

Independents At School Board Elections Condemned

Sir,—Mrs. Sylvia Nell, Miss Eleanor Hawarden and Mrs. L. J. Douglas, who convened the balanced ticket in the school board elections, deserve to be complimented and congratulated by all progressive people in this country. They have done a magnificent job in proving that South Africa is determined to support non-political and progressive education. I only wish that the fight against racialism in schools were equally well conducted in other centres.

There should be no need to labour the point in regard to the importance of the issue at stake. The whole future of South Africa and of every citizen here depends on the spirit prevailing in our schools. Yet it is pertinent to emphasise this fact for the benefit of those people who ought to have known better and who did not stand down when the "Balanced Ticket" was formed. Each one of the independent candidates deserved to be criticised most harshly, but in the "Zionist Record" I wish to address myself particularly to members of our own community who were guilty of attempting to break the united front.

Did Dr. F. L. Freed realise that his 7,000 votes might easily have affected the results in an election which was a four-cornered one and might have brought in a racist on the School Board? And what about Mr. Lazarus and Mr. Chaitowitz? Each and every one of them attempted to break the united front in order to satisfy his own vanity.

I hope that the Board of Deputies will strongly condemn these people for acting the way they did. It will be said that other people, too, have tried to break the united front. But we should be the last to put spokes in the wheels of progress, and that is what the independent candidates did.

Yours, etc.,

J. GORDON.

Benoni.

Hebrew at Conference

Sir,—In an article entitled "Impressions of Conference" you rightly bemoaned the paucity of speeches in Yiddish and Hebrew at the recent Zionist Conference.

While agreeing with you about the lack of such speeches, I would like to inform your readers that the Histadrut Ivrit of Cape Town suggested to the Federation to have a small session conducted entirely in Hebrew. This advice was regretfully not accepted.

It is, however, not in accordance with facts that no word of Hebrew was spoken at the Opening Session.

The public will surely remember the eloquent and inspiring words of welcome uttered by our friend, that "man of many parts," Mr. Jacob Gitlin on behalf of the Western Province Zionist Council in excellent classical Hebrew, richly embellished with apt and appropriate quotations.

Yours, etc.,

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Mr. Milne's Views in New York Daily

Sir,—The report in last week's "Zionist Record" about the article on Mr. Milne's views makes it clear that it is useless to continue turning this matter into a public controversy. If anything, it points to one very important moral. The Board of Deputies can no longer afford to be elected in this country on the old basis. I agree with the correspondent last week that it would be harmful to elect the deputies on a party basis and that there would be no harm at all if they were elected on a best man basis but by a direct vote. After all, every institution and every congregation in this country

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elects its officers by direct vote. Why should not this apply to the premier institution in the country? The only difference is that here the elections would be on a bigger scale.

Take, for example, the Johannesburg Chevra Kadisha. Here is an institution that represents perhaps a third of South African Jewry. Once a year it arranges elections and people vote for the men they prefer. The Board of Deputies could do the same. It would thus make it impossible for anyone to question its authority. It would also give Mr. Milne, if elected, an opportunity of expressing his views.

Yours, etc.,

J. ROSENZWEIG.

Johannesburg.

Interjections at Sunday's Meeting

Sir,—Will the people who made interjections during the solemn proceedings of Sunday night's mass meeting realise that the bulk of the public thoroughly dislikes their effort to score party points in face of the tragedy of "Exodus 1947."

As far as I could gather the interjector was dissatisfied with mere protests. In that case there is an excellent course open to him. He should go to Europe and help with the transportation of the refugees.

Yours, etc.,

NON-PARTY.

Johannesburg.

Jewish Centre

Sir,—Through the columns of your worthy paper, may I express my appreciation of the establishment of a Jewish Centre in Johannesburg, the formal opening of which takes place on Tuesday evening, August 12.

On behalf of the members of the Dramatic Department of the Jewish Centre I wish to praise the opportunity given to the youth to participate in a well-organised Dramatic Group and the many advantages thereof.

For anyone interested in drama, it is, indeed, a first-class opportunity to benefit from the guidance and instruction received from responsible people in charge of auditions and productions, and by the experience gained by appearing in sketches, plays and play-readings.

Besides the experience gained, it provides one with an interesting pastime, social contacts and many happy hours spent in congenial company, and I hope that many people will take advantage of this excellent opportunity, as well as all the various other activities offered by the Jewish Centre.

Yours, etc.,

B. KALMIN,

Secretary, Jewish Centre
Dramatic Department.

They Who Wanted More Speeches

Sir,—I was rather amused by the string of letters in which readers complained why X or Y or Z was not asked to speak at the Banquet of the Diamond Jubilee of the Wolmarans Street Synagogue.

