

Sporting Personalities

By Joshua M. Brauer

No. 4—MARTEL JACOB.

LATELY there seems to be some magnetic force drawing some outstanding sportsmen and sports-women to the Rand, and the acquisition of Martel Jacob last year has proved that fortune favours Johannesburg in sport as well as gold. Miss Jacob has certainly enriched local sport, and has given athletics a new lease of life.

Martel is indeed a fine example of the modern woman athlete. She has beautiful flashing blue eyes and a mass of dark curly hair, and cuts a striking figure both on and off the sportsfield. Personality—charming.

She is an ex-German javelin champion, having represented Germany at the 1928 Olympic Games. She has also represented both Germany and Britain at Maccabi Games.

Born and educated in Berlin, she was until the Nazi regime a prominent figure in German sport. At the Berlin University she was a leading physical culturist, and took an active part in many branches of sport. An excellent hurdler, a clever hockey player and a first class swimmer, she has strong claims for being one of the most versatile athletes in South Africa.

She broke the English shot putt record in 1930, and in 1933 at a Regents Park meeting in London, she represented Middlesex L.A.C. and won two events. The same year she was Britain's sole woman representative at the Maccabi International Sports Festival at Prague, and captured three titles.

At the last Maccabiah in Tel-Aviv, representing Germany, she was second in the javelin, shot putt and discus events. On returning to Germany she became the Berlin champion. She still is a champion



javelin thrower, her average throw being 120 metres.

Coming to South Africa last year, she joined both the Maccabi and Wanderers Athletic Clubs. Her performances in this country have been outstanding. Last September at Milner Park she revealed fine style and technique, and won the javelin throw with a fine effort of 99 feet 3 1/4 inches. She also captured the discus with a distance of 82 feet 10 inches, and the shot putt with 25 feet 4 1/4 inches.

She is the holder of the Wanderers Club Women's discus and javelin championships. And with much experience in athletic activities, she should be a dynamic force in local sport.

The seventh round saw Van der Walt using his famous mule-kick, chasing, punching and dumping the Greek all over the canvas. The climax came in the ninth round. Van der Walt after kicking and jumping, missed with a mule-kick and went soaring through the ropes and crashed on to the press table. He was obviously hurt when he returned to the ring, and Londos applied an unconscious hold to secure a fall after 90 minutes of thrills.

J.M.B.

METRO THEATRE ATTRACTIONS

The current film at the Metro Theatre is "The Garden of Allah," starring beautiful and glamorous Marlene Dietrich. The film version of Robert Hichen's great love story has been made in technicolour and the desert scenes are particularly lovely. Supporting Miss Dietrich are Charles Boyer, Basil Rathbone and C. Aubrey Smith.

"Born to Dance," Eleanor Powell's first film in which she has the leading role, is due for release at the Metro Theatre soon. The supporting programme this week features the usual interesting news reels, "shorts," and an entertaining musical interlude by Mr. Parkhouse at the Wurlitzer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Immigration to Rhodesia

From Rev. M. I. COHEN (Bulawayo).

Sir.—The Immigration conditions in this country have been so tightened up during the last four weeks, that would-be immigrants are likely to suffer serious disability if they attempt to come to Rhodesia without first acquainting themselves with the actual conditions now existing.

Immigrants without adequate funds and looking for work will be rejected and immediately deported. People are required to come to employment obtained before their arrival. The employer must offer work for at least six months at a living wage, and must also offer a guarantee for three years that the immigrant will not become a public burden. Men are required to show ample references, and immigrants who are not skilled artisans are frowned upon. The market for those seeking commercial openings is practically glutted.

No doubt these harsh regulations are due to a temporary abnormality in the situation, and will be relaxed when normal conditions are restored.

Under existing circumstances would-be immigrants are warned to be extremely careful before they venture to come to Rhodesia.

Yours, etc.,

(Rev.) M. I. Cohen.

The Royal Commission

From Mr. S. LOCKETZ (Oudtshoorn)

Sir.—On the eve of their departure from Palestine, the Chairman of the Royal Commission remarked that the Commission never thought it would be faced with such a difficult problem in Palestine.

There should be no difficulty in arriving at a practicable solution if the Commission were to recommend the parity proposal, as enunciated by Dr. Weizmann, the greatest political genius that our race has produced.

The parity principle means in short, equality of representation in a Legislative Council and every other sphere of political activity, regardless of a Jewish or Arab majority in Palestine.

I would strongly urge those Zionist circles who are against this proposal to reconsider their opinion, and stand four-square behind the Zionist leader.

By supporting that political principle, it would take the wind out of the sails of the Arab agitation, namely, that we are trying to submerge them politically and otherwise. It will also help to disarm those circles in British public opinion, which are under the erroneous impression that Zionism aims at eliminating the Arabs from Palestine.

Such a proposal is quite practical and the only one feasible under the circumstances. To prove that such an idea is not chimerical and that such a bi-national state can be called into being, we can instance Czecho-Slovakia, where one finds two races with different cultures, languages and traditions, that have settled down to work out a common national destiny on a bi-national basis. Another example is Switzerland.

Yours, etc.,

Sam Locketz.

Hebrew Institutions of Springs

The Annual Elections.

At the annual meeting of the United Hebrew Institutions of Springs, Mr. Louis Gordon was unanimously elected president. Mr. Albert Kapelus, vice-president, Mr. N. I. Lessick, secretary, and Mr. L. Ronthal, treasurer.

The new executive council consists of Messrs. L. Levitas, B. Gishen, D. Panovka, D. Sarak, A. Ginsberg, W. Levitt, M. Goldstein and P. Jackson.

Bnei Zion

Mr. J. Alexander will lecture to the Bnei Zion Society on Sunday, the 7th inst., at 8.15 p.m. The subject will be "Zionism in S. Africa—problems and possibilities."

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