

Anniversary of Palestine Orchestra



The South African Friends of the Palestine Orchestra and Habimah Theatre will hold a general meeting on Sunday, March 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Karnovsky. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. C. Gershater, and Cantor I. Alter is arranging the musical programme.

The Palestine Orchestra celebrated this season its tenth anniversary and opened the drive for the erection of the Palestine Philharmonic Orchestra House with a series of jubilee concerts. Molinari, who had conducted the orchestra since last October, stayed on to conduct the jubilee concerts. The programme, which was most interesting, included the first performance in Palestine by a complete orchestra of Hector Berlioz' "Symphonie Fantastique." The above picture shows Mrs. Goldie Myerson addressing the audience at the jubilee concert in Tel Aviv.

Transvaal United Zionist Youth To Launch Party Month

AN extremely well-attended meeting of Transvaal United Zionist Party Youth was present to launch the United Zionist Party Month drive at the Coronation Hall on March 2. Mr. Zelig Dunsky, Chairman of the Transvaal United Zionist Party Youth, was in the chair.

Mr. Dave Dunsky, past chairman of the United Zionist Party Youth and a member of the S.A.U.Z.P. Council, said that the United Zionist Party was the first party and only party in this country which had not merely taken over an ideology already existing overseas, regardless of whether it served new conditions or not, but had re-examined the Zionist position in the light of history and decided its policy with a view to the present position in which the Jewish people found itself.

The Jewish people now stood alone and must itself solve its problem.

In such a position there were only two alternatives: to give in or to resist. Zionists might differ on the precise manner of resistance, but Jews the world over were now convinced that resistance was the only possible alternative. On the question of resistance, however, no Zionist could approve of undisciplined action by any minority group. The Zionist movement had now come out in full support of so-called "illegal immigration," and it was obviously the duty of Zionists outside Palestine to make large-scale immigration possible. The greatest responsibility would fall on the Youth, hence it was necessary to make an all-out effort to strengthen our organisation in order to carry out this task.

Chaver Zundel Segal, Chairman of the United Zionist Party Youth, who has just returned from the Zionist

Congress at Basle and an extensive tour of Eretz Israel as well as various D.P. camps in Europe, vividly illustrated the determined will of Jewry to survive despite all obstacles. He said that he was now more convinced than ever that the programme of the United Zionist Party, based on the full concentration on pure Zionism and a subordination of all other ideologies, was the only practical one for the solving of the Jewish problem. The United Zionist Party had decided on its policy, of the Jewish State before everything else, after taking full account of the position of the Jewish people. Jews the world over were turning to the United Zionist Party ideology as the only one which held out any hope for the Jewish people.

Chaver Segal, in bringing regards from our South African group in Eretz Israel, said that he was favourably impressed with their progress and successful adaptation in Eretz Israel.

Chaver Dov Senderowitz, leader of the United Zionist Party group on Hachsharah, appealed to the youth of the party, in view of the great responsibility which now lay on the shoulders of South African Jewish youth, to give all the support they could to the task of Chalutzit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie Leave for America

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie left this week, by plane, on a brief visit to America. Mr. Lourie is a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University and he has gone to the United States to attend a meeting of the Board, which is to take place in New York, on March 23.

DANGERS FACING ZIONIST MOVEMENT

Mr. Israel Dunsky's Address to Luncheon Club

THERE are two dangers facing the Zionist movement at the present time—the danger of internal dissension and the danger of concentrating too much on the political issues and neglecting the practical side," declared Mr. Israel Dunsky, one of the South African delegates to the Zionist Congress, in an address to the Zionist Association Luncheon Club last Friday.

He had come to the conclusion, said Mr. Dunsky, that the present British Government had decided to liquidate Zionism, and that the Jewish people could expect no concessions from it. The Government had rejected the proposals of the most moderate elements in the Zionist movement, and its decision to refer the Palestine question to UNO was but a further example of its policy of procrastination.

Whatever happened at UNO, it was his opinion that the Zionist position could not become worse. There was a possibility that the Jewish case might receive sufficient support to balance the scales in its favour, and that a decision on Palestine might be taken sooner, now that Britain was not the only arbiter on this vital question. It would require the united efforts of Jewry and all the ingenuity of Zionist leadership to make our case fully understood and to swing public opinion in our favour.

"In the meantime our up-building efforts in Palestine must continue. If we do not lose hope and support the Yishuv to the fullest extent in its tasks of nation-building, a Jewish State will become a reality," concluded Mr. Dunsky.

Mr. M. J. Gordon presided.

Where Honour Is Due

In the "Zionist Record" of February 14 we published a fascinating story by Mr. George Bautzer, of Johannesburg, of his meeting in Italy with Guiseppa Arricio and Maria Arricio, the Italian couple who had given refuge and help to thousands of Jewish refugees during the war.

We are pleased to learn that these two noble human beings are to be honoured by South African Jewry. A beginning has been made to inscribe their names in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund, on behalf of South African Jewry.

Those who wish to associate themselves with this scheme of honouring the Arricios are requested to send their contributions to the Secretary of the Jewish National Fund, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg.

American Jewry have decided to plant a grove of trees in Eretz Israel in honour of the Arricios. The grove has already been completed.

CALENDAR

Friday, March 14 (Adar 22), Sabbath begins 6.04 p.m.

Saturday, March 15 (Adar 23), Sabbath concludes 6.44 p.m.

NOTABLE DATES

Passover (First day) Saturday, April 5.

Passover (Second day) Sunday, April 6.

Passover (Seventh day) Friday, April 11.

Passover (Eighth day) Saturday, April 12.

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