

## "Guild" Luncheon to Molly Picon

"Goodwill Ambassadors of Jewry"

GATHERING rare of its kind took place on Tuesday afternoon in the Johannesburg Jewish Guild when Miss Molly Picon and her husband, Mr. Jacob Kalisch, at a special luncheon in their honour. Such luncheons the Guild have had before, all with notable success; but this must be accounted outstanding, even among the successes.

A large gathering, which filled the restaurant, was presided over by Mr. Nathan, Chairman of the Dramatic Section of the Guild.

Miss Picon, in a delightful speech, warmly thanked the Guild and the audience for the privilege of being amongst them that day, in an intimate Jewish atmosphere, which was rather like a breath of home.

"I grew up as an actress in the Yiddish Theatre," she said, "and the Jewish world has always been my personal world, and nothing sees my husband and me more assured, as we travel from country to country, than to come into contact with the Jewish masses. One of our main aims wherever we go is to give a Yiddish programme in the course of our stay. We are a sort of goodwill ambassadors who, as we go from place to place, bring news of Jewry from one part of the world to the other—and we always try to bring the latest news we can."

She referred to the trepidation they all felt about coming to South Africa and the ignorance that prevailed largely overseas in regard to conditions here. Indeed, she had even wondered as to what language she should have to speak here!

She was glad to have found the South African community in no measure behind other communities in the world. They could take their place as an appreciative theatre-going public with people anywhere overseas, and she had no hesitation in saying that artists of the highest rank could come here and be as enthusiastically received as they were overseas.

Mr. Jacob Kalisch, in a short pleasant speech, also referred to their delight at being able to be amongst them in this warm Jewish environment to-day.

"We have seen something of Jewish people in Johannesburg before this afternoon," he said. "We have seen lovely Jewish houses, lovely tennis courts and golf courses; but tennis courts and golf courses have very much the same *ponim* all over the world." (Laughter). "What we so ap-

preciate about this afternoon's function is that we are here in an institution that hasn't got any fancy names. It is proud to call itself Jewish—The Jewish Guild." (Applause).

His wife and himself always looked for opportunities to get together with the Jewish community wherever they went, and try to do what they can by way of Jewish entertainment, regardless of whether it paid or not.

Travelling from country to country they had opportunities of learning at first hand the conditions under which Jews lived. He would not here refer to the tragedy of vast Jewries in Europe, but he would like to say that he found, despite the oppression under which these Jews suffered, that their spirit was unbroken. And they had found from their personal observation that wherever there was anti-Semitism it was not because—as the anti-Semite alleged—there was something wrong with the Jews. It was because there was something wrong with the country and its leaders, and the Jews were chosen as scapegoats.

He brought them a message of cheer from Jewry all over the world, and the thought of no matter what might happen, the spirit of Israel would remain firm and faithful.

Advocate Isaacs proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and afterwards Miss Molly Picon brilliantly rendered two striking items in Yiddish—"The Wailing Melody" and "Yiddish is a Shprach." Here, away from the foot-lights, standing on no other stage than the floor, her performance was as remarkable as in the theatre itself. Her superb artistry captivated the whole gathering and she was applauded to the echo after each number was done.

### SHIRLEY TEMPLE IN "CAPTAIN JANUARY."

The Colosseum Theatre's Easter attraction is Shirley Temple's latest picture, "Captain January." In this film little Miss Temple sings and dances, and is more adorable than ever. A part of the film takes place in a lighthouse and a tap dance on the spiral steps by Shirley is a feature of the picture. Charles Manning and the orchestra are still very popular and prove an attractive part of the supporting programme.

## ORT OZE CONFERENCE South African Branch Established

THE occupational reconstruction of the Jewish masses and the preservation of the health of the Jews of Eastern Europe were fully discussed at the conference convened by the Ort Oze held at the Jewish Guild War Memorial Hall last Sunday morning. Mr. S. Schneier presided and welcomed the delegates and visitors who had assembled.

A message was read by Mr. Harry Carter, M.P.C., on behalf of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies. A number of cables from the Head Office of the Ort Oze and other branches throughout the world were read to the conference wishing the liberations success.

Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau stated that the Ort Oze movement was intended to right a world wrong and that the Ort Oze had conceived a constructive way in which to help the Jew of Eastern Europe in his insecure and dreadful position. The sanctity of work was being brought to the attention of Jewish youth who were being renormalized in regard to their vocational spheres.

Mr. S. Y. Jacobi, of the New Zionist Organisation, and a member of the London committee of the Ort, also addressed the conference.

Rabbi Weiler, in a short address, referred to the universality of appeal that the work of the Ort presented.

Dr. Syngalowski referred to the purpose of their gathering which was to establish the first South African branch of "Friends of the ORT-OZE." The objects of the Oze were to clear the vision of the Jewish people. The drunken anti-Semitism which was doing so much harm to our people was not as great a danger as that economic system which methodically undermined the position of so many of our people. He referred to the urge amongst Jews in Europe to enter the ranks of skilled workers in towns and in the country. By assisting them to do so the organisation of the Ort worked in the best interests of the country as a whole. In conclusion, Dr. Syngalowski urged the Jews to realise that if they had to re-orientate themselves on a higher morale they should be motivated by the heights of the Jewish horizon and not by the rubbish-heaps of the anti-Semites.

Dr. Sonnabend gave an outline of the evolution of the economic position of South Africa with special reference to the part played by the Jewish members of the community.

A resolution to create a permanent Ort Oze branch in South Africa was unanimously adopted and a representative committee was elected.

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