

# Dr. Colin Steyn Opens Pretoria J.N.F. Week

THE Jewish Memorial Hall was most tastefully and artistically decorated for the opening function last Monday evening of the Pretoria J.N.F. Week, organised by the Women's Zionist League.

The function took the form of a sherry party in the main hall, at which the guest-speaker was the Rt. Hon. Dr. Colin Steyn, Minister of Labour.



Dr. Colin Steyn photographed with a group of J.N.F. workers

In the adjoining hall there was an exhibition of Jewish Art and Culture, and among the interesting and unique objects displayed was a fine exhibition of the work of the famous Jewish artist, Mr. Rene Shapshak, who was also one of the guests of the evening.

There was a large representative gathering of Pretoria Jewry present, when Mrs. A. Levi, Chairman of the Women's Zionist League, opened the proceedings. Rabbi Dr. W. Hirsch extended a cordial welcome to Dr. Steyn and Mr. Shapshak.

## DR. STEYN'S ADDRESS

Dr. Steyn in an inspiring address congratulated the Women's Zionist League on the fine exhibition of Jewish Art, and paid warm tribute to South African Jewry for its fine contribution towards the art and culture created in South Africa, men-

tioning, among others, the name of Mrs. S. G. Millin as an outstanding authoress.

Referring to the difficult period through which Zionism was passing, he assured his listeners of his firm conviction of the ultimate realisation of the National Home in Palestine. Identifying himself with the Movement, Dr. Steyn said that it was a cause based on justice and equity and as such it must triumph. He failed to see, after a close examination, the justification of the Arab opposition, and he believed that the carrying out of the Balfour Declaration could bring nothing but good to the Arab peoples, who already occupied large underpopulated territories in the Middle East, and consequently had no just claim for Palestine against its historically and legally rightful owners.

Dr. Steyn believed that in this dangerous era, civilisation could only survive if the statesmen of the world based their approach to the problem confronting them, which included the Jewish struggle for security upon the principles of the brotherhood of man. For centuries, he said, the Jews had fought for human rights and the principles of justice and equity demanded from the nations of the world that they give the Jewish people their rightful place.

He concluded his address upon a note of encouragement and faith, urging the Jewish people not to despair, but to continue with the great work for the redemption of Zion.

Mr. Solly Ogus, Chairman of the Pretoria Zionist Council, suitably conveyed the thanks and appreciation of the Pretoria community to Dr. Steyn.

## Lecture at Bnai Brith

It will take some time before the world will adjust itself to the new trends in modern politics, stated Mr. C. Gershtater, in a lecture on "The Political Situation To-day," at the B'nai Brith last Thursday evening. The latest tendency of politicians is to use bold language, in marked contrast with the days when the first qualifications of a diplomat was to say things which he did not mean. This new trend expresses itself in a personality like Bevin. At times it arouses fear in the hearts of the peoples of the world, but perhaps because we know where we are there should be no pessimism regarding the future of European politics.

The lecturer then surveyed and analysed recent events on the political scene. Rabbi Dr. S. Rappaport presided and a vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. L. Landauer.

## WORKED AMONG D.P.'s IN GREECE

### Visit of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Janks

Mr. Robert R. Janks and his wife, of New York, who did important social and relief work among displaced persons in Greece, arrived in Johannesburg last week on a visit to relations. They hope to stay in South Africa until the end of the year.

Mr. Janks studied at Columbia University, where he obtained his M.A. degree in Psychiatric Social Science. At the outbreak of the war he held an important position with the International Red Cross in Washington. He joined the U.S. forces and about 15 months ago was sent by UNRRA to do important social work among the displaced persons in Greece. During that period Mrs. Janks did voluntary relief work for the Joint Distribution Committee.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Janks emphasise the tragic plight of the 7,000 Jewish survivors in Greece and affirm that the overwhelming majority cherish a burning desire to go to Palestine.

Mr. Janks will address the Zionist Association Luncheon Club on November 15, and the same evening will broadcast in the B programme of the S.A.B.C.

## DELIGHTFUL SYMPHONY CONCERT

The combined City and S.A.B.C. Orchestras, under the distinguished leadership of Albert Coates, gave another inspiring performance when they held their fifth symphony concert at the City Hall last Tuesday night.

A feature of the concert was the appearance as soloist of Miss Cecelia Wessels. The remarkable power and purity of her voice were heard to advantage in Weber's "Ocean, Thou Mighty Monster" and in Elizabeth's Greeting from "Tannhauser," which she gave as an encore, a privilege which is not often granted to patrons at a symphony concert.

Although both conductor and orchestra must have felt the effects of the trying heat, the performance did not suffer on that account. After the overture to "Der Freischutz," the orchestra played Respighi's "The Fountains of Rome" and Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony. In all these works Coates again displayed his great personality, and the orchestra responded in full measure.

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## REPORTS THAT POLISH REACTIONARIES PREPARE BARTHOLOMEW'S NIGHT

JERUSALEM, October.—Alarming reports that the Polish underground movement directed by General Anders is contemplating the wholesale massacre of the remaining Jewish population by organising a "St. Bartholomew's Night of Polish Jewry" on the occasion of the Polish "Raduzki" holiday, were received here through private channels.

Code letters received here by many Jews from relatives in Poland indicate that the Polish Government is aware of the plans of the reactionaries and therefore tries to concentrate the Jews in Silesia.

It is also learned that an anonymous envoy of the underground forces in Poland arrived recently by air in Cairo and reported to General Anders' headquarters that preparations for the massacre have been successfully concluded.

## MR. Z. INFELD TO VISIT KIMBERLEY

Mr. Z. Infeld, Acting General Secretary and Cultural Officer of the South African Zionist Federation, is visiting Kimberley this week-end, and will address meetings of both the Zionist Society and the Zionist Youth Society.

## Bez. Valley-Observatory Hebrew Congregation

The High Festival services at the Bez. Valley-Observatory Hebrew Congregation were ably conducted by the Rev. D. Bourland and the talented Mr. E. Alter, and were well received by the congregation. Addresses were delivered by Rev. D. Bourland, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. Golding, and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. Dushaiko.

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