

D.P.'s GET A LINO TYPE

THE old-time newspaper editor who laboriously set his columns of type by hand, a letter at a time, is almost extinct to-day, but the staff of the "Wocheblatter"—the leading Jewish newspaper published in the British Zone of Germany and the oldest post-war paper in all of Germany—know exactly how the old-timers must have felt. For the "Wocheblatter" got its first linotype machine only last week, after almost three years of publication.

Ninety per cent. of the paper's costs—including that of the new linotype—are paid by the Central Committee of the Bergen-Belsen Displaced Persons camp, the largest in Europe. The Committee, in turn, is aided by the JDC-SAJA.

Working without a linotype, however, was only one of the difficulties facing the three D.P. writers who, a short three months after the liberation of Bergen-Belsen by the British in April, 1945, put out their first issue of "Unzer Sztyme" (Our Voice), as the "Wocheblatter" was originally named.

Not only were the editors, Raphael Olewski, Paul Trepman and Rosenthal sick men, none of them had any actual experience in the production of a newspaper. Rosenthal had been a student at the Warsaw Journalism School. Olewski a writer for a provincial Polish paper, and Trepman a member of the Rabbinate with some writing experience.

Materials Lacking

Even the most fundamental materials for putting out a newspaper were lacking. The first issue consisted of sixteen pages, octave size, bound in magazine style—and handwritten. Without printing equipment,

or even a Jewish typewriter, Rosenthal had to write out each page in longhand. A plate was then made of the separate pages at a German printshop in Brunswick, 60 miles from Belsen, and the first issue printed on a rough, cheap paper provided by UNRRA.

Aid came from the JDC-SAJA and, also, from an unexpected source. A Canadian soldier, named Ellen, from Toronto, seeing the paper's plight, had a Yiddish typewriter sent from his home town and donated it to the editors.

By the time the 11th issue rolled off the presses, the paper was using photographs. And, one year after it was born "Unzer Sztyme" finally achieved the dignity of print.

Little by little, however, the operation of putting out "Unzer Sztyme" became a smooth one and, by the end of the second year of publication, it had expanded to a 64 page volume, with a fancy two-colour cover.

The desire of the D.P. population for news, however, was so strong that it could not be satisfied by a monthly publication, no matter how complete, and so the editors made the transition from a monthly to a weekly publication, changing the name to "Wocheblatter."

And now the "Wocheblatter" has Jewish correspondents of its own in Palestine, the United States and all over the world, as well as a local field staff which sends in the news from all parts of the British Zone, and is a regular, full-fledged newspaper serving the Jews in the British Zone—a far cry from the neat, hand-written booklet born at Belsen three months after the liberation.

Mammoth Fete To Be Held From 18-23 Sept.

THE S.A. Jewish Appeal Mammoth Fete Committee have much pleasure in announcing that the Fete which was to have been held from

Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Evening in East London

An impressive Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Evening, under the auspices of the East London Zionist Society, was held recently.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. M. Wald, Dr. M. Witkin (Port Elizabeth), Mr. Hertz and Mr. L. Lefbowitz, Organiser-Secretary of the Eastern Province Zionist Council.

The Rev. T. Vainstein intoned the Hazkarah.

Mr. S. Traub, chairman of the East London Hebrew Congregation, presided, and Mr. L. Hellman, chairman of the East London Zionist Society, welcomed the visiting speakers.

3rd-6th May at Arcadia, Parktown, and was postponed owing to the Polio epidemic, will now take place from 18th-23rd September, at Balfour Park. This function will now be a joint effort of the S.A. Jewish Appeal and the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League.

The Germiston Branch of the S.A. Jewish Appeal Mammoth Fete Committee have done exceptionally fine work in raising funds for the Mammoth Fete through functions, etc. The Reef branches in general have given their whole-hearted support to this effort and most of them have either reached or nearly reached their quota.

PRETORIA ZIONIST COUNCIL OFFICE OPENED

A full discussion of the future policy of the Pretoria Zionist Council took place at the annual general meeting of that body held recently. An intensive programme is being planned for the ensuing year and an office has been opened up.

The Executive of the Council, elected at the meeting, consists of Mr. H. Jacobson (chairman), Mrs. L. Janower (vice-chairman), Mr. Julius Block (secretary), Mrs. A. Levi (treasurer), Mr. A. Cooper and Mr. Abe Berkow.

The address of the Council's office is as follows:—

Room 10, Morimar Buildings, 263 Van der Walt Street, Pretoria.

United Hebrew Institutions of Germiston

At the 18th annual general meeting of the above Institutions, held on March 31, 1948, the following Council was elected for 1948: L. L. Saffer, president (8th term of office); S. Wolpert, vice-president; H. Colman, hon. treasurer; A. Russak, Chevra Kadisha president; D. Smith, Chevra Kadisha vice-president; A. S. Bernstein, S. P. Jacobson and J. Sindelman, trustees.

Councillors: I. Barris, B. N. Cohen, J.P., I. Dunsky, L. Finger, J. Klewansky, J. Kramer, N. Melamed, N. Segal, S. Segal, H. Sneeck, J.P., A. J. Swartz, W. Swartz, A. Zion and I. Gordon, secretary.

MDA Concert in Port Elizabeth

An attractive programme was presented at a concert held under the auspices of the Port Elizabeth Branch of Magen David Adom.

The artistes were Mrs. Lifsin, Mrs. Glago, the Rev. A. Klaff, Mrs. J. W. Harris, Mr. Perelson, June Salters, Mary Redhouse, Mr. E. Elias, Mr. J. Elias and Mrs. J. Mizrachi. Mr. Lifsin acted as compere. A Palestinian film was shown.

Mizrachi Branch Formed in Germiston

A well-attended meeting of the Mizrachi Branch was held at the Hotel, Germiston, which was presided by Rabbi M. Koenigsberg and Mr. E. Gastwirth.

A provisional committee was elected consisting of Messrs. Margolius and A. L. Ostroff, and Cantor I. Kaminer read the opening prayer and sang Jewish songs.

Salisbury Activities

Two interesting lectures were delivered by the Rev. Koenigsberg. The first, delivered at a meeting of the Rhodesian Jewish Affairs Association, was "Zionist Policy To-day," Middleton presided.

The second, given at a meeting of the Salisbury Jewish Community, was on the subject of "Zionism and Religion." A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by E. Brod.

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