

Record-Breaking Campaign Proceeds

Undiminished Keren Hayesod Enthusiasm.

Public disappointment at the last minute postponement of Mr. Shertok's visit to South Africa has not been allowed to affect the progress of the local Keren Hayesod drive which is proceeding with undiminished fervour. The Suburban centres are following Cape Town's lead in preliminary organisation and a start will be made in the country campaign at a great Rally to be held at Paarl on Sunday morning. Remarkable enthusiasm has been encountered in all centres.

The keen disappointment which has been felt by local Zionist enthusiasts at Mr. Shertok's non-appearance has been off-set by the realisation that only developments of the utmost gravity could have necessitated the postponement of his departure at the eleventh hour, obliging him instead to pay an urgent visit to Turkey. These are consequences of the exigencies of the present world position and the news of the postponement of the inaugural dinner and public meetings were universally accepted in this spirit. It is still confidently anticipated that Mr. Shertok will be able to come to South Africa by the end of June. In the meanwhile the third delegate, Mrs. Zvi Yehuda, has now arrived in South Africa and together with Mr. Joshua Leibner will participate in the Keren Hayesod Campaign.

Western Province Zionist workers are determined not to allow this unfortunate development to interrupt the steady course of their work. On the contrary they are encouraged by the fact that when Mr. Shertok does reach Cape Town they will be able to announce in his presence a far greater total that would have been possible on Tuesday evening. With the fine initial start that has already been obtained (the figures reveal an increase of 100 per cent. compared with 1942) the Campaign Committee is now working at full speed and the total is mounting higher in most encouraging fashion.

SUBURBAN ACTIVITIES.

Following the fine lead already set in Muizenberg the Jewish community of Observatory-Mowbray have made an excellent start. A meeting was held at the residence of Mr. I. Pasvolsky on Wednesday, May 31st, and it was addressed by Messrs. J. J. Wilk and P. Marks on behalf of the Central Committee. The following special Campaign Committee was elected: Chairman, I. Pasvolsky; Vice-Chairman, Dr. C. Shapiro; Hon. Treasurer, M. Stein; Hon. Secretary, H. Shattenstein; Committee, J. Danilowitz, A. Tockar, L. Hodes, S. Jankelowitz, B. Pogrud, W. Nurick. Those present pledged their fullest support and announced their own contributions, which represented a considerable sum.

The Woodstock-Salt River Campaign is also under way. Preliminary steps were taken at an inaugural meeting held on Sunday evening, 4th May, and a strong Campaign Committee elected. Similar proceedings are effective in Claremont, Wynberg, Parow-Bellville-Durbanville.

WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN.

In view of the absence of Mr. Shertok the women's Campaign was not officially launched on Wednesday afternoon. However, a meeting was held at the Zionist Hall at which an address was given by Mr. J. Herstein, K.C., Chairman of the Campaign Committee, on "Wizo-Keren Hayesod." A report will be published next week.

ZIONIST YOUTH.

The Cape Zionist Youth Executive has made energetic propositions for a special youth campaign.

There was a great deal of enthusiasm at the first Youth Workers' meeting on Thursday, 1st June. It was decided to make a special effort this year.

After discussion on plans for the campaign, a Workers' Committee consisting of an

Executive and Additional Committee was elected as follows: Hon. President, Mr. S. M. Levin; Hon. Vice-President, Mr. W. Sebba; Chairman, Mr. V. Resnekov; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. R. B. Egert and W. Sollinger; Secretaries, Misses B. Milun and N. Schneider; Treasurers, Messrs. S. Berelowitz and S. Peires; Additional members, Miss S. Barnett, Messrs. M. Cohen and E. Kaplan, Misses P. Kleinman, F. Kolnik and F. Rabinowitz. Members of the Committee are as follows: Misses P. Cohen, L. Glick, S. Goldin, Messrs. M. Goldwasser, L. Inspektor, Miss Q. Jackson, Mr. H. Joffe, Misses C. Kaplan, H. Katz, M. Katz, Mr. S. Kessler, Mrs. G. Leeser, Messrs. J. Levine, D. Lurie, U. Marks, Miss B. Mendelsohn, Messrs. A. Miller, R. Sacks, D. Sadowsky, Miss L. Semer, Messrs. J. Shirk, I. Shrand and Miss B. Wilk.

The Committee includes five members of Habonim and representatives of each society

Mr. M. Shertok Delayed.

CAMPAIGN FUNCTION POSTPONED.

The W.P. Keren Hayesod deeply regret having been obliged to postpone the inaugural dinner, public meeting and special conference, due to have been held this week, owing to Mr. Shertok's inability to be present.

The following cable was received from Mr. Shertok last Friday:—

"Most vital urgent matter necessitates brief visit Turkey compels postponement South African trip end June. Most anxious assist you but cannot help being exposed sudden emergencies resulting from critical vicissitudes our life."

The amended dates for the above functions will be announced as soon as further information regarding Mr. Shertok's movements is received.

in the Western Province. The Committee has decided to organise special Keren Hayesod Campaign meetings in every suburb in the Peninsula as well as in all country towns of the Western Province. An exceedingly satisfactory sum was raised from the Committee members themselves.

ESSAY COMPETITION.

A number of entries have already been received and it is apparent that this competition for young people has raised interest in all circles. Talmud Torah Teachers, Zionist Youth Leaders and Habonim Madrichim are lending their co-operation in bringing the competition to the notice of all young people. As the Keren Hayesod Campaign has been protracted, the closing date has been extended until Friday, June 30th. Full particulars and reference material are obtainable from the Zionist Office.

Pnina Saltzman to give Concert for Palestine Orchestra.

Pnina Saltzman, regarded by critics as being one of the greatest living pianists, and who has created a sensation wherever she has played in South Africa, will return to Cape Town in July, when she will give one concert at the City Hall, Cape Town, on Wednesday, July 19th, in aid of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra. Miss Saltzman has been a soloist with this famous orchestra in Palestine on many occasions.

Unlike many other world-renowned orchestras, the Palestine Symphony Orchestra is not well off financially. In spite of the low remuneration received by its members, who are well-known refugee musicians, the orchestra has played on innumerable occasions in Palestine and Egypt for nothing, for the benefit of the troops of all Allied nations, including our own Springboks. The orchestra was founded by Bronislaw Huberman, the world-famous violinist, who visited South Africa in 1940, when he formed the local Palestine Symphony Orchestra Committees throughout the Union.

As there will be a rush on tickets for this Pnina Saltzman recital, the committee of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra has arranged for the immediate sale of preferential tickets for this unique recital. Also side bays, each containing 12 seats, are available at 25 guineas per bay. Patrons are urged to make their ticket and bay bookings immediately and may do so by phoning Mrs. Sam Newman (4-3145), Mrs. J. Weinreich (8-4065), Mrs. Joan Comay (4-4319) and Mrs. Marks 5-3263.

The name of the booking office where seats may be booked will be published next week.

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A Mass Meeting of Jewish Students

will be held on

Wednesday, 14th June, at 7.45 p.m.

in the

Women's Common Room, University

to hear a Message on Jewish Reconstruction to be given by

PROF. RABBI ISRAEL ABRAHAMS and MR. R. WAHL,

(Chairman, Students' Representative Council).

Special reference will be made to the KEREN HAYESOD.

CAPE TOWN HEBREW CONGREGATION.

GREAT SYNAGOGUE.

INVASION

Rabbi Abrahams will deliver a special address at the Sabbath service at 10 a.m.

Special Prayers will be recited.