

Messrs. Milne And Erleigh Contribute £15,000 To Red Cross Fund

MR. JOSEPH MILNE, chairman of the 1947 Red Cross campaign, donated a sum of £5,000 to the fund at the opening function held at the Langham Hotel, Johannesburg, last Thursday night. Mr. Norbert Erleigh donated the sum of £10,000 on behalf of New Union Goldfields.

Lieut.Col. A. H. Guy, chairman of the Transvaal Red Cross, in the course of his remarks, paid tribute to the Jewish community of South Africa for their magnificent support of the Red Cross. He also referred to the distinguished services of a Jewess, Mrs. Urqhart, who had been head of one of the most important departments of the Red Cross during the war.



MR. J. MILNE

Mr. Milne, who was the main speaker, said:

"The duties of the Red Cross comprise the rendering of assistance wherever and whenever necessary to anyone requiring such aid, irrespective of colour, creed, race or denomination.

"I wish to thank the Red Cross for giving me the opportunity to participate in the campaign for raising the funds so urgently required. In giving of my initiative, my energies and portion of the fruit of my labour to aid the needy through the Red Cross, I shall be able to repay to my country of adoption the debt of gratitude which I owe her for the kindness I have received here.

"The war has ended on the battlefields only, but that war which the Red Cross is waging against illness, injury, ignorance, disease and distress has not ended and will never end. The men and women in the service of the Red Cross are still at their posts, active and alert, prepared for any emergency, for there are no ex-servicemen in the service of humanity."

"Referring to the wave of prosperity which had swept over the Johannesburg community in recent years, Mr. Milne said: "Let the lucky ones not take stock of the values which they have in the banks or elsewhere; let them rather take stock of, and count their blessings, and in giving thanks for those blessings, prove their gratitude by helping their fellow-men who are in need.

"I am sure that if the needs of the sick and distressed of this coun-

try were brought home to those fortunate ones who have health and happiness as well as the other comforts of life, my appeal would not fall on deaf ears, and the money which is required by the Red Cross would be readily forthcoming."

Chief Rabbi's Tribute

Chief Rabbi Prof. L. Rabinowitz, on behalf of the Jewish community, commended the cause of the Red Cross to all. For five and a half years, he said, he had been protected by the Geneva Red Cross and consequently he knew what it stood for.

He referred to the great job of work done by the Red Cross during the war, when it saved countless men from the onslaught of germs and disease. The Red Cross, he said, was comparable with the Jewish Gmilus Chesed, where acts of charity were acts of the heart.

Prof. Rabinowitz also paid a tribute to Mr. Milne, who in addition to his valuable work for his own people, he said, was giving assistance in the wider sphere.

Referring to the magnificent contribution made by Mr. Milne, Prof. Rabinowitz announced that earlier

Empire Theatre Concert

The soloist at last Sunday night's concert at the Empire Theatre was Jean Gluckman, whose voice did justice to the dramatic intensity of the Aria "Awake Saturnia," by Handel. As an encore she sang Brahm's "Wiegenlied."

The City Orchestra under John Connell opened the concert with the Overture to "Oberon," by Weber, which is gay and wistful in turn. They also played a selection from the "Gods go a-begging," by Handel, arranged by Beecham. This piece has various moods, from dance tunes to church-like solemnity, and was well performed.

The modern idiom was represented by "Tintagel," by Arnold Bax, and "Handel in the Strand," by Grainger, the latter a light-hearted and jocular piece.

Unfortunately, the audience was again extremely small, which must be very discouraging to both conductor and orchestra.

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MR. NORBERT ERLEIGH

that day Mr. Milne had received the news that his aged mother, whom he had long mourned as dead, was alive and well in Eastern Europe. He felt that Mr. Milne's gesture was not unconnected with this heartening news.

Mr. Norbert Erleigh, in presenting the cheque to the campaign, said that in these days "peace with Red Cross hearts" was a corollary of "peace with armed teeth."

Other speakers included the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. James Gray, the Bishop of Johannesburg, the Rt. Rev. G. H. Clayton, Brigadier-General A. J. Orenstein, the Rev. J. B. Webb and Mr. E. D. Barton Lister.

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