



# Letters to the EDITOR

## One-Sided Reporting?

Sir,—In your last issues of the "Zionist Record" the marked, one-sided reports of the clashes between Haganah and Betarim has again shown that the "Zionist Record" is controlled by one party, although it confesses to be the official organ of S.A. Zionism.

At the eleventh hour of the existence of our movement it is deplorable that our official organ should try to widen the gap in the existing differences of opinion between parties. Your duty at this hour is quite clear: Strengthen the unity in our ranks.

The almost one-third votes given to the Revisionists in the last election has clearly shown the attitude of the S.A. Zionists, and it would be advisable to your paper to take the midway, so as not to lose the confidence of our people in your paper as the official organ of our movement.

Yours, etc.,

S.S.

## Tribute to a Palestinian Chief Rabbi

Sir,—With the death of the Chief Rabbi of Safed, Abraham Leib Silberman, the Yishuv has lost an outstanding scholar and revered personality.

The third of his generation to fill this exalted post, he was regarded as the crown of Safed and district, where he laboured unselfishly to promote the interests of all sections of the community, both Jew and Gentile. Many non-Jews turned to him for help and advice and as intermediary in local disputes his judgments were accepted without question.

His death will be deeply mourned by the entire Safed community and by all landsleit in South Africa.

Yours, etc.,

R. FISHMAN,

Chairman, Palestine Society, Johannesburg.

## No Questions

Sir,—I had the occasion to attend a meeting on November 12 called for Zionist Youth at the Ginsberg Hall, which was addressed by Mr. Philip Zuckerman and Mr. Norman Lourie, in the course of which Mr. Lourie spoke to the meeting on his experiences in Palestine and his views on its present situation. I was extremely disappointed to find that questions were not allowed; in fact, were not even called for, after the speakers had finished. Very tactfully Mr. S. Rome, the chairman, rose directly the speakers had ended and closed the meeting with the singing of Hatikvah. I say very tactfully because I believe that the chairman realised that, owing to certain statements made, Mr. Lourie would have found himself in a very embarrassing, if not difficult, position if he were called upon to answer questions.

In my opinion Mr. Lourie's speech was more of a pro-civil war instigation than of a lecture on the present situation. At least 75 per cent. of his speech dealt with attacking the Jewish resistance forces. His attacks at times were so bitter that one could easily have imagined him on a pro-British platform rather than on a pro-Jewish one.

Mr. Lourie states that he is being recruited by the Haganah. May I suggest to him that he cut short his visit to South Africa and return to Palestine post-haste and not poison the minds of South African Jewish youth with what can only be termed as anti-Jewish liberation propaganda.

Yours, etc.,

ANTI-CIVIL WAR.

(Note.—This letter has been cut due to personal references.—Editor, Z.R.)

## CHANUKAH FAIR

Thousands of people are expected to attend the major Chanukah Fair, to be held at Balfour Park on sunset on Tuesday, December 9, the third night of Chanukah.

The Johannesburg Women's Zionist League is planning to reproduce the atmosphere of Chanukah as celebrated in Eretz Israel. Parents will be happy to have this opportunity of bringing their children to witness the festive kindling of the Menorah in the open air, the torchlight procession of hundreds of children, the community singing led by the well-known Hazamir choir.

In addition, the branches of the League are co-operating to provide a traditional open-air supper, with various kinds of latkes as the chief dish.

The fair, with numerous amusements and attractions, will proceed after the ceremony under the glowing lights of a giant Menorah.

Let the children carry away an indelible impression of the joy of Chanukah. Plan now to be one of the thousands who will come to Balfour Park after sunset on December 9.

## Mr. S. Emdin Returns From Overseas

Mr. S. Emdin, managing director of Charter Holdings, Ltd., a prominent member of the Johannesburg Zionist Association and of the Parkview-Greenside and Districts Hebrew Congregation, has returned to Johannesburg after an extended visit to the United States and England.

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## Golden Jubilee Production At Jewish Guild



The cast of "Hep, Hep and Atom"

"Hep, Hep and Atom," produced by Herbert Friedman and directed by Woolfe Ostrowiak, has once more proved that there is a sufficiency of local Jewish talent to give variety shows of the highest standard. A host of original ideas, specially composed songs and lyrics, lovely dance ensembles, attractive costumes and settings helped to make the show first-rate entertainment. George Moss and his band supplied the music.

Nat Bergman as compere was imitable with impersonations rang-

ing from Eddie Cantor to General Smuts. Ada Seidel's singing of an aria from "Cavalleria Rusticana" was outstanding. Her beautiful soprano voice, enhanced by her dramatic gestures, lent authenticity to her performance and showed her to have the makings of an opera star. Other singers of note in a lighter vein were Alma Fisher, Alma Effune, Denny Davies and Morris Stoller.

Some particularly stunning dance routines were put over by Hannah Seinik, the ballet mistress in the

"Runaway Rocking Horse," and in the second item of the show, where the full company appeared in an ensemble which might be danced 50 years hence.

The supporting cast deserves high praise for its smooth co-ordinated teamwork.

Miriam Lopert on the accordion and "the one and only" Issy Goldblatt add to the imposing list of performers. The show will be on at the Jewish Guild every Wednesday and Sunday until December 14.

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## J.W.A. FETE COMMITTEE MEETS

A further meeting of the Fete Committee of the S.A. Jewish War Appeal Women's Section, took place on Wednesday, November 5. Several functions have already been arranged, the first of which will take place on Saturday, November 22. These are being organised by the Observatory Curve and Mayfair Branches at the homes of Mrs. M. Levin, 35, 1st Avenue, Bez. Valley North, and Mrs. Kahn, 13 Von Ryneveld Street, Mayfair West, respectively.

A morning market will take place on Friday, November 28, at the home of Mrs. Aron, 36, 9th Street, Orange Grove, for the Orange Grove/Norwood/Sydenham Branch.

An all day Children's Fair and Fete is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, arranged by the Greenside Branch, at the Beaconsfield Club grounds (one mile from the Greenside bus terminus). This function commences at 11 a.m. and will include numerous attractions, such as a Punch and Judy, a conjurer, slides, lucky dips, needlework and home industries as well as refreshments.

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