

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Zionist Socialist Party.

Dr. Wulf Sachs, of Johannesburg, delivered a lecture on "Freedom of Man" at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday night under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party. Dr. Chas. Shapiro was in the chair.

Dr. Sachs said that civilisation did not limit the freedom of man; the life of primitive man was a life of serfdom and absolute freedom was biologically impossible. Civilisation was blamed for the limitation of freedom through the common mental process of displacement and the rationalisation of this was the greatest danger.

Human beings were not free because they were enslaved by their own unknown forces. Freud had discovered the subconscious, but we did not yet have the whole truth. Ideal freedom would reign only when the human mind ceased to be enslaved, when adaptation to reality became conscious not blind and when irrationalism was replaced by rationalism.

The human individual could not exist by himself but must have others around him on whom he could vent his feelings and passions. There was normal aggressiveness in every human being and it was impossible to exterminate this. Instead of preaching morality, a system should be created where exploitation of one individual by another became impossible. Freedom was a question of degree. In society we were carried away by the idea of political freedom; this did not give the individual the right to the means of existence, and was no real freedom. The socialistic form of society was most important for the future; there would then be no division between those who *can* and who *can't* exercise their rights. The Zionist Socialist Party should fight for a new social order in Palestine.

Human beings were divided into groups and those who said nationalism would disappear were confusing internationalism with cosmopolitanism. The term nationalism to-day was abused and meant merely Chauvinism. The Jews were an abnormal group and they must become a nation with a land, literature and culture of their own. With the development of Palestine Jews were becoming a normal national group. The Jews must not be intolerant in their attitude towards the Arabs but treat them on an equal footing. The world knew what the Jew was in Palestine; to-day group freedom was very essential. The only way open for the world was to give every group the freedom to develop on their own lines. We must build society on the lines of social justice without the possibility of exploiting others; this was the aim of the Zionist Socialist Party.

Questions were asked at the close of the lecture, to which Dr. Sachs replied.

Mr. Kluk proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Sachs for his interesting lecture.

Massadah Zionist Parliamentary Debating Circle.

The second meeting of the Massadah Zionist Parliamentary Debating Circle was held in the Minor Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening when the debate on the "Speech from the Throne" was continued. The "Government" was again subjected to some spirited attack by the opposition parties. Mr. E. Charlafl led the Zionist Socialists and levelled criticism against the Government for its disregard of the social requirements of the Palestine State. Mr. S. M. Levin and Mr. S. L. Gross gave the Miz-rachi and State Party views respectively. The "Prime Minister," Mr. M. S. Comay, then replied to the debate. On being put to the vote the "Speech from the Throne" was carried. The State Party members walked out, declining to participate in the vote.

Prior to the debate opposition members searchingly questioned the various Ministers on matters affecting the administration of the National Home.

The next meeting of the Massadah Parliamentary Debating Circle will be held in the Minor Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 20th February, at 8.15 p.m. Attendance by the general public will be welcomed.

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Barmitzvah Celebrations.

Uriel Joseph, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Marks, of Woodstock, read a Portion of the Law and Maftir at the Wodstock Synagogue on Saturday.

A reception to celebrate the occasion was held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock, on Saturday night.

Mr. B. L. Rubik was in the chair.

Rabbi I. Abrahams proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah.

Dr. C. Resnekov presented the Barmitzvah with the Certificate of the Cape Board of Jewish Education.

Dr. A. Birnbaum and Rabbi M. Morgenstern also spoke.

The Barmitzvah suitably responded in Hebrew.

Cantor Goldwasser rendered songs and Mr. Asher recitations during the evening.

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Reuben Sougin Mibashan, only son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Mibashan, read Maftir at the Gardens Synagogue on Saturday.

A reception to celebrate the occasion was held in the Minor Zionist Hall on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. N. Stern was in the chair.

Rabbi I. Abrahams proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah.

Dr. C. Resnekov presented the Barmitzvah with the Certificate of the Cape Board of Jewish Education.

Dr. A. Birnbaum proposed the toast of the parents.

The Barmitzvah responded in English and Hebrew.

Dr. J. Mibashan thanked the guests for their attendance and expressed the hope that his son would follow in the footsteps of his grandparents in Eretz Israel.

Cantor M. Katzin and Rev. Levy, of Elizabethville, rendered songs during the afternoon.

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