

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Zionist Socialist Party.

The annual general meeting will be held on Monday, 14th October, 1935, at 8.15 p.m., in the Talmud Torah Hall, Hope Street, Cape Town. All members are kindly asked to attend.

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A very enjoyable and successful affair was the annual grand dance held on Monday night last in the Zionist Hall.

The music was provided by Mr. Felix de Cola and his Orchestra and pupils of Miss Elvira Kirsch delighted the audience with their performances. There were many other novel attractions.

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The third Open Forum took place on Tuesday, the 8th inst., in the Zionist Hall, and took the form of a "Full Report on the Zionist Congress."

Mr. G. Laden presided over a fairly large gathering of people.

Mr. Ch. Achron said that the Zionist Congress in Lucerne had succeeded first of all in bringing about unity and order, and this was due no doubt to the election of Dr. Weizmann to the Presidency of the Congress.

It was a fact that the Labour Party at Lucerne played the main role and Mr. Ben-Gurion's first speech, which lasted two hours, gave an impetus to future deliberations; the whole debate on the report centred round the masterful speech of Ben-Gurion. The Labour Party realised their responsibilities at this critical stage in the progress of the movement so that even their bitterest opponents have acknowledged that the credit for the success of the Congress is due in a large measure to the statesmanlike conduct of the Labour section, who worked single-mindedly and earnestly for harmony.

The Congress, said Mr. Achron, was not a "Hurrah" Congress like the one in Vienna, there were men who were democratically elected by the masses and who realised that it was time for the practical realisation of Zionism.

Mr. B. Padowitch said that although the number of Labour delegates had equalled the number of delegates from other parties combined, he was proud that they had refrained from pressing that advantage unduly in connection with the election of the new Executive and Actions Committee; they had actually begged the other sections to join the Executive for the sake of unity and common responsibility. The journalists who were present in Lucerne complained that it was a "Dry Congress" without sensational importance. The Jewish masses who had given to the Ben-Gurion-Weizmann alliance a clear mandate could be proud of the achievements of the Nineteenth Zionist Congress; they had tackled the German Jewish problem, land speculation, the consolidation of our finances, a proposed loan on a big scale which would give a lead to our funds in the buying of more land, the proposed enlarged immigration, and last but not least

had expressed the firm stand, of all sections, against the establishment of a Legislative Assembly.

A lively discussion took place in which Messrs. Herman, B. Mirvish, Z. Kagan, J. Katz, M. Shevelew and Mrs. Ch. Cohen participated.

Miss Pola Schlusni played the piano and Miss D. Radowsky read the news-sheet.

Hithadrut Ivrit (Hebrew Circle).

A Succoth evening and a Living Newspaper will be held on Thursday, 17th inst., at the Zionist Hall. A very interesting programme, appropriate to the occasion, has been arranged. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

Zionist Hall Library.

The Committee acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a copy of "A History of the Jews in South Africa" by Dr. Louis Herrman, from the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies (Cape Committee).

Habonim Initiation.

The beautiful Sea Point Shul was the scene of a simple, yet extremely impressive little ceremony on Wednesday, October 2nd, when the initiation of thirty-one members of the two Sea Point Gedudim took place—Hebron (girls) and Matityahu (Boys). The proceedings were conducted by the Ba-Koach for the Western Province (Mr. H. L. Stern) assisted by Segan Rosh Gedud Hebron (Miss Rhoda Schoschon) and Rosh Gedud Matityahu (Mr. Joe Hanson).

The usual opening ceremony of a Gedud meeting was carried out by both Gedudim, after which the Ba-Koach initiated Miss Rita Wolff as Segan Rosh Gedud. The actual initiation of the children then commenced; the Habonim promise was first of all said in unison, and then the Ba-Koach called each child up by name to hand in his or her "brick" towards the building up of Eretz Israel and to light their candles as token of the solemn promise just made, until all thirty-two candles were burning forming a fitting background for the few simple appropriate words Mr. Stern addressed to the children and to the parents and friends. The Gedud closing ceremony and the singing of Hatikvah brought the evening to a close.

Jewish Sick Relief Society.

(*Bickur Cholim*).

At a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday night, Mr. F. Suritz was unanimously re-elected Chairman. Mr. Hermann Cohen was elected Vice-Chairman.

Zionist Conversazione.

The next fortnightly conversazione will take place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 15th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

Dr. J. Sachs will lecture on "The Jewish Myth and the Jewish Mission."

Union of Jewish Women.

The monthly meeting took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Zionist Hall. There was a good attendance. Mrs. B. Berezowski presided.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. C. H. Horwood, delivered a most illuminating address on "Hospital Administration," dealing with the enormous organisation of the New Groote Schuur Hospital in particular. A large painting of the hospital, as it will appear when fully constructed, served to illustrate the architectural detail. This picture, only recently completed, was shown in public for the first time at the Union meeting. Women's usefulness and particular aptitude for hospital administrative work was emphasised, and Mrs. Horwood appeal to all to take a personal and active interest in the new building.

Mrs. Sloman proposed an enthusiastic vote of thanks for a most interesting address.

Mr. B. Chidekel reported on the Hebrew classes at the Girls' Central School. He urged the Union to support the scheme in the future, saying it would be a calamity to allow such a vital work to fail for lack of funds. The Executive and members undertook to raise the necessary sum for the coming year.

Mrs. Sloman gave a most interesting account of the last two meetings of the National Council of Women; Mrs. H. Lieberman reported on the meeting of the Board of Hebrew Education.

Bnoth Zion Association (Oranjezicht Branch).

A card evening will be held on Sunday evening, 13th October, at Mrs. S. Freedman's residence, 19, Alexandra Avenue, Oranjezicht, in aid of the Jewish National Fund. Cards of admittance can be obtained at the house on the evening of the function or from any Committee member. All are welcome.

Bnoth Zion (Maitland Branch).

A general meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. S. Sieff on Thursday evening, 3rd October. There was a fairly good attendance. Mrs. S. Sieff was in the chair.

Mr. A. Z. Berman spoke on "By-paths of anti-Semitism." He outlined some of the reason, economic and historical, for Jewish persecution generally, and particularly in South Africa.

After tea was served, Miss Maggie Oblovitz representing the Central Executive, spoke of some of her impressions of women's work in Palestine and of the great strides made in that field.

A vote of thanks was passed to the speakers, after which general business was discussed.

Claremont Young Judeans.

The general election was held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Claremont, on Saturday night.

The following were elected: Supervisors, Messrs. M. Meyerowitz H. J. Silber and S. Kriger; Chairman, W. Sebba; Vice-Chairlady, M. Chiat; Treasurer, E. Chiat; Secretary, H. Shnieder; Committee members, Miss Rosenberg and Messrs. Sofer, Gerr and Geffen.