

National Fund News

BALFOUR DAY

REPORTS continue to pour in to the Head Office of the Jewish National Fund from all centres to the effect that a **country-wide house-to-house collection will be held on November 6th in connection with Balfour Day.** In Johannesburg particularly, workers of the Women's Zionist League, the Women's Mizrahi Organisation and the Transvaal Zionist Youth Organisation have organised themselves to make a determined effort on November 6th. They confidently anticipate a noteworthy reception from the public.

AN EXCELLENT STEP

ON Tuesday, 1st November, a meeting took place at the residence of Mrs. A. L. Kaplan, of Kenilworth, Johannesburg. Mrs. K. Gluckmann, chairman of the National Fund committee for South Africa, and Mr. A. Abrahamson, Organiser of the Committee, were present to meet committee members of the Southern Suburbs Women's Zionist League and the Women's Mizrahi Organisation of the district.

The meeting was an auspicious one, because it inaugurated a joint committee for J.N.F. Box work in the Southern Suburbs. Mrs. P. Sack was unanimously appointed Secretary, and all National Fund box work will now be carried out by this committee under the joint chairmanship of Mrs. Kaplan and Mrs. Gingold. The committee's first task will be a joint organisation for the Balfour Day collection, after which they have set themselves the aim of placing a National Fund box in every Jewish house in the Southern Suburbs.

A similar meeting will shortly take place to inaugurate joint activity in Orange Grove. The Women's Mizrahi Organisation will be solely responsible for box work in Fordsburg and Braamfontein. The Johannesburg Women's Zionist League has cordially welcomed these new forces in the task of *Geulath Haaretz*.

A FINE GIFT

THE J.N.F. Office for South Africa has on many occasions stressed the need for greater financial resources to be placed at the disposal of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem. Ample reference has been made both in these columns and in circulars which the office issues to the various societies. The effect has been good and many societies have increased their efforts for the J.N.F. in various directions. But it is gratifying to be able to report that a number of individuals have also made special efforts.

The most outstanding example in the latter connection is the fine gift which was recently given to the National Fund by the well-known Zionists of Escombe, Mr. and Mrs. M. Morrison.

Realising the necessity for additional land purchase, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison gave £500 to the Jewish National Fund. Interest on this sum, £25 per annum, is to be paid over to the Hebrew University for a period of 20 years and is to be presented annually as a bursary to be known as "The Moses and May Morrison Bursary." Zionists everywhere will applaud this truly splendid gesture.

A CORRECTION

We regret that in the announcements of Jewish National Fund Box Clearances in our issue of October 14th, Mrs. Fine, of York Street, Berea, was inadvertently mentioned as having subscribed 1/5 instead of £1/5/-.

THE KEREN HAYESOD IN GERMANY

Increasing Support Despite Decreasing Population

INTERESTING statistics are available of the increasing support extended by German Jewry to the Keren Hayesod. Although the German Jewish population has decreased considerably, the number of contributors to the Keren Hayesod has grown from 4,364 in 1933 to over 7,000 in 1938.

Despite the impoverishment of German Jewry, the amount raised by the Keren Hayesod during the past year was more than double that attained in 1933.

Interesting also is the fact that more than 150 Hebrew Congregations now make regularly annual contributions from their funds to the Keren Hayesod.

Zionist educational work has also been intensified and many Zionist groups make an intensive study of all phases of Palestinian development.

HISTADRUTH IVRITH

A provisional committee for the purpose of consolidating the various Hebrew Societies in Johannesburg and Reef has been appointed, consisting of Rabbi I. M. Gervis (Chairman), Mrs. A. Smith (Chairman of the Mizrahi); Messrs. I. J. Kagan, A. Bakst and Mr. I. Rubik (Editor of the "Barkai") as Hon. Secretary.

The committee is considering a scheme of cultural activities. Those interested can apply to P.O. Box 1848, City.

DURBAN ACTIVITIES

Simchat Torah Dinner

A pleasant function in the form of a dinner took place at the St. Andrews Street Synagogue, after the service on the eve of Simchat Torah, under the auspices of Durban Zionist Youth and Hahonim. About 100 members sat around the tables in the attractively arranged Shul hall.

Mr. S. Ernst presided and during the evening Hebrew songs were sung with zest and enthusiasm. Short addresses were delivered by Rabbi A. H. Freedman and Rev. N. Menachemson on the significance of the occasion, both referring to the situation in Eretz Israel.

A few words were added by the following representatives: Dr. N. Smith (Talmud Torah), Messrs. S. Ogus (Zionist Youth), and J. Rubin (Hahonim).

Orchestral Concert

A very successful musical concert was presented by the Jewish Club on Monday, 24th October, when a popular programme was arranged by the Club Orchestra under Mr. David Cohen, the Musical Director. Miss Laura Berman, the soloist of the evening, gave an excellent rendering of 'Concerto in G. for Piano and Orchestra' and Miss Thelma Whitcutt, the well known Durban singer, received an enthusiastic ovation from the fair sized audience.

Social and Personal

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Barney Moshal on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations to Mr. Mick Rebeck of Durban on winning the Natal and S.A. Tango Championships recently.

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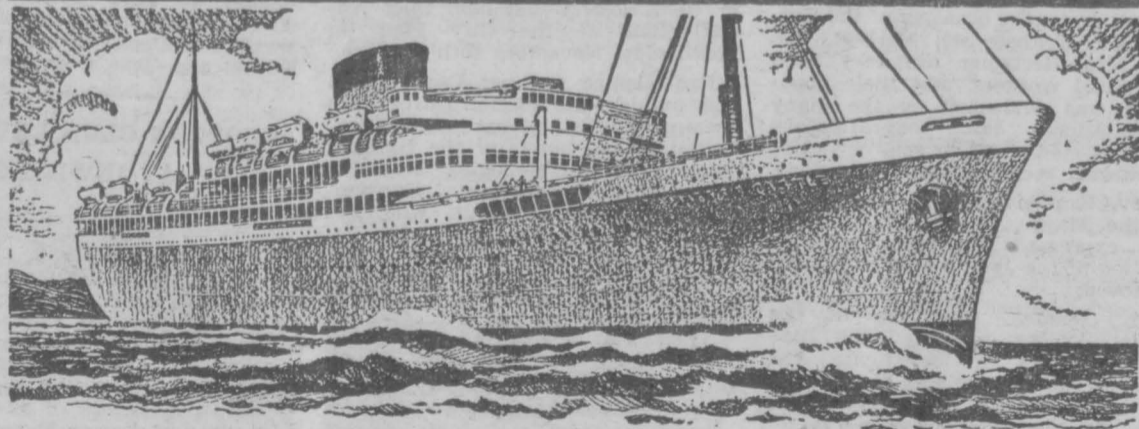
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