

"Anti-Jewish Activity Must Not Be Exaggerated"

STATEMENT BY NEWLY ELECTED SENATOR

Honour for Colonel F. B. Adler, M.C.

MUCH interest has been aroused by the recent election of Colonel F. B. Adler as Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator W. Lategan, of Rustenburg.

Colonel Adler, who is a popular personality in political circles in South Africa, is at present Chairman of the Witwatersrand Council of the United Party, a position which he has occupied for some considerable time. He has contested no elections himself but has always been of great help to candidates on the Rand.

The new Senator, who is a son of the late Mr. Henry Adler, J.P.—one of the best known of South African pioneers—has had a distinguished military career, besides being one of the leading figures of the Johannesburg bar. As a young man at Cambridge University, he joined the volunteer movement, and on his return to South Africa began as a private an association with the Transvaal Horse Artillery, which he maintained for 27 years. He relinquished command of the regiment in 1928. During the Great War Colonel Adler served with his regiment in German West Africa. There he was taken prisoner and remained nine months in captivity. Later, he went to East Africa, where he was seconded to the South African Field Artillery. Afterwards he went to Egypt and was attached to the Royal Field Artillery, and later



[Portrait by Jane Plotz.]

served in the Palestine engagements. Whilst in Egypt he was promoted to the rank of Major.

IN the course of a conversation with the representative of the *Zionist Record*, the new Senator stated that he was deeply interested

in the welfare of the Jewish community in this country. He has lately become a member of the Jewish Guild, and has joined the South African Jewish Ex-Service League. He was a guest at the League's annual dinner held at the Carlton Hotel on Saturday evening and delivered a striking address on the military defence of this country.

Asked to express an opinion on the anti-Jewish feeling which has lately manifested itself in various parts of the country, Senator Adler said: "I believe the Government fully realises the danger to the country of allowing any movement directed against any particular section of the community to take a dangerous turn. I am of the opinion that every step should be taken to prevent the growth of an anti-Semitic movement. I am convinced that the great bulk of the people of this country are opposed to such activity, and will show their disapproval to those fostering it.

"Whilst one cannot deny that anti-Jewish activity is being vigorously pursued, I do think there is a tendency on the part of some Jews to exaggerate the strength of such movements and its effect upon the community as a whole."

Colonel Adler has proceeded to Capetown to take his seat in the Senate, and will be returning to Johannesburg in a few days' time.

Hasmoneans Hold Function

The Hasmoneans (Men's Association of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation) held an evening meeting on the 31st ult., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Brasch.

Two lectures were delivered by members of the association. Mr. E. Jacobson spoke on the report of the fourth conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, held in Holland.

Mr. M. H. Emdon lectured on "The Modern Layman's Approach to Religious Ceremonials." He mentioned that all people, whether Reform or Orthodox Jews, or Christians, who subscribe to organised religion, have in common a belief in God. To give effect to this belief, one subscribes to a religious system, conforms to a code of moral and religious duties, which include an identification with certain religious ceremonials. The latter are contrived and directed to appeal to the emotional forces in man which motivate his rational being. The efficacy of religious ceremonials is to be tested by their success in mobilising the non-intellectual forces in man for the direction of his conduct to moral and spiritual ends. No sanctity should be attached to ceremonials save efficacy and usefulness. Reform Judaism chooses from our heritage only that ceremonial material which is suited to achieve this spiritual mobilisation of the modern Jew.

A lively discussion followed the lectures.

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"DANGEROUS CORNER" AT THE JEWISH GUILD.

ON Sunday evening last, a large audience was entertained at the Jewish Guild, when the dramatic section presented J. B. Priestley's play "Dangerous Corner."

Miss Mavis Berman, who stepped into the part of Olwen Peel at a week's notice, took the honours and gave a fine, restrained performance. Cyril Hoffman as Robert Caplan was good in his part, while Lillian Lazarus did excellent work and Sylvia Hoffman played well, but rather exaggerated the hysterics on the part of Betty Whitehouse. The rest of the cast, which included Julius Sergay, Sander Ostrowiak and Miss Clarice Friedman, gave good performances, and Mr. Harry Kahn, the producer, deserves congratulation on his production.

The play will again be presented at the Jewish Guild on Sunday evening, the 13th inst.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Bertrams-Judiths Paarl Branch.—A card evening was held at the residence of Mrs. R. R. Stein, Gordon Terrace, a new member of the branch, on Sunday, the 30th ult., when the amount of £24 2s. 3d. was realised for the National Fund.

JEWISH GUILD.

The Contract Bridge Club is organising a mixed duplicate contract bridge tournament at the Jewish Guild, on Monday, February 21st, at 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and prizes awarded. Those wishing to attend are advised to phone 22-2771. Booking closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 18th.

Johannesburg Musical Society's Concert

A delightful programme was given by the Ketelby String Quartet under the auspices of the Johannesburg Musical Society at the Selborne Hall on Wednesday night. The quartet, consisting of Harold Ketelby, first violin; Violet Rowland, second violin; Lettie Vermaak, viola, and Reuben Goldberg at the piano, opened with the Beethoven quartet, a work of rare beauty. The lively final movement was well handled.

The second item was a Brahms' quartet, played with much feeling and interpreted in a delightful manner. Next came the lovely Dvorak quartet in F Major. Here the players brought out all their musical qualities with a polished and sympathetic rendering. This was greatly appreciated. As an encore the quartet played a well known work by Tchaikowsky, the second movement of which is played as a scherzo.

The next concert will be a programme of British music, and will take place at the Selborne Hall on Wednesday, March 9th.

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Hebrew Teachers' Association, Johannesburg

All private teachers, including those in charge of private Hebrew schools, are invited to attend a special meeting, on Monday, the 14th inst., at 10.30 a.m., at the Jewish Guild, in order to discuss the status of the private Hebrew teacher in this country.

A "pegisha" will take place on Saturday, the 12th inst., at 8.30 p.m., at the residence of Miss R. Howsha, 28, O'Reilly Road, Berea. Dr. A. Birnbaum will address the gathering. All members are invited.

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