

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Zionist Socialist Party.

The second Open Forum took place on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

Adv. P. M. CLOUTS, who was the speaker of the evening, chose as his subject "Suggestions for Zionist Development."

At the outset Mr. Clouts said that although the Zionist movement, since its inception, has progressed to a great extent, we are still too passive and were our leaders more active we would certainly have achieved more.

There is a tendency of class war on one hand and a strong current of ultra nationalism on the other hand which has swept through Europe, and which has its effect upon the Jewish nation; it is, therefore, imperative that we take stock of our political and national status in Palestine as well as in the Diaspora.

Mr. Clouts said that he did not want to criticise the Zionist leadership nor was he in sympathy with partisan differences of opinion; what he would like to see was a united front of all shades of opinion in a common bond for the realisation of our national aims, not only in Palestine but also in the Diaspora. If we were to be recognised as a nation, our leaders, i.e., the Zionist Organisation, must be centred in Palestine. We wanted not only a modern form of administration with its seat in Jerusalem, with a well-trained, efficient civil service, but also a national broadcasting station, like all the other nations.

"I am of opinion," said Mr. Clouts, "that we must strive for Dominion status within the British Commonwealth of nations and therefore demand a seat on the League of Nations, where our representatives would protect our rights and safeguard our interests. The Zionist leadership must understand once and for all that it must participate in international politics, so as to guard Jewish rights; we can rely, like an individual, on the friendship of other nations but we must depend upon our own strength."

Palestine is geographically situated in the centre of the world, next door to the Suez Canal where military operations might break out at any moment; it would, therefore, be essential that we become a member of the League of Nations, in order to safeguard our national home.

A discussion followed in which Messrs. Z. Kagan, L. Sandler, M. Shevelew and B. Padowich participated and to which Adv. Clouts suitably replied.

Others who took part in the programme were Miss D. Radowski, who read the news-sheet, and little Helen Futeran, who gave a piano solo.

A report on the Nineteenth Zionist Congress will be given at the next "Open Forum" at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 8th October, and not on 29th September as previously announced.

The annual grand dance will take place on Monday, 7th October, at the Zionist Hall (Main). Felix de Cola and his Orchestra will supply the music. Many novel attractions have been arranged.

Betar Grand Ball.

One of the most outstanding events of the season will undoubtedly be the grand ball of the Cape Town Betar which is taking place on Monday, 7th October (Motze Yom Kippur) at the Hotel Edward, Mill Street.

The arrangements are in the hands of a very capable and energetic committee, who are doing their utmost to provide numerous attractions which include novelty dances, exhibition dances, etc. Valuable prizes will be awarded. Johnny Mills and his Rhythm Boys will provide the music. Tickets are obtainable from Messrs. Darter & Sons and at the door.

Oneg Shabbos.

"The History of anti-Semitism in Germany" was the subject of a very interesting lecture, delivered by Mr. B. Padowitz, at the Oneg Shabbos gathering last Saturday, where Mr. B. Mirvish presided.

The lecturer gave a clear picture of the barbaric mentality and forces of brutality and Jew-baiting prevailing in Germany during the ages, since the year 350 A.D. up till the present time.

The lecturer pointed out that Hitlerism in all its present bestial forms is not a novelty in Germany, but a logical outcome of the systematic, continued perverted hatred, insults and humiliations suffered by our people in Germany during the long period of sixteen hundred years. Even during the last century, when German Jewry enjoyed a short spell of emancipation and the spirit of liberalism swept over Europe, and some people thought that humanity was marching towards freedom and solidarity of nations, Germany produced the most bitter objectionable pseudo-scientific anti-Semitism, the fore-runners of the "Racial" ideology.

Mrs. S. Gordon rendered several new Palestinian songs.

Cape Town Herzlia.

At a meeting held at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 22nd inst., Adv. M. Oblowitz delivered a lecture on "Palestine and its Problems."

Before discussing the problems of Palestine she gave a graphic account of the places she had visited and the things she saw before attending the Wizo Conference. Outstanding among these were the opening of the Maccabiade and the Tel Chai celebrations in memory of Joseph Trumpeldor.

She was impressed with the earnestness and sense of duty of the young people in Palestine and also with their growing spirit of nationalism.

She stated that the type of labourer found in Palestine, in addition to being a capable

Social and Personal.

The engagement is announced of Sam, second son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Freedman, the Strand, to Rose, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fine, of Johannesburg.

Dr. and Mrs. L. Sive, of Belville, are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

The engagement is announced of Sonia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Katzen, of 101, Kloof Street, Cape Town, to Louis Maze, of Cape Town, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Maze of Rietuva, Lithuania.

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worker is able to converse with anyone on topics relating to philosophy ethics or music, and pointed out that one must try and maintain this type of individual.

In conclusion, she stressed that just as urgent as the necessity was to acquire land, equally urgent was the necessity to build up this land in a worthy manner.

Bnoth Zion Association (Tamboers Kloof Branch).

An "At Home" was held on Thursday, the 19th September, at the residence of Mrs. A. Salber, 28, Leeuwenvoet Road, when Adv. M. Oblowitz spoke on the Wizo. She gave a very clear account of the scope of its work, and its activities both in the Yishub and the Galuth, showing its practical importance in the upbuilding of Eretz Israel. Several questions were asked, to which Miss Oblowitz suitably replied.

An interesting paper on the "Jews of the Sahara," written by Mrs. P. Crane, of Johannesburg, was read by Miss M. Berk, and a Palestinian news-sheet full of interest was read by Miss A. Wade.

During the evening Mrs. K. Urdang sang two songs.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks by Mrs. N. Lazarus to Miss Oblowitz, the artiste, the hostess and the other contributors to an enjoyable evening.

Woodstock-Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle.

Mr. A. J. Basker presided over the monthly meeting which took place on Thursday last, the 19th inst. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Press, Woodstock.

Mr. Ch. Achron spoke on "Problems of the Nineteenth Zionist Congress and the Upbuilding of Eretz Israel." The lecturer dealt with the main problems of the Zionist Movement which were considered at Congress. He pointed out that the outgoing Executive in spite of the fact that it had taken over office in a rather bad state of affairs, had yet proved to be successful in its work. The immigration into Eretz Israel for the last two years was much higher than even the Revisionist leader expected, and if it continued at the same rate there is no reason why the Jewish population of Eretz Israel should not number at least 1,200,000 souls by 1945.

Mr. Achron then dealt with the Legislative Assembly, the establishment of which would violate the fundamental rights of our people. Therefore Congress was compelled to reject this scheme. In conclusion, the lecturer

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