

CHAIM WEIZMANN HONOURED.*(Concluded from previous page.)*

penned up in their respective countries without any possibility of physical escape. Many Jews, therefore, sought moral escape in non-Jewish contacts and interests which strengthened the already powerful centrifugal forces tending towards the final break-up of all Jewish life.

The vast reservoir of Russian Jewry was fast becoming de-Judaized, and there was practically no room for Jews within the framework of modern life in Russia. Their religion and language were rapidly disappearing—a tragic example of a Jewish community in dissolution.

Much the same thing was happening in Poland, Roumania and Czecho-Slovakia, while Jews in America were hit doubly hard by the economic crisis, and were unable to help themselves.

The Lodestar.

Amid all these factors tending to break up Jewish life as a whole, Palestine was still the lodestar of Jewish hopes.

Reviewing the Palestine position since 1918, Dr. Weizmann emphasised that Jews often had too little idea what it means to build up a country and a people from the very foundation.

“In the Diaspora, our life has always been a superstructure imposed upon an alien foundation; whereas the Palestine work was begun from the ground up. Nevertheless, Palestine colonisation compares not unfavourably with similar work by other nations of greater experience and under more encouraging circumstances.”

Dr. Weizmann foresaw for the next twenty-five years the possibility of an annual increase of two thousand agricultural families, thus achieving a population of 250,000 and creating ancillary occupations for at least as many more; but beyond twenty-five years who would dare prophesy, he asked.

Three Conditions of Zionist Success.

“For the Palestine achievements to effect an improvement in Jewish conditions outside Palestine, three potentialities are pre-supposed. Firstly, the active support and co-operation of the Mandatory. In spite of the many disappointments of recent years, we still believe in a community of interest between the Mandatory and the builders of the Jewish National Home; and in the readjustment which is even now taking place within the British Empire, Palestine, owing to its peculiar geographical position, is likely to assume a greater place than in the past. The second pre-requisite is an understanding between ourselves and the Arabs. Personally, I would be willing to seek an understanding with the Arabs on the basis of parity between the two races, though I doubt whether that principle would meet with a very cordial reception either from Arab or from Jew. And the third and indispensable pre-requisite is to keep our faith unshaken in these difficult times.”



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Congratulatory Message on Johannesburg's Sharon Carnival from Mr. M. M. Ussischkin (Jerusalem).

The J.N.F. Central Office for S. Africa,
Johannesburg.

5th November, 1931.

Dear Sirs,

The result of the Sharon Carnival in Johannesburg by which over £5,000 was raised, is one upon which congratulations are due to all those associated with this fine effort. It is something exceptional in these days to raise so substantial a sum in a few months' time, and this can only be due to the devotion and energy of yourself and fellow-workers. I should like all those responsible for the success, to know that we appreciate their endeavours most highly.

The redemption of the Sharon land in the name of South Africa will prove an abiding and inspiring tribute to your zeal for the Jewish national revival. I hope that many of those who participated in the work for the Carnival will come to see the land which they helped to redeem.

With Zion's greetings,
Yours faithfully,
M. M. USSISCHKIN.

Message to the Banquet

From South African Zionist Federation.

The following cable message was sent to the Banquet by the S.A. Zionist Federation—

“Join English Zionists in honouring Weizmann share gratification whole Zionist world his continued indispensable participation our work. Preparing royal welcome here and earnestly hope long-awaited visit will arouse outburst fresh enthusiasm and evoke fine response to needs Eretz Israel.”

THE ISADOR EPSTEIN MUSICALS.

The third of Mr. Isadore Epstein's musicals took place on December 7th at the Grand National Hotel, Johannesburg, when the noted pianist collaborated with Mr. Otto Menge (violinist) and Mr. Hermann Becker (cellist) in trios by Brahms and Smetana. Miss Hilda Harries sang three of Mr. Epstein's songs from a light opera, “The Dream Pedlar.” This is the first occasion on which these have been heard in South Africa; striking in themselves and attractively rendered. They were very well received. Mr. Herman Becker played a Bach suite for cello; and Mr. Epstein himself played the Liszt transcription of Schubert's “Wanderer Fantasia,” together with Mrs. Sheila Fryer.