



Mr. I. J. Hersch welcomes the gathering

Reception to University Students

Addresses by Rabbi Zlotnik and Mr. Goss

AN earnest plea for the continuance of Hebrew and Jewish study among University students was made by Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik (Director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education), and Mr. I. Goss (Assistant Director), when they addressed a gathering of Jewish University students at a reception held in their honour at the Coronation Hall on Monday evening, August 27.

The young Jew, said Rabbi Zlotnik, interested himself in the cultures of every race except his own—if he remained ignorant of his own culture and language, he was a stranger in the world. Those who had deserted were not emancipated but rootless.

Rabbi Zlotnik outlined the scheme of the Board of Education which was calculated to bring Jewish knowledge to the Jewish student. Carefully planned part-time courses in Hebrew, Jewish, History and Literature would be at the disposal of the students, and they were being asked to avail themselves of this golden opportunity to acquaint themselves more fully with the culture, history and language of their people.

The Jews, said Rabbi Zlotnik, could boast of a great history—one that was so closely linked up with every aspect of human endeavour that present day world organisation was only explicable in terms of it.

Ignorance of Ourselves

"The greatest problem that confronts us to-day is ignorance of ourselves," said Mr. Goss in his address to the gathering.

Referring to the Bible, the speaker emphasised that the world developed transitory values with each age, but for the ultimate values in life we had to turn to the Bible. As we grew older we often dispensed with the Great Book as a collection of fanciful legends, often forgetting that it was an influence which moulded our civilisation.

"Let us carry on our tradition," said Mr. Goss in conclusion, "not as an heirloom but as an integral part of ourselves."

Mr. R. Schatz presided. Mr. J. Abelson proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and Mr. I. J. Hersch addressed a few words of welcome to the students.

The Brigade Brought Succour To The Refugees...



In Tarviso, Italy, the Jewish Brigade helped these displaced Jews to rebuild their lives. The photograph was taken by Driver Herbert Daltrop, a member of the Brigade

"WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS" IN CAPE TOWN

ONE of the most successful functions presented to a Cape Town audience took place in the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, on September 4. It took the form of a "World Jewish Congress" and was arranged by the Western Province Zionist Council. The "Congress" had been summoned in order to hear expert evidence from various ideological groups on the solution of the Jewish problem. Members of the audience were to comprise the "Congress" and to vote on the final issue. The Hall was packed at an early hour, the attendance being in the neighbourhood of 800.

The proceedings were opened by Dr. I. M. Hurwitz, Chairman of the Information Department of the Zionist Council, who referred to the present position of Jewry and urged his listeners to give their careful consideration to the issues at stake. The proceedings were controlled by a presidium consisting of Mr. P. M. Clouts (chairman), Mr. E. Kluk (Professional Adviser), Advocate G. Gordon, Messrs. J. L. Feinberg and S. L. Gross who in turn questioned the witnesses after their main statements. Messrs. L. Burman and R. B. Egert acted as Registrar and Clerk respectively.

Various Viewpoints

The first witness was Mrs. M. Segal who, introducing the case for Zionism, dealt with the positive national urge which had always linked the Jewish people with their ancestral home. Palestine was essential for the continuity of Jewish culture.

Mr. A. E. Abrahams presented the Territorialist case. He argued that the rejection of Uganda had been a great mistake, that Palestine by itself was inadequate and that Jews should look elsewhere for mass settlement.

Dr. George Sacks, stating the Communist viewpoint, maintained that the Jewish problem could only be solved in a socialist world and that the correct course was to work for the victory of socialism everywhere. There was no short cut.

Mrs. F. A. Gross represented the Assimilationist standpoint, and while not opposing Jewish settlement in Palestine deplored any attempt to regard the Jews as a nation.

The Zionist case was continued by Mr. S. M. Levin, who stressed that a Jewish state in Palestine was the only solution to our present difficulties, and that despite criticism this aim could become a practical reality.

An amusing diversion was "Reb Moshe Boruch der Shamos" (Mr. G. Laden) who gave the audience his own version of internal and external Jewish politics.

Mr. E. Kluk summed up on behalf of the presidium, analysing the various viewpoints and putting forth his own conclusions. Members of the audience were then called upon to vote. A unique procedure had been devised involving a printed card with different colours and with the co-operation of a large number of stewards the result was announced in less than five minutes, the figures being: Zionism 77 per cent., Communism 17 per cent., Territorialism 4 per cent., and Assimilation 2 per cent.

The "Congress" terminated at a late hour with a hearty vote of thanks moved by Dr. I. M. Hurwitz. The convener of the "Congress" was Mr. S. L. Gross

Concert of Jewish Music

THE Johannesburg Jewish Choral Society is holding a "Simchat Torah" concert at the Selborne Hall, on Sunday evening, September 30.

The items are all of Jewish traditional and classical nature. The soloists are Jean Gluckman, who will appear for the first time as an interpreter of Hebrew songs, and Eugene Magid, the well-known violinist.

An orchestra, with Bram Verhoef as principal violinist, and the choir of the Society will be under the direction of Jerry Idelson.

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