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"Mussolini and Hitler"

Lecture by Dr. Sonnabend

At the last meeting of the Sir Moses Montefiore Lodge, an interesting address was delivered by Dr. H. Sonnabend, D.Sc. (Director of the Bureau of Jewish Statistics and Research of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies) on "Mussolini and Hitler—a comparison and a contrast." Mr. Max Kavnat presided.

Dr. Sonnabend gave what he defined "an impressionistic picture" of the two men and their historical background. He described their common attempt to present to the masses a formula which would appeal to the deep longing for social justice and at the same time satisfy the emotional patriotism of a humiliated nation. He pointed out that the centre of humiliation after the Treaty of Versailles was not confined only to Germany but extended to the Italians who believed, and still believe, that they were treated unfairly by their ex-Allies.

The lecturer then discussed the two deviations of German Fascism from the Italian prototype. In his pseudo-Socialistic programme, Hitler accepted a fictitious distinction between Jewish loan capital and the Aryan industrial capital in his nationalistic slogan, the German leader changed Mussolini's formula "State-Nation" to "State-Race." Both these deviations from Italian Fascism are due to the fact that Hitler wanted to make us of the zoological anti-Semitism which he found in Germany but which is completely absent in modern Italy.

At the conclusion of his address Dr. Sonnabend answered many questions put to him by his audience who were impressed by his learned and interesting exposition.

Mr. Max Geffen moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

Palestine Society

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Palestine Society was held on the 17th ult., at the H.O.D. Hall, and was largely attended. The chairman, Mr. D. Segal, in his opening remarks, mentioned the great loss to Jewry in the death of Bialik, Shmarya Levin, Ben-zion Hersch and, lately, Chief Rabbi A. I. Kook. A vote of condolence was passed by the members standing.

The chairman, in his report, outlined the activities of the society in furthering the Zionist aims and also assisting in functions for the benefit of Zionist funds.

The treasurer, Mr. H. Sundy, submitted the balance sheet for the last fourteen months, and emphasised the fact that during that period the society granted 38 loans to members who applied, totalling £1,375.

The hon. secretary, Mr. J. Bahr, submitted the minutes of last general meeting which was confirmed. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. Schechter, to the chairman and committee for their valuable work during the period under review.

An election took place and the following members were elected: Chairman, Rev. B. Schechter; vice-chairman, Mr. H. D. Cohen; treasurer, Mr. D. Shipper; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Goldberg. Committee: Messrs. D. Segal, H. Sundy, R. Fishman, I. A. Goldstein, M. Alman, M. Dobrin, A. Avnit; auditors, Messrs L. Kapelus and A. D. Perlstein.

MUSIC TEACHERS WANTED!

The committee of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, Arcadia, Johannesburg, appeals for the voluntary services of two music teachers. The teachers who have hitherto given their services are unable to continue and the children at the Orphanage are at present without any musical instruction.

A Maccabiah Boxer

FIRST PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE
OF DAVE KATZEN

The boxing contest organised by the Transvaal National Sporting Club on Saturday evening last was made notable by the first professional appearance of Dave Katzen, who won the Bantam Championship at the Maccabiah Games held at the beginning of the year in Tel-Aviv.

As an amateur, Katzen was one of the most brilliant young boxers produced in South Africa. In his first professional appearance, Katzen (who had the Mogen David sewn on prominently on his shorts) gave an excellent display of boxing, but his opponent, Bill Harrison of Bloemfontein, was not a match for the young champion, and the referee quite rightly stopped the match in the third round. Dave, therefore, has not yet been tried in the professional ring, and it is to be hoped that the T.N.S.C. will arrange to give him a suitable opponent at their next tournament.

The heavyweight fight between Dave Carstens and Al Conquest, the Canadian, was not a spectacular affair. It was, however, well worth seeing. There was little to choose between the two fighters, both being cautious and scientific. The judges' decision in favour of Dave Carstens was not quite a popular one.

The tournament was well attended and marked the re-introduction of professional boxing as a popular Rand attraction.

Johannesburg Symphony Society

On Tuesday, the 12th inst., the Johannesburg Symphony Society will present another fine programme at the Wanderers Hall.

Professor Harold Ketelbey, the well-known Johannesburg artist, will render for the first time in Johannesburg the famous "Hungarian Concerto," by Joachim, perhaps the most difficult ever written for the violin, accompanied by the Symphony Orchestra.

The main task for the augmented orchestra of 50 will be Robert Shgumann's celebrated first symphony, "The Spring." Another popular item will be Weber's Overture "Euryanthe." The Symphony Orchestra, led by Mr. Max Weinbrenn, will be under the baton of its director, Mr. Joseph Traunek.

A Minyan at Wolvefontein and District

Following the time-honoured custom, the scattered Jewish residents of this district came together during the recent High Festivals and held Divine Services, in the course of which substantial offerings were made by all members of the *Minyan*, the total thus collected being increased by *kaporas gelt* and by the sale of a box of chocolates and of a clock. In all £26 15s. 6d. was obtained, which has been distributed as follows: S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, £3 3s.; Cape Jewish Orphanage, £3 3s.; African Central Committee, Jerusalem, £3 3s.; United Aged Home, Jerusalem, £3 3s.; Jewish National Fund, £14 3s. 6d.

The *Minyan* was attended by residents of Wolvefontein, Sapkamma, Greystone, Kleinpoort and Steytlerville, as well as by visitors from Port Elizabeth, Oudtshoorn and Jansenville.

"LITTLE GIANT" AT THE PLAZA

Edward G. Robinson, one of the greatest character actors of modern times, has the leading role in "Little Giant," the film at the Plaza theatre this week. The story is one of a racketeer who decides to become a leader in society. There is a good supporting programme at the Plaza this week.