

Activities for Dunam Drive

Visit of Mr. Joseph Baratz and Mr. Kentridge, M.P., to Kimberley.

ON Sunday, 19th inst. Mr. Baratz and Mr. Kentridge, M.P., addressed a large and enthusiastic gathering in the Supper Room of the Town Hall in the interests of the Dunam Drive. The two speakers were introduced by the Chairman of the local Zionist Association, Mr. H. Stoller, who explained that Kimberley was still £580 short of its quota in connection with the Sharon purchase.

Mr. Kentridge, in an eloquent address, contrasted the advantages the pioneers of Rhodesia with the disadvantages those of Palestine were up against. Without the aid of a government, finance or military forces the Jews had reconstructed their nation and reclaimed their land. As Jews who wished to keep their self-respect and the respect of other nations, South African Jewry were under an obligation to do their share. Mr. Baratz had come to help South African Jewry to fulfil their obligations towards Palestine.

He appealed to the audience to give their utmost to complete their quota notwithstanding the bad times. Speaking about the National Fund, he said that the National Fund carried out for the Jewish people what for other nations was being done by the Government. Whilst he claimed that in the upbuilding of the National Home both private enterprise and national endeavour were equally important and should be co-ordinated, there was more security in national enterprise. Private enterprise created land speculation which was causing an increase in the price of land.

Importance of Jewish Labour.

MR. BARATZ, in an able address in Yiddish, stressed the importance of gaining possession of the land. This was what Trumpeldor and his small band of heroes fought for and this was what the Chalutzim were striving for—to gain and keep possession of the land. Land once gained for the Jews would always remain such and more can be done by labour and settlement than by politics and diplomacy. The need for more land was to-day a very urgent one.

He then went on to describe the present progressive developments in Palestine. Palestine to-day was the only country in the world that absorbed 16,000 immigrants in one year. All over the world the Jewish position was uncertain. Palestine to-day offered the only hope.

A canvass was then carried out on behalf of the Drive and about £112 was raised there and then. A further canvass is still proceeding and it is hoped that this sum will be increased. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers by Mr. A. Slosberg.

On Sunday afternoon the visitors were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. Stoller, and on Monday evening they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Awerbuck.

Mr. Baratz's Departure.

ON Saturday evening last a most cordial send-off was given to Mr. Joseph Baratz, the Palestine Chalutz delegate, who came here with Mr. Abraham Harzfeld to conduct the Dunam Drive.

A large number of Zionist workers who have learned to admire the qualities of Mr. Joseph Baratz, came to Park Station and showed deep regret at the departure from our midst of so fine a Zionist personality.

Meeting With Executive.

On the previous Thursday evening a final leave-taking of Mr. Baratz was held by the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation at a special meeting at the home of the Chairman, Mr. L. Braudo. At this meeting Mr. Baratz gave an interesting report

of his activities and travels in South Africa and gave the Executive Council the benefit of his opinion as to the future manner in which certain aspects of Zionist work should be conducted.

Appreciation for the work of Mr. Baratz in South Africa was expressed by several members of the Executive Council. Mrs. K. Gluckmann (speaking on behalf of Mr. J. Janower, Chairman of the Jewish National Fund, who was absent owing to illness), informed Mr. Baratz that it had been decided as a mark of deep appreciation to place his name in the Golden Book of the National Fund.

In the course of his reply, Mr. Baratz referred to the increasingly vital importance of the National Fund. His present experiences had taught him that Jews in this country would welcome practical men from Palestine to inform them of the daily life and development of that country. In expressing appreciation for the inscription of his name in the Golden Book, Mr. Baratz urged that this entry should be made in the name of the Colony of Daganía, with which he was so intimately associated.

The Chairman informed Mr. Baratz that this would be agreed to.

Mr. A. Harzfeld, the colleague of Mr. Baratz, who is remaining in this country for a further period, also gave the Council the benefit of his recent experiences in connection with Dunam Drive work.

Mr. Baratz is now in Rhodesia in connection with the Dunam Drive and is leaving there direct for Cape-town, where he will embark on the s.s. Balmoral Castle on April 7 on his return journey to Palestine.

Mr. A. Harzfeld's Visit to Pietersburg.

MR. ABRAHAM HARZFELD, the Palestine Chalutz delegate, paid a visit to Pietersburg on Sunday, the 12th inst. In the morning, he was entertained at a tea at the Royal Hotel by the committees of the several local Societies. After tea he invited questions on any points connected with Palestine, and then spoke for about an hour, replying to the questions. His address was most interesting and much appreciated by his audience.

In the afternoon, Mr. Harzfeld addressed a Mass Meeting of Zionists in the Communal Hall. It was one of the most inspiring and impressive addresses that local Zionists have had the pleasure of hearing. The audience was completely swayed by the intense enthusiasm and devotion that the speaker displayed to the great National Cause.

In the evening the Young Israel Society held a Purim Ball, during the course of which Mr. Harzfeld rendered several Jewish folk-songs to the great appreciation of those present.

On Monday, Mr. H. Manaschewitz motored Mr. Harzfeld to the low country where he was able to come into contact with local tropical farming conditions. Mr. Harzfeld thoroughly enjoyed the outing. On his return, Mr. Harzfeld gave the Junior Cultural and Reading Circle an interesting address on "Trumpeldor."

On Monday evening he addressed another gathering of Zionists at the Royal Hotel. Altogether Mr. Harzfeld's visit to Pietersburg was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the local community.

KLERKSDORP.

DURING the last week-end Mr. Abraham Harzfeld, accompanied by Mr. J. Bahr, member of the National Fund Committee, visited Klerksdorp on behalf of the Dunam Drive.

A full report of the proceedings has not yet reached us, but we learn that the visitors received a very enthusiastic reception. A very successful meeting was held and £76 odd has already been contributed. A few people in the district have still to be canvassed and further donations are expected. We hope to give a full report in our next issue.