I should like to meet the people who were anxious to hear more speeches at the banquet than were actually given. In fact, Mr. Miller and Mr. Cohen are rare creatures in Johannesburg Jewry. Their pictures should appear in the "Zionist Record" with a bold inscription "THEY WHO

WANTED MORE SPEECHES." If I had not seen their names in the "Zionist Record" I would not have believed that such people existed.

Yours, etc.,

"HE WHO LIKES FEW
SPEECHES."

Johannesburg.

Article In "Outspan"

Sir,—I have just read an article in the "Outspan" by Miss Sylvia Neulander on how she led 750 children across Germany and France to Palestine, but was extremely disappointed.

The work she did certainly was wonderful, and many a woman would envy her courage and opportunity to play such an important part in the rehabilitation of young broken lives.

The Jewish case is seldom brought up in the general press in a favourable light. When an opportunity did avail itself to publicise Youth Aliyah to an otherwise unattainable reading public more stress should have been laid on the fact that it was Palestine and no other country that could perform such a miracle as to transform mentally and physically sick Jewish children into normal, healthy human beings.

However, in Miss Neulander's article mention of Palestine was merely incidental.

Yours, etc.,

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Sees No Difference

Sir,—I am an ordinary Jew with no party affiliation whatsoever, who has been forcibly struck by the intolerable state of affairs existing within the South African Zionist Movement. One sometimes gets the impression that our Zionist leaders in this country have no conception whatsoever of their responsibilities, are completely incapable to guide and lead the community and their numerous blatant inconsistencies, led one to believe that they have no policy and no principles.

I cannot understand why the South African Zionist Federation decided last week to call a protest meeting against the deportations of immigrants back to Europe. I remember only too well that a few months ago, when Dov Gruner and three of his comrades were executed on the gallows in Palestine, the Federation refused to call a protest meeting.

I would like the Federation to answer a very simple question: Why is it right to call a protest meeting now and why was it not right to call a protest meeting when Dov Gruner and his three comrades were executed?

Yours, etc.,

"I WANT AN ANSWER."

SOUTH AFRICAN ORT-OZE

Luncheon to Prof. J. Weingreen

Professor J. Weingreen and his wife, Mrs. B. Weingreen, who have worked in D.P. camps all over Europe, are spending a few weeks in Johannesburg.

Professor Weingreen, who was Director of Education in the Displaced Persons Camp at Bergen-Belsen and head of the Ort School there, will address a luncheon at the Carlton Hotel on Thursday, August 7, at 1 p.m.

Bookings for the luncheon can be made at the Carlton Hotel.

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H.O.D. TRIBUTES TO LATE DR.

J. MAZELL

Unveiling of Tombstone at Boksburg

THE unveiling of the tombstone of the late Dr. Joshua Mazell took place at Boksburg last Sunday morning in the presence of a large gathering, including brethren from the Johannesburg and Reef lodges of the H.O.D., of which the deceased was an active and distinguished member. He rendered yeoman service to the Order as President of the Boksburg Lodge and an Executive member of Grand Lodge.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Belloch, of Boksburg, a member of the local lodge which recently was renamed and re-dedicated the Joshua Mazell Lodge in memory of the deceased. In his memorial address Rev. Belloch said that Dr. Mazell's exemplary life and high ideals of service had won for him the love and respect of the entire community, irrespective of race, colour or creed.

The Grand President of the H.O.D., Mr. S. J. Geffen, who was accompanied by the Deputy Grand President, Dr. J. C. Lazarow, the Grand Secretary, Mr. H. S. Blank, and brother officers, also paid touching tribute to the late Dr. Mazell.

"He was a worshipper of liberty and a friend of the less privileged. He believed that happiness was the only good, reason the only torch, and justice, love and liberty the only religion. With loyal heart and with the purest endeavours he faithfully discharged all fraternal and communal trusts," declared Mr. Geffen.

Rev. Dr. A. Lichtigfeld, of the Germiston Lodge, in his tribute, said that both in his professional and fraternal activities, Dr. Mazell had displayed the true spirit of Judaism and followed the Talmudical concept of life.

The Grand Lodge of the H.O.D. dedicated a special tablet on the grave, in memory of the deceased.

DEATH OF MR. S. ALMAN Noted Musician

LONDON, Monday.—The death occurred in London on July 19, of Mr. Samuel Alman, distinguished Jewish musician. He was 70 years old.

Mr. Alman was born near Odessa and took up chazonoth at an early age. At the beginning of the century he arrived in England, where he became choirmaster of the Great Synagogue, London. He was the composer of many synagogue melodies, as well as music for modern Jewish and Hebrew songs.