

S.A. Board of Deputies and Poland

A STRONG RESOLUTION OF PROTEST

Monthly Meeting Held in Johannesburg

"We, the South African Jewish Board of Deputies as the representative body of the Jews of South Africa, record our indignation at and abhorrence of the cruel economic discrimination and the repeated outbreaks of physical violence to which the Jews of Poland are being subjected. We solemnly declare that it is the duty of the Polish Government to guarantee to its Jewish citizens complete security of life and property and the free means of livelihood to which all citizens are entitled.

"We place on record our heartfelt sympathy with the Jews of Poland in their sufferings and pledge ourselves to support all steps which may be taken to help in alleviating their distress."

THE above resolutions were passed at last Sunday morning's monthly meeting of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, held at the Jewish Guild over which Mr. Cecil Lyons presided. The Board has forwarded the resolutions to the Department for External Affairs in Pretoria, with the request that they be transmitted to the proper headquarters.

It was announced that the Board is taking steps for the launching in South Africa of an appeal on behalf of Polish Jewry.

It was further indicated that the Board here had been in telegraphic communication with the Board of Deputies of British Jews, London, and has been informed by the latter body that the machinery is being created for a united appeal for Polish Jewry to be made throughout Great Britain and the Dominions.

Although the British Board has recommended that the South African campaign should be postponed, pending the launching of the united appeal, the Executive of the Board has felt that at the present is the most opportune time for launching the South African appeal. It has accordingly communicated telegraphically with the British Board pointing out the local circumstances which make an early campaign desirable and stressing that for the success of such a campaign it is essential that a emissary should proceed to South Africa. The British Board has therefore been requested to make the necessary arrangements for the visit of such an emissary, but it must be pressed that a certain period will elapse before arrangements are completed.

MEETING OF THE JEWISH AGENCY COUNCIL

It was reported that an invitation has been extended to South African Jewry by the Jewish Agency Council to appoint a "non-Zionist" delegate to attend the meeting of the Jewish Agency Council, which is to be held at Zurich on August the 18th, following the World Zionist Congress.

South African Jewry has, in the past, been represented at the meetings of the Jewish Agency Council and it has been the practice of the Board to make the appointment of a "non-Zionist" delegate in the name of South African Jewry. This procedure has again been followed in the present instance and advantage has been taken of the fact that the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Harry Carter, has just proceeded overseas, to appoint him as the representative of South African Jewry at the meeting of the Council.

RESIGNATION

Dr. Henry Gluckman has tendered his resignation from the Executive Council, which has been accepted with regret. The Executive records its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Dr. Henry Gluckman to the Board. Although no longer a member of the Executive, he will continue to be associated with several of its committees.

PREPARATION OF HANDBOOK

The Board has under preparation a handbook containing a refutation of the more common misrepresentations and falsehoods regarding the Jewish Community. This handbook will soon be published and will be available to members of the Jewish Community.

LITERATURE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

The Board is pursuing its policy of issuing and circulating literature intended to enlighten the general public on Jewish affairs and to refute false allegations against Jewry.

IMPORTED PROPAGANDA FROM ABROAD

It was reported that the Board has received evidence that Nazi propaganda material, printed in Germany, is reaching this country in increasing quantities. A most significant feature is the fact that some of this material is published in Afrikaans and has clearly been prepared specifically for distribution in this country. While a certain amount of the material is directed to anti-Communist propaganda, the larger portion contains the usual Nazi vilification of the Jews. The Board is taking steps to bring this material to the notice of the Government.

IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS

The Board has been giving attention to the hardships which some of the immigrants who are in the Union on temporary permits are encountering.

COLLECTIONS BY MESHULLOCHIM

Attention is drawn to the procedure under which the Board controlled collections by Meshullochim. No Meshulloch should be supported unless he has an authority of the Board to collect, such authority being evidenced by a certificate to this effect and official receipt books which are issued by the Board.



A charming photograph taken by Jane Plotz, the well-known Johannesburg photographic artist, of Mischa Elman and his two children, who have accompanied him and Mrs. Elman on their visit to South Africa

Mischa Elman Entertained

TRIBUTE PAID BY THE JEWISH GUILD.

A REPRESENTATIVE gathering of local Jewry was present at the Jewish Guild on Wednesday, when a luncheon in honour of Mr. Mischa Elman, the famous violinist, and Mrs. Elman was given by the Executive of the institution. There were two hundred people present and Mr. J. H. Barnett was in the chair.

In welcoming the guests, Mr. Barnett said that they all felt particularly honoured in entertaining an artist who was regarded as one of the greatest violinists of his time. While art was international, there could be no doubt that Elman, in reaching so high a pedestal in the musical world, had also brought honour to the Jewish people.

"I thank him for bringing the golden tone of his violin to this Golden City," added the chairman, amidst applause.

In replying, Mr. Elman, who was most cordially received, referred to the difficulty in always pleasing an audience. One was so likely to be condemned on the tenth performance as praised on the first.

"I do not know whether audiences are aware of how much they contribute to a good performance. It is the atmosphere that an audience creates that reflects on the artist's playing. When they are in sympathy with what the artist is trying to do, he can unfold himself to them in his full capacity and rise to heights which set new standards for himself, but which makes it much harder for his next performance.

"I have seldom had such joy in playing to audiences as I had here in this country, and with all the hard work during my tour I was looking forward to each concert. My only regret now is that my tour is almost over, and that we have to leave this beautiful country where I have spent so many happy days with my family."

Mr. Elman concluded by saying that he wanted to take this opportunity of thanking Johannesburg and the rest of South Africa for the warm reception that had been accorded him, and he also wanted to thank the Jewish Guild for honouring him and his wife with this luncheon.

"MERRILY WE GO—"

Excellent Revue at the Empire

An exceedingly bright revue is offered at the Empire Theatre in "Merrily We Go—" which is proving so popular. The revue is produced on a lavish scale and the company has many excellent dancers, singers and performers. George Lacy, the English comedian, is in a continual frolicsome mood throughout the various attractive scenes, and Helen Binnie, the clever Scottish singer and actress, provides an excellent foil to Lacy. The dancing and the singing is of a high order and generally the show goes with a vim which is likely to keep "Merrily We Go—" at the Empire for some time to come.

RAND JEWISH WOMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The Rand Jewish Women's Benevolent Society will hold a Shilling Day on Sunday, 29th August, in order to augment its funds. Owing to the prevailing cold weather and the consequent illnesses, there has been a great many calls on the Society's resources. An appeal is made to the Jewish citizens of Johannesburg to treat the collection with its usual well-known generosity.

The silver tea set which was kindly donated by Mrs. M. Gabriel to be competed for in aid of the Society's funds was won by Miss Elsie Levitas.

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