, Mr. A. Rifkin, Mr. J. Block.

This society held its inaugural function last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rifkin and in the presence of 40 people Mr. W. Diamant read Dr. Leo Pinsker's paper "Auto-Emancipation."

The society at this early stage of its career is concentrating upon the gathering of information, the distribution of literature and pamphlets, the holding of group gatherings at frequent intervals at which papers on Zionism are read, and generally upon the task of educational propaganda which is so indispensable an element in the furtherance of Zionist sentiment. The society is in close contact with the S.A. Zionist Federation and is also in communication with Zionist headquarters in London and Jerusalem.

The society will be very happy to welcome Zionists visiting Kenya Colony or calling at Nairobi on the way up and down the African Continent by air.

With the formation of the Kenya Zionist Society, another and a powerful link is added to the chain of organised Zionism in the Continent of Africa; and with air post and air travel reducing the great distances between the various points to negligible proportions we may look to an ever closer and more continuous contact between fellow-Zionists in all parts of this vast area.

The enthusiasm with which the local Jewish community responded to the establishment of this new Zionist outpost augurs well for the future of the society.

Pietermaritzburg

Under the auspices of the local Zionist Society a debate took place on the subject that "The Traditional Status of the Jewish Woman is Satisfactory." Mr. H. L. Blumenfeld presided. Rev. M. Diamond moved the resolution and was supported by Miss L. Rabkin. The resolution was opposed by Messrs. P. Eagle and J. Caminsky. After some discussion, the resolution was put to the meeting and was carried.

An effort is being made by the society to collect money for the forest plantation in memory of the late Meier Dizengoff.

UNITED HEBREW SCHOOLS OF JOHANNESBURG.

The annual prize distribution and display by pupils is taking place at the Hebrew High School, Wolmarans Street, on Sunday, the 6th inst., and is commencing at 10 a.m. The institution extends an invitation to the public to be present on this happy occasion.

BALFOUR PARK

FOR some time past the need has been felt for a common sports ground and meeting place for the athletically-minded Jewish youth in Johannesburg. Due to the initiative of a few enterprising and public-spirited individuals, the realisation of this project will take place on Sunday afternoon on the occasion of the official opening of Balfour Park. This magnificent stretch of land is situated only a few miles from the centre of the city and will be accessible to many for sporting events in ideal surroundings.

A noteworthy aspect of the scheme is that leading youth workers have combined in unanimous support of the idea for the establishment of a fine central ground in which sport of every kind can be indulged in. The facilities of Balfour Park will be open to all members of our community—young and old—who seek the benefit and enjoyment of athletic games. It is anticipated that the events played upon the fields of the fine new sports ground will not only be of interest to Jews, but to the South African sporting public in general.

The entire project is a worthy one which should receive the generous support of the community as a whole.

Propaganda Meeting in Vereeniging

Mr. M. Kentridge on the South African Position.

Mr. H. Slomowitz, chairman of the Vereeniging Zionist Society, presided over a meeting held on Sunday, the 29th ult., at the Isaac Lewis Hall, when Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., and Mr. A. Abrahamson, organiser-secretary of the propaganda and organisation committee of the Zionist Federation, addressed the gathering. Mr. Abrahamson devoted his remarks to the part that a Zionist society should play in the local life of a Jewish community.

Mr. Kentridge gave a comprehensive survey of the position of South African Jewry and the various currents of thought which were at present obtained. Mr. Kentridge stressed that Zionist endeavour must be increased and at the same time the Jewish position in this country must be safeguarded. At question time, the speakers were kept extremely busy replying to numerous questions.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Klaff and ably seconded by Rev. Glass. The singing of Hatikvah brought the meeting to a close.

Germiston

A lecture was held at the residence of Mrs. Dora Kalmek on the 25th ult. The lecturer was Mr. Jerry Idelson who spoke on "Jewish Folk Music." After a most instructive talk, Mrs. B. Morrison, who was accompanied at the piano by Mr. Idelson, delighted those present with her rendering of the different types of folk music.

After tea, Mrs. Bernstein proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and artist, and Mrs. Ginsberg to the hostess.