

Who Are the Neurotics ?

From Mr. D. PERSON (Johannesburg).

To the Editor of the *Zionist Record*.

Sir,—According to Dr. W. Sachs (as reported in your issue of August 21) one of the gentlemen who, in this country is still backing the wrong horse — every honest man knew that the charges against Dr. Weizmann of pro-Britishism, abandoning the Zionist programme, etc., came from neurotics.

As Dr. Sachs is a medical man, I must pay some respect to his opinion, but if he states the truth, then the state of health of our people must be very critical indeed.

Otherwise, how would it be possible that, notwithstanding the fact that 80 per cent. of the Jewish press is in the hands of the Weizmannists, ninety per cent. of the masses of Zionists in Poland, Lettland, East and West Galicia, Roumania and Austria voted *against* Dr. Weizmann and his policy. (I exclude the labour vote because labour had everything from Dr. Weizmann it wanted so that its organisation had every reason not to let him fall). This is indeed a most terrible state of affairs from the pathological point of view.

The figures, according to the *Kongress Zeitung* of July 13, in the above-mentioned countries were as follows: General Zionists, 26,819 votes; Revisionists, 38,490 votes; Mizrachi, 24,692 votes; Radicals, 12,500 votes; Labour, 45,000 votes.

We all know that 90 per cent. of the General Zionists, Mizrachi and Radicals in those countries were also *against* the former leader (Congress has proved that sufficiently!), so we see that in not even one out of every ten, could there be found to be in favour of Dr. Weizmann.

The Hon. President for life, of the South African Zionist Federation, Mr. A. M. Abrahams, is reported to have become so angry with his fellow-General Zionists (for even they revolted against Dr. Weizmann) that he ran over at the Congress to the ranks of Labour—the faithful supporters of the former President. I wonder if Dr. Sachs would tell us whether perhaps there is not the possibility that the 2,200 Zionists who voted for Mr. Abrahams were also neurotics?

According to my opinion they certainly were merely the victims of one-sided information. If they could learn the truth, we would get quite a different picture indeed.

But, wait and see . . .

Yours, etc.,

D. Person.

A MAYFAIR DANCE.

Arranged by Branch of Women's Zionist League and Judean Society.

Under the combined auspices of the Mayfair Branch of the Women's Zionist League and the Mayfair Judean Society, a Grand Dance will be held at the H.O.D. Hall, De Villiers Street, on Wednesday evening, October 21st. Dancing from 8-12 to the strains of the Jazz Maniacs Orchestra. Numerous novelties will be arranged. Tickets 5s. double and 3s. single. Remember this date and support the Mayfair branch in its effort for the Jewish National Fund.

PRETORIA ZIONIST SOCIETY.

Annual Ball in October.

Pretoria Jewry is eagerly looking forward to the Annual Ball of the above society to be held at the Berea Hall on the 28th October, under the distinguished patronage of Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Clarendon, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. F. Dey and Mrs. Dey, and Rabbi and Mrs. W. H. rsch.

The ball is in aid of the National Fund, and Zionist Society. The tickets are 15s. double and 7s. 6d. single. It is hoped that early application will be made for tickets, as a record attendance is anticipated.

Bridge tables will be arranged for non-dancers, and numerous interesting novelties will be introduced to add to the pleasure of the evening.

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Jewish Orphanage Membership Campaign.

In connection with the Johannesburg One-Day New-Membership Campaign for the Orphanage, that has been fixed for Sunday, October 11th, an inaugural meeting of conveners was held at the Carlton Hotel on Monday night.

Mr. B. Kaumheimer, the President, welcomed those present. He pointed out that although the number of children in the Orphanage kept on increasing—there were over 280 children under their care—the number of members did not increase. On the contrary, it kept on decreasing, owing to natural wastage and other causes. Consequently the committee had no alternative but to call again upon their friends and workers to carry out a membership campaign. The necessity of this would be evident when he told them that out of a Jewish population of 20,000 there were only 2,000 members in Johannesburg. They found that a membership campaign was necessary every few years. Their last campaign was in 1928.

Mr. B. Moss Morris, the Hon. Secretary, stated that according to the cards that had been made out containing the names and addresses of non-members, there were over 8,000 adult Jews and Jewesses in Johannesburg who were not members of the Orphanage. The cards had been divided into districts, streets, etc. There were districts like Berea, Yeoville and Doornfontein, in each of which there were considerably over 1,000 names of non-members to be canvassed.

Districts were allocated to conveners, and a full list of these will be published later.

The necessity for conveners obtaining a number of helpers for their particular district was emphasised, and the providing of transport, badges and other arrangements were discussed.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Morris for the work he was doing in organising this campaign, and pointed out that this was Mr. Morris's third new membership campaign that he was organising for the Orphanage.

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