

# On Active Service By I.M.

## With the Palestinian Units In the Middle East

SOME interesting facts about the Palestine Jewish Units in the Middle East were given by Rabbi Dr. L. Rabinowitz, formerly chief Jewish Chaplain in that area, when he addressed a crowded meeting of the Johannesburg Zionist Association Luncheon Club, in the Banqueting Hall of the Carlton Hotel, last Friday.

Rev. (Capt.) T. J. Martin, of the Boragwanath Military Hospital, who was associated with Rabbi Rabinowitz in the Territorial Army, was

uniform in the lines, but also drew pay from the Germans.

It must be remembered, continued the speaker, that the 30,000 men and women in the Palestine Units were only a part of the Yishuv's war effort. The Arabs, on the other hand, were completely apathetic to the war. Of the small number, which eventually did enlist, no fewer than 80 per cent. turned out to be deserters.

*"I may add that there were good and bad deserters; the good ones deserted before they had been issued with rifles, but the bad ones waited until they had received their rifles."*

Mr. Max Spitz, chairman of the Association, presided, and extended a warm welcome to Rabbi Rabinowitz. Mr. Harry X. Rajak proposed the vote of thanks.

### Purim Concert at Pretoria

A HIGHLY successful Purim Celebration, organised by the Jewish Chaplaincy, took place at the Jewish Memorial Hall, Beatrix Street, Pretoria, on Wednesday evening, February 28.

Major S. Weinstein, who acted as compère, extended a warm welcome to the large number of soldiers as well as to the representatives of all the leading Jewish organisations in Pretoria. He specially welcomed Capt. M. Natas, who is now stationed at Voortrekkerhoogte.

Rabbi W. Hirsch gave a thought-provoking address on the significance of Purim.

Mr. Solly Aronowsky, accompanied by Messrs. Raiken and Goldberg, rendered some delightful selections of Jewish music. Mrs. Janie Sussman, accompanied by Mr. Ervan Wright, sang a solo, and Miss Tamara Ressiman gave a dance. Mr. Reuveni entertained the audience with sketches from the "Dybuk" and other humorous Yiddish items.

Mr. Bruno Raiken, the well-known pianist, gave a fine rendering of a selection from "The Flodermans," by Johann Strauss. Miss Miriam Lopert provided delightful solos on her piano accordion. Cantor I. Alter sang several Chasidic songs and was warmly applauded.

During the interval, refreshments were served by members of the Union of Jewish Women's Troop Entertainment Committee, who acted as hostesses.

Lt.-Col. I. Levenkind, M.C., O.B.E., on behalf of the soldiers, thanked the artists, the Jewish Chaplaincy and the U.J.W. Troop Entertainment Committee for organising such an outstanding function.



In Chaplain's Uniform (A photo of Rabbi Rabinowitz taken in Tripoli)

among the guests, and a special tribute was paid to him by the speaker in his opening remarks.

"I was given the choice," said Rabbi Rabinowitz, "of going to Dunkirk or to the Middle East. I chose the latter because I knew that there I would meet the Palestinian Jewish Units."

Rabbi Rabinowitz took up his duties towards the middle of 1941, shortly after the battle for Greece and Crete. 1,800 Palestinian soldiers, very inadequately armed, had taken part in this battle; 1,400 of them were taken prisoner by the Germans. Political considerations were always given preference when it came to dealing with the Palestinian Jewish Units, which were never 100 per cent. Jewish. The men included doctors, lawyers, engineers, professors and even a Rabbi. They were all anxious to get to the front line, but were relegated to base camps as pioneers. As a result morale at that time was low and there was a feeling of frustration among the Palestinians.

"But when I left in July, 1943, the position was entirely different. Mixed Jewish-Arab units no longer existed. Jewish units were staffed by their own officers and conditions generally had much improved. The reason for this was that the Jewish Units, despite many obstacles and discouragements, had proved their worth."

Palestinians had rendered wonderful service in the fighting lines as well as in Malta. They had distinguished themselves in commando work. One of them, possessed of great courage, not only paraded in German

### Address to Ex-Service

#### League

DR. L. RABINOWITZ, the newly-appointed Honorary Chaplain to the S.A. Jewish Ex-Service League, will initiate a discussion on "Jewish Problems of To-Day," at a meeting of the League to be held at the Jewish Guild on Sunday, March 18, at 10 a.m.

All Jewish serving men and women and Jewish ex-Service men and women are cordially invited.

### Welcome To Rabbi L.

#### Rabinowitz

A WELCOME function, under the auspices of the U.D.F. Jewish Chaplaincy, in honour of Rabbi Dr. L. Rabinowitz, ex-Senior Jewish Chaplain, M.E.F., will be held in the Jewish Memorial Hall, Beatrix Street, Pretoria, on Tuesday, March 20, at 20.00 hours.

All soldiers and ex-servicemen and women are cordially invited.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT MIZRACHI CONFERENCE

The following are the main points of the resolutions passed by the Mizrachi Organisation at their second biennial conference:

The conference recorded grief at the suffering of European Jewry; expressed disappointment at the lack of action taken by the United Nations to save European Jewry; that the Government of Great Britain did not abandon their policy of restricted immigration; demanded the establishment of Eretz Israel as a Jewish Commonwealth in its historical boundaries; demanded that the Zionist political departments in Palestine and London be enlarged by the co-option of representatives of the religious section in Zionism and other important Zionist groups; and the strict observance in the public life of the Yishuv; protested against the harmful political and spiritual activity of the Hashomer Hatzair in Palestine and the Diaspora; stressed the urgency for bringing about a union of all religious bodies in Jewry, particularly of the World Mizrachi and the World Agudah Israel; condemned the fact that the upbringing of hundreds of Jewish youth was entrusted by the Zionist Executive and Youth Aliyah to irreligious bodies.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Dealing with South Africa, the conference resolved that South African Jewry does its utmost for the support of the Yeshivah in Palestine; urged the Board of Jewish Education to take immediate steps towards the creation of a Jewish day school in Johannesburg.

Conference further recommended the establishment of a Kosher restaurant or hotel under the supervision of the local Beth Din.

Conference further urged every member of the Mizrachi to become a Shomer Shabbat; instructed the S.A. Mizrachi Organisation to attempt the establishment of a special Hachshara for the religious Chalutzic Youth.

Finally, Conference demanded from the S.A. Zionist Federation that they safeguard the observance of Sabbath and Kashruth at Balfouria Village.



## Yahrzeit for Five Million People

Yahrzeit for each of the 5,000,000 Jews who died in Eastern Europe will never be observed. No one knows what became of their bodies and few will be able to remember them as individuals when the dread anniversaries of Nazi slaughter return.

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