

the opening of the whole of the British Empire to the Jewish people, and the destruction of anti-Semitism throughout the whole world. Even to the Revisionistic "Higher Zionism on both sides of the Jordan," a small but healthy Jewish State represents the first and most important step.

Partition is therefore a means to an end, which should have been advocated by the Jews themselves, even if the Royal Commission had not recommended it.

We should leave it to our capable and sincere leaders, to get for the Jewish race in Palestine, the best territorial division possible at present.

Yours, etc.,
H. G. Magasiner.

"Strengthen the Minority"

From Mr. D. COHEN (Kimberley)
To the Editor of the "Zionist Record"

Sir,—Like most South African Zionists I am experiencing considerable difficulty in coming to a final conclusion on the resolution accepted by Congress at Zurich. On the one hand we cannot merely brush aside the arguments and convictions of those staunch Zionists, who, led by men not only distinguished in the intellectual sphere and by reason of their past services to the Jewish National Cause, but also no doubt influenced by their intimate knowledge and understanding of the actualities of the situation, felt that an opportunity should be granted for further negotiation on the basis of the main recommendation of the Royal Commission. On the other hand, our sentimental attachment to the whole of Palestine, a consideration of the needs of Jewry as a whole, and the complete inadequacy of a partitioned Palestine, are factors of the utmost importance.

For myself, I have, as presently advised, strong leanings towards the minority view in favour of an out-and-out rejection. My personal opinion is influenced not so much by a sentimental approach to the question, as by the conviction that negotiation will produce a plan for a partitioned Palestine which will not be a substantial improvement on the present one which has been unanimously condemned by all Congress. Assuming at the best that the British Government decide to give us New Jerusalem and a portion of the Negeb, it must be clear that this "Concession" will only be given at a price. The partition idea was brought into being in an attempt not to satisfy Jewish aspirations and needs, but to placate the Arabs. On that basis it seems difficult to foresee the granting of additional territory to the Jewish State without further compensation to the Arab State.

The word "negotiation" is a euphemism. What Congress allows the Executive and others to do is to bargain, and bargaining, in the present circumstances, spells compromise, namely, a matter of give and take.

Having once come to the conclusion that negotiation can only result in a Jewish State inadequate to our demands and needs, surely we would have been in a stronger position if we had refused entirely to consider it. Whatever the actual wording of the Congress Resolution, to the World as a whole its significance is clear, namely, that the Zionists are prepared to accept partition of some kind or another provided sufficient pressure is brought to bear on them.

Unfortunately, this state of affairs cannot now be remedied. All we can do now is to wait and see what will be the result of the bargaining and

to hope that the final offer of a Jewish State by the British Government will belie our doubts and prove the views I have endeavoured to express here entirely erroneous. But if these views prove right, though I trust they are wrong, then our task will be to strengthen the hands of the minority and to help to defeat by an overwhelming majority those who advocate acceptance of the amended partition scheme, irrespective of personalities and regardless of their great achievements and services in the past.

The internal danger with which we are now faced, however, is of the adoption at this juncture of too dogmatic a view point. Even if we disagree with Weizmann and others, let us recognise that the question is not an easy one to decide, and that firm as my be our belief in our opinion, theirs too is backed by arguments and considerations worthy of study. And if their contentions do not receive proper consideration the blame will largely be their own, because up to now the Jewish people have to a large extent been kept in the dark with regard to the true reasons necessitating the acceptance of a portion only of our heritage.

Finally let me add a word about the N.Z.O. A special Congress is being convened finally to decide the Jewish attitude. If it is still possible under the constitution, if the leaders of the N.Z.O. possess one spark of statesmanship, and if they are sincere in their attempts to have the scheme rejected, then this is their opportunity to qualify themselves for the vote and election to Congress, and to join hands with Ussishkin and Wise in the attempt to defeat any efforts to deprive the Jewish State of territory to which it is in law and justice entitled.

Yours, etc.,
D. Cohen.

Oudtshoorn Zionists Reorganise

At the annual general meeting of the Oudtshoorn Oscar Marmorek Zionist Association, a determined effort was inaugurated to place the society on a sound organisational basis. A strong committee with Mr. P. Agranat, the veteran Zionist worker as chairman, was elected, and already some sixty persons have been enrolled as members. The following committee has been elected: Chairman, Mrs. P. Agranat; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Rollnick; Hon. secretary, Mrs. M. Mann; Hon. treasurer, Mr. Sol Green. Committee: Messrs. I. J. Kahn, Louis Locketz, A. Berman, M. Chatzkelson, Z. Lison, J. Wilck, J. Lazarus, C. Finkelstein, J. Yudelman, I. Manaschewitz and E. Sacks.

A special cultural committee has been appointed and it is hoped to arrange a series of interesting programmes for the future. The Oscar Marmorek Zionist Association has been in existence some 27 years and at one time was considered one of the finest Zionist societies in South Africa.

Rand Jewish Women's Benevolent Society

The Jewish public is reminded of the Shilling Day to be held on the 29th inst. (Sunday next) in aid of the above organisation.

The Society hopes that since the Shilling Day comes so close to the Holy Days, the collections will be treated in the spirit of the approaching festivals, and that a substantial sum will be realised.

Opening of New Synagogue in Pretoria

An event of importance to Pretoria Jewry will take place on Sunday next, the 29th inst., when the new synagogue of the Adath Israel Congregation will be formally opened. The ceremony will commence at 11 a.m. sharp and will be conducted by Cantor Inspektor who will be assisted by an adult male choir. Rabbi Kossowsky and representatives of the Federation of Synagogues will be present as well as representatives of the local Jewish institutions. The slichoth service will be held at midnight on Saturday, the 28th inst., and will be conducted by Cantor Inspektor and his choir.

**TRIPLE BILL AT GUILD
An Enjoyable Evening**

There is a wealth of talent in the Jewish Guild dramatic section, as was proved by their triple bill programme presented on Sunday last. Two one-act plays, and a fine "Variety Hour" of music, song, dance and humour, provided good entertainment. One was particularly impressed with the manner in which the plays were produced. Miss Sylvia Herman's production of "Ladies in Waiting" (W. St. John Maule) showed that every effort had been made to visualise the creations of the author. Cecile Cohen as the married woman gave an outstanding portrayal, though Margery Isaacs, as the garrulous visitor, was good.

Leon Tannerbaum made an excellent doctor in "All in the Day's Work." He revelled in the brisk dialogue, his characterisation being warm and realistic. He lived his part. Sadi Fenster's portrayal of Lady Pentland was equally as good. Her handling of an emotional and dramatic part was splendid. The producer, Miss Anna Hoffman, gave us a clever play. The "Hour of Variety" was highly entertaining. All the artists did well, particularly Miss Sadie Sadtman, the talented elocutionist from Worcester, whose impersonations of a Cape coloured woman was a work of art.

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