

Nazi Leader Ordered to Leave

Administrator's Action in South-West Africa

A SEQUEL to the banning of the Nazi movement in South-West Africa was the serving on November 2nd on Major Weigel, territorial leader of the Nazi movement, of an order signed by the Administrator requesting him to leave the territory within three weeks.

There are rumours that other prominent Nazis are to be asked to leave the territory, but of this there is no confirmation.

Major Weigel came to South-West Africa with the garrison troops, and fought in the Herero War of 1905 to 1906. He returned to Germany in 1906, and came back to South-West Africa in 1927 on a farm settlement scheme. He had joined the Nazi movement in Germany in 1926. In 1929 a branch of the Nazi movement was formed in Windhoek, and in 1932, following the national revolution in Germany, Ernst Warneke was appointed territorial leader. In January, 1934, the Nazi Party was reorganised, and Major Weigel, on an invitation from Nazi headquarters in Germany, assumed leadership.

Before the banning took place there were 30 branches in South-West Africa, with a total membership of 1,200, including 50 women.

The "Cape Times" on the Banning of the Nazis

THE "Cape Times" in an editorial in its issue of October 30th deals with the Administrator's action in South-West Africa in banning the Nazi movement. It emphasises the distinction between the banned Nazi organisation and the Deutsche Bund, which was originally a cultural society and has since become political and which avowedly aims at the establishment of a purely German racial bloc. This body professes at least, however, to be a South-West African organisation, and there is no evidence that it draws its political inspiration from Germany. The Nazi organisation, on the other hand, is purely a branch of the Nazi organisation in Germany and has worked to promote Hitlerite interests in the territory and has received support and instructions from Germany.

The editorial continues:—

"Some of the more repellent features of Nazism have, in fact, as the reports of incidents occurring here and there throughout the Union show, already made their appearance on this side of the South-West African border, and Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr found it necessary a few days ago to issue a very timely warning on this subject. If within our own borders organisations exist which have for their avowed purpose the adoption of methods which are bound sooner or later to clash with peace, order and good government, it may be necessary to apply within the Union the same policy that Dr. Conradie has adopted in South-West Africa."

Labour Party Conference Condemns Grey Shirts

AT the Cape Provincial Conference of the S.A. Labour Party, which was held last week, many of the speakers denounced the Grey Shirt movement in no uncertain tone and declared that the movement was aiming at the overthrow of democracy under the cloak of anti-Semitism. Resolutions were passed condemning all movements or schools of thought making for a dictatorship or Fascist state. One resolution reads:—

"This conference calls upon the parliamentary representatives of the South African Labour Party to use the position for the purpose of anti-Fascist propaganda and to demand the application against the Grey Shirts and other similar movements of legislation aimed at their suppression."

Natal Grey Shirt Leaders Fined

R. K. RUDMAN, the provincial leader of the Grey Shirts in Natal, and P. M. de Waal, the secretary, were found guilty of assault in the Magistrate's Court recently. Rudman was fined £3, or seven days, and De Waal 10s. or four days. Notice of appeal was lodged.

The case was a sequel to a meeting on October 2nd of the City Parliamentary Debating Society, at which Rudman and De Waal propounded the principles of a South African Party.

It was stated that after the meeting Rudman and De Waal assaulted Mr. Louis Brenner.

The magistrate, in his judgment, said it was clear that the assault had been committed and he could not accept the story of the defence that Rudman and De Waal acted in self-defence.

The latter seemed to have taken only a minor part in the affair.

Meeting Banned at Kroonstad Under Riotous Assemblies Act

ACTING under the provisions of the Riotous Assemblies Act of 1914, the Acting Magistrate at Kroonstad, Mr. H. Lawrence, issued a circular prohibiting the holding of a meeting which the Grey Shirts had advertised would be held at Kroonstad last Saturday. A few weeks ago the Town Council also refused an application from the Grey Shirts for the hire of the Town Hall for a meeting.

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The Vardi-Yoalit Tour

From Mr. H. JACOBSON (Kimberley).

To the Editor of "The Zionist Record"

Sir,—Permit me the hospitality of your columns to express on behalf of myself, and many others, to Mr. D. Vardi and Madame Yoalit our deep-felt appreciation and thanks for the rare intellectual treat and aesthetic pleasure that was afforded us by their performance in Kimberley.

The dramatic heights reached by Madame Yoalit in her rendering of the "Mother of Messiah" and of the "Valley of Dry Bones" of Ezekiel was a revelation to the audience—even those who were not conversant with Hebrew.

Mr. Vardi by his inimitable mimicry and original improvisations ably complemented Madame Yoalit and was very much appreciated by the audience.

The writer read the reviews of the tour of the Palestinian "Ohel" theatre in Europe, wherein the view was expressed that quite apart from the artistic value of the performances, a great propaganda service has been rendered to the revival of the Hebrew language and our land. On hearing Vardi and Yoalit, I realised the truth of this statement. It is a propaganda none the less effective because it is not intended as such—and perhaps because of it.

With Zion's greetings.

Yours truly,

H. JACOBSON.

GEORGE ARLISS AT THE COLOSSEUM

In "Voltaire" showing at the Colosseum this week, George Arliss again shows his versatility as a polished and accomplished actor. He achieves a remarkable likeness to the famous Voltaire. Miss Doris Kenyon is a lovely Madame de Pompadour and Mr. Alan Mowbray plays the role of Comte de Sarnac.

The supporting programme, comprising the Colosseum Symphony Orchestra, an excellent cartoon by Walt Disney, entitled, "Bugs in Love," and the usual news reels, is entertaining.