

South African Board of Jewish Deputies

REPORT OF MONTHLY MEETING

(Communicated)

THE monthly meeting of Deputies was held at the Jewish Guild, Johannesburg, on Sunday, 6th March, at 10 a.m. Mr. Cecil Lyons, Chairman of the Executive Council, presided.

A comprehensive report was submitted, dealing with the present position and with the Executive's activities. The report dealt with some of the factors in the public life of the Union which have a direct bearing on the position of the Jewish community and referred, inter alia, to utterances by Nationalist leaders and their Party Press on the so-called "Jewish Question" as well as to the activities of the various Shirt organisations.

Visits to Various Centres.

Members of the Executive have, during the past few months, paid visits to numerous and often distant centres, where they have addressed meetings and appealed for funds for the Board. These visits have served a most useful purpose in maintaining contact between the Board and its constituent bodies. The Chairman expressed the Board's very sincere appreciation of the co-operation it was receiving.

Resignation from the Executive Council.

In view of his forthcoming visit overseas and because of pressure of work, Mr. B. Kaumheimer has resigned from the Executive Council.

Resignation of Dr. H. Sonnabend.

The Publicity Department is about to suffer a great loss in the resignation of Dr. H. Sonnabend, who has been Director of Publicity and Research for close on two years, and has resigned his position in order to take up a lectureship in Social Science at the Witwatersrand University. The Executive placed on record its sincere appreciation of the valuable and constructive work performed by Dr. Sonnabend during his period of office, and wished him every success.

Debate on Executive's Report.

Following the presentation of the Executive's Report (which was supplemented with certain particulars by the President, Mr. Maurice Franks, and by the Chairman) it was thrown open for debate, the following speakers participating: Mr. L. Caplan, Mr. H. Rajack, Messrs. Shainbaum, Nagley, Blumberg, Zwarenstein and Silbert.

Mr. I. J. Hersch called attention to a letter appearing in a local Jewish newspaper which severely and unfairly criticised the Board of Deputies. He characterised this letter as a malicious "stab in the back" and commented on the mischievous policy of the paper in question in sowing the seeds of dissension at this critical time when it was essential that Jewry should stand united. It was not the first time, he said, that this paper had unreasonably attacked the Board of Deputies, and he urged the meeting to voice its strongest disapproval of the tactics employed by this publication.

Replying to Mr. Hersch, the Chairman said that he shared the former's views about the paper in question, and agreed that this was not the first time that this paper sought to create dissension. He felt, however, that the Board should devote its full time to the problems which lay ahead of it and appealed to the meeting to ignore this attack on the Board, and to treat the letter with the contempt it deserved.

Presentation to Secretary.

The Chairman referred to the marriage at the end of December of the Board Secretary, Mr. Gustav Saron, to Miss Dolly Goldberg, also a member of the staff, and extended to them both congratulations. The President associated himself with the Chairman and paid tribute to Mr. Saron and Miss Goldberg for their work on the Board. He then presented a painting, as a wedding gift from the Board, to Mr. Saron and his wife. In respond-

Meeting of Shekel Workers

A special meeting of all those engaged in Shekel preparations will be held at the Coronation Hall, cor. Claim and Plein Streets, Johannesburg. On Wednesday, the 16th inst., at 8.15 p.m. Mr. J. Daleski, a leading member of the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation, will deliver a short address, and a film roll of the Twentieth Zionist Congress will be exhibited. An interesting supporting programme has been arranged. All Shekel workers are urged to attend.

Berea Hebrew Congregation

The Berea Hebrew Congregation are holding a special Purim service on Wednesday next, the 16th inst., at 6 p.m. Rev. S. Steinberg and choir will officiate, and Rev. I. M. Gervis will deliver a sermon. Professor J. Drutman will be at the organ, and the evening service will be conducted by Rev. I. W. Cohen. Habonim will be present at the service.

Children's Purim Service

The Eastern Districts Habonim, in conjunction with the Eastern Districts Hebrew Congregation, are holding a Purim service for Children at the Jeppe Synagogue, cor. Marshall and Browning Streets, Jeppe, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at 6.15 p.m. After the service prominent speakers will address the children in Yiddish and English, and Hamentashen and other refreshments will be served. All children are cordially invited.

Forthcoming Morning Market

A morning market, under the auspices of the Sisterhood of Temple Israel, will be held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the residence of Mrs. L. Reichman, 98 Oxford Road, Lower Houghton, commencing at 7.30 a.m.

ing, Mr. Saron expressed sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of himself and his wife.

JOHANNESBURG SYMPHONY SOCIETY

New Series of Five Concerts

The first of the new series concerts to be given by the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra players, under the baton of Joseph Traunek in the City will take place on Thursday, 17th.

The programme on this occasion will be one of the finest ever to Johannesburg music-lovers include Beethoven's great 9th Overture, Mozart's Haffner (with Harold Ketelby as the soloist) and Dvorak's beautiful "World" symphony.

An interesting innovation in the new series will be the inclusion of each programme of a work by an African composer. For the first time, Professor Kirby's Chinese Overture, "The Willow Pattern," a fine piece full of colour and melody has been chosen.

Special subscription rates have been arranged for the series, and is now open at Mackay's.

Fine Symphony Concert

On Tuesday night the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Joseph Traunek, held its third concert of the 1938 musical festival series commencing with Dvorak's "Overture," the orchestra delivered this charming little piece in a hearted and airy manner that was most refreshing.

The Brahms Symphony No. 1 was the chief work of the evening, presented in fine style, and the woven melodies, beautiful and simple, were easily followed. The moods of the composer were appropriately expressed in the first movement being capricious, the second happily lyrical, and the third arrestingly bold.

Wagner music was a feature of the second half of the programme. Introduction to the Third Act of "Meistersingers," followed by the merry Dance of the Apprentices, a splendid piece of bravura. Inge Sarauw sang two arias from Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde" which were loudly applauded. Two extracts from Mendelssohn's "Summer Night's Dream," the "turno" with its charming corollas of flutes and violins, and "Scherzo," a lively, brilliant piece of music, were handled by the orchestra with charm and delicacy.

Music at Corner Lounge

A feast of music is promised at the Corner Lounge on Monday, the 14th inst., when a special concert of popular numbers, plus three previous concerts, will be given. Julio Della Rosa with his popular Gaocho Orchestra will provide a lightful selection of music. The soloist on this occasion is Hymie Goldberg, whose fine playing has earned him a great reputation.

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