

Propaganda Conference of Zionist Societies in Cape Province

Zionist Propaganda in South Africa Progressing Steadily

THE Zionist propaganda campaign, which was initiated by Dr. Alexander Goldstein prior to his departure for Europe, has met with remarkable success. New life has been introduced into the whole movement and there is a noticeable increase of Zionist activity throughout the country. In addition to the strengthening of existing Societies, a number of new Societies have been formed, both for the Seniors and the Youth, all of which have arranged functions for, at least, the coming six months. The Zionist propaganda in the Transvaal is continuing steadily, advantage being taken of the presence of Messrs. Baratz and Harzfeld to inspire Transvaal Zionists with greater enthusiasm for the Jewish national ideal and our creative work in Palestine. The Youth have just had their annual Young Israel Conference which has been extensively reported in last week's issue of the *Zionist Record* and have also arranged two camps at Parys at which about 250 members of Young Israel were present.

Mr. Alexander Lewin is continuing his tour of the Free State where he has been able to revitalise every centre which he has visited and to ensure continued activity along systematic lines and in accordance with a programme of work issued by the Propaganda Department of the South African Zionist Federation.

The newly-formed Zionist Propaganda and Organisation Council of the Western Province has also lost no time in arranging propaganda mass meetings in various centres of the Cape and has now completed its arrangements for the holding of a Cape conference on Sunday, January 8th, at which Messrs. Baratz, Harzfeld and Dunsky (Secretary of the Propaganda and Organisation Committee of the S.A.Z.F. and the South African Zionist Youth Council) will be present. The Judean Central Council of the Cape is now extremely active, having organised a Young Israel Week at Muizenberg, a Young Israel Camp at the Strand, and also made arrangements for Mr. I. Dunsky to address a number of Youth Mass Meetings at the Cape and to accompany Messrs. Baratz and Harzfeld to the Strand Young Israel Camp for a couple of days.

FREE STATE.

Heilbron.—Messrs. Alexander Lewin and S. Spiro arrived in Heilbron on Monday, December 19th, where they were met at the station by Rev. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Misnun, and, on behalf of the Young Israel Society, Messrs. Greenman and Price. The visitors adjourned to the residence of Rev. Kaplan where they met the Committee of the Young Israel Society, and, later, the leading members of the Hebrew Congregation. After an interesting discussion it was decided to form a Zionist Society at a Mass Meeting which took place the following evening and over which Mr. M. Balkind presided. Amidst great enthusiasm and followed by the singing of Hebrew songs, the following committee was elected:—Chairman, Mr. B. Malk; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. H. Greenman and Miss A. Malk; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Greenman; Committee, Mesdames A. Levy and L. Misnun, Rev. J. Kaplan, Messrs. G. Mervis, S. Kretzmer, M. Balkind and A. Simon.

In the course of their stay the visitors were also entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Misnun.

The following morning the visitors met the newly elected Zionist Committee with whom they discussed various matters of Zionist organisation and worked out an interesting programme of work for the Society.

Frankfort.—In the afternoon Mr. Fred Lotzof took Messrs. Alexander Lewin and S. Spiro over to Frankfort by car. A Committee Meeting of the Young Israel Society took place where it was decided that the Frankfort Young Israel Society, which had hitherto been working on its own, should affiliate to the O.F.S. Young Israel Executive and should also arrange its functions in accordance with the programme of work submitted to them.

In spite of the inclemency of the weather the visitors were able to address a general meeting in the evening, over which Mr. Segal, the Mayor of Frankfort, presided. For various reasons it was decided to postpone the election of a Committee to a later date when Mr. Alexander Lewin would again be present in Frankfort.

VISIT BY MR. J. WERNER AND DR. R. BARANOV TO ERMELO.

A very successful Zionist propaganda meeting took place recently at Ermelo with Dr. P. Tokor in the chair. Eloquent addresses were delivered to a large audience by Dr. R. Baranov and Mr. J. Werner, both of whom kindly came out from Piet Retief at the request of the Propaganda Department of the South African Zionist Federation. A vote of thanks was proposed to the speakers by Mr. Herman Werner.

"THE BELLE OF NEW YORK."

An immediate success was scored at the Empire Theatre on Friday evening last when the Belle of New York was produced. A crowded house showed its appreciation and throughout the week the theatre has been packed with enthusiastic admirers of this modern interpretation of an old musical comedy success. In Miss Gladys Kenyon, the African Theatres have scored a real "find," for she acts and sings in a manner which stamps her as an artiste of rare excellence. She is indeed a charming "Belle." All the other parts are excellently portrayed and much credit is due to the producer, Mr. Phillip Levard, for the splendid mounting and dressing of the comedy.

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