



Huberman to Visit South Africa

FAMOUS VIOLINIST WHO FOUNDED PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Bronislaw Huberman, the celebrated violinist, is visiting South Africa in April. He will give a series of concerts under the auspices of the African Consolidated Theatres.

THE arrival of this outstanding Jewish musician, who is recognised the world over as one of the greatest of living violinists, will be eagerly awaited in South Africa. The Jewish community, in particular, will desire to pay tribute, not only to Huberman, the musician, but also to Huberman, the founder of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra.

Recruiting its members from exiled German and Austrian musicians of great reputation, the Palestine Orchestra to-day has received wide recognition in the musical world. Through Huberman, some of the foremost musicians in the world have visited Palestine (including Toscanini, who went there twice) and conducted the Orchestra. To say, therefore, that Huberman has played a notable part in the cultural life of the Yishuv is to understate his services to Palestine.

Huberman gives his first concert in Johannesburg on April 21. He will also visit Durban, Capetown, Port Elizabeth and possibly other centres.

Mr. A. Herman Addresses Women Zionists

ENTHUSIASTIC applause from a large gathering of women Zionists at the Langham Hotel greeted the announcement made by Dr. Deborah Katzen that the Hon. Mrs. Edwin Samuel would lead the Women's Keren Hayesod Campaign shortly to be inaugurated in this country. The occasion was the monthly meeting of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, over which Dr. Katzen presided, and the speaker for the afternoon was Mr. A. Herman, who, in the course of a lecture on "The Chalutz Pioneer Movement," gave an interesting picture of communal life in the collective settlements.

BRIEFLY reviewing the background and history of the Hechalutz movement, Mr. Herman pointed out that as far back as 1881, groups of young Jews, acting spontaneously, and quite unorganised, left Russia for Palestine, inspired by the ideal of creating a new Jewish life based on the principles of social justice. This unorganised immigration continued for many years. In 1903—with the Second Aliyah—there arrived in Palestine men who had since risen to great prominence in the Zionist movement, men like Ben Gurion and Isaac Ben Zvi, individual Jews belonging to no organised movement.

"They went to Palestine," said Mr. Herman, "because they realised that unless the Jew took matters into his own hands and accomplished for himself the things he demanded of the world, he would never get anything."

Proceeding, the speaker dealt with the effects of the Great War on the Jewish youth and their dreams of Palestine, the birth of the idea of organised immigration into Palestine, and finally the establishment in 1924 of the World Hechalutz Movement, which had its headquarters in Warsaw.

From that time onward, pioneer Jewish immigration into Palestine was organised, and the fundamental principle of the Hechalutz movement,

the conquest of Palestine by the conquest of labour and self-conquest, was hammered out. But the Hechalutz movement realised that the colonisation of Palestine presented extremely complex problems to the new arrival there. So the idea of Hachsharah, preparatory training for pioneer life in Palestine, was formulated. As a result, Hechalutz centres were established in Eastern Europe where the Chalutzim received preliminary training both in the ideological approach to Palestine, and in the physical work they would have to undertake there.

Finally, Mr. Herman explained in detail how the Hechalutz system worked in practice, the stages through which the Chalutz passed after his arrival in Palestine, and the selfless nature of the life of toil he lived there, as a builder of the Jewish homeland.

"In the Hechalutz movement," he concluded, "you find a determined and stubborn youth, impregnated with devotion and idealism, a youth which realises that the Jew building his own country must build it with his own hands."

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Herman ably replied to questions put by members of the audience.

On behalf of the gathering Dr. D. Katzen