

Reception to Women Palestine Tourists

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION AT LANGHAM HOTEL

THE Johannesburg Women's Zionist League held a most successful function at the Langham Hotel on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 4th inst., when many of the members, who had just returned from their trip to Palestine addressed a large and interested audience.

The function opened with three songs most ably rendered by Madame Max Weinbrenn. Mrs. B. Patley, who presided, then called upon Mrs. Janower, who, speaking on her impressions of the Yomim Tovim which she had spent in Palestine, described most vividly the Seder celebrations which the tourists had enjoyed in Jerusalem, and the Shevuos spectacle which they had witnessed in Haifa.

Mrs. Adelson, in considering the future of Palestine, described this country as a key to the empty lands around. She stressed the agricultural progress made within recent years, and stated that one could know the future by regarding the distant past.

Mrs. Senior described, briefly, a kvutzah at which she had spent three days. The women, she said, worked at the side of the men; and this was possible because the ordinary domestic cares had been taken from their shoulders. The lives of the workers were primitive, but the children, the animals and the birds were given the best of attention. The life was possible only to those who were filled with idealism and a great spirit.

Mrs. Miller described the Palestinian atmosphere as differing from that of any other country which she had visited. The Jews there were blessed with an utter unselfconsciousness. Every child had the feeling that this was his own life, and every adult had, here, the right to give expression to his own particular individuality. The visit to the Sharon, she added, had been one of the outstanding features of the tour.

MRS. M. GUINSBERG gave a brief outline of the three types of colony which existed in Palestine. The moshav, she said, had been the creation of the earliest settlers. Those who had found the form unsatisfactory, as not fulfilling to the full their ideals, had introduced the kvutzah, in which everyone worked at specified tasks. There was an extended kvutzah, with a population of some 600 people, at Ain Charod, and here the experiment had proved most successful.

The kibbutz was run, generally, by persons who had done hascharah, the workers doing outside jobs and bringing their earnings into the colony.

At this stage Mrs. Patley expressed the gratification she felt at being able to present to Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Landau, both of whom were among the guests of honour, the certificate of the insertion of their names in the Golden Book, to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the League.

Mrs. Landau, having expressed her gratitude for this kind gesture on the part of the League, said that she had been most vividly impressed by the spiritual atmosphere of Eretz Israel. Every mountain, brook and valley reminded one of the past. The children held their heads high, lacking the ghetto bend. There could be no fear that the children would not be Jewish—they would carry forward the banner of Judah. They knew the Sabbath as a day of freedom.

Dr. Landau said that he found it impossible to convey the true impression of Palestine. One must make a visit oneself.

In dealing with the work of the League, the speaker stated that it had developed exactly as he had anticipated. The Jewish woman is, and has always been, an important factor in Jewish life, and it was because of his recognition of this fact that he had advocated the admission of women into the synagogue councils. His efforts had succeeded here and at Capetown, and must eventually succeed elsewhere. He was delighted to present to the League the certificate which marked the insertion of its name in the Golden Book in commemoration of its 21st anniversary.

Mrs. Levy-Stein then addressed the gathering on the children's aliyah, in connection with which she is visiting South Africa. Nothing, she said, could be done for the adult Jews of Germany; but for the children, who were suffering humiliation and hopelessness, much could be done. They might be taught in Palestine how to become self-respecting and self-supporting individuals. For the sum of £72 a child could be brought from the misery of Germany to the happiness of Palestine, and could be trained for three years until he was in a position to be absorbed into the State as a working asset.

Mrs. Reinhold proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, and to Mrs. Patley, who had so ably organised and controlled the meeting.

Maccabi Meeting at Carlton Hotel

GREAT ENTHUSIASM FOR JEWISH WORLD GAMES.

A REMARKABLE sight was presented on Tuesday evening at the Carlton Hotel, Johannesburg, when some three hundred Jewish athletes assembled in the ballroom of that famous hostelry. The occasion was the first public meeting of those interested in sending a South African team to participate in the Maccabiah to be held in Tel-Aviv in 1935. The project was brought to this country by Dr. Alexander Rosenfeld, a member of the council of the World Maccabi Union.

Great interest has been taken in Dr. Rosenfeld's mission by Jewish sporting men and women in this country. The gathering on Monday evening was presided over by Mr. Harry Carter, M.P.C., who extended a welcome to Dr. Rosenfeld. He felt that it was not only good for Jewish sport in South Africa that a team should go to Palestine, but such action would encourage the Maccabi movement and help to make the games at Tel-Aviv a success.

The Chairman pointed out that the head of the movement to-day was Lord Melchett, and said that in this country there was great enthusiasm for the idea.

Dr. Rosenfeld, who was cordially greeted on rising, then delivered an address in Yiddish, in which he explained the purpose and aims of the world Maccabi movement. He declared that it was genuinely inspiring to see that evening such a gathering of Jewish athletes situated in a community so far away from Jewish centres. It was a privilege for him to invite Jews in South Africa to participate in the forthcoming games at Tel-Aviv. He hoped that others would participate in the great *simcha*, so that there would not only be contestants going from South Africa, but a large number of visitors.

Dr. Rosenfeld declared that they badly needed a larger stadium and a swimming pool in Tel-Aviv. He finally declared that the basic idea of the Maccabi was to make Palestine the centre of the Jewish sport movement throughout the world.

Mr. Norman Lourie said that sports committees had been established in Capetown and Johannesburg. There had also been formed a General Council to help raise funds and organise the movement. He (Mr. Lourie) had accepted the chairmanship of the Council, while Mr. Carter was the chairman of the local Sports Committee. The speaker pointed out that the sending of the team to Tel-Aviv would not only bring honour to South African Jewry, but to South Africa. (Applause.)

GREETINGS were offered by Mr. Feitelberg, of Capetown, who had come specially to attend the meeting that night.

Mr. Emery, of the Olympic Games Council in South Africa, extended greetings. He assured them that every sporting controlling body in the country would help.

In the past the Jews had contributed 50 per cent. of the expenses of sending teams to the Olympic games. Now the Jews themselves wanted support, he felt they would get it wholeheartedly from every section of the sporting community. During the evening an attractive film of the last Maccabiah was shown on the screen.

Great enthusiasm prevailed throughout the evening.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Yeoville Branch.—A very successful literary afternoon was held at the residence of Mrs. L. Friedman, Ash Street, Houghton, on Monday, the 14th ult. Dr. D. Katzen gave a most interesting paper entitled "Women of Palestine." Mrs. L. Sacks read the topical Zionist events of the month, and Mrs. Friedman delighted everyone with her pianoforte solos. Mesdames Sass and Sapire proposed votes of thanks.

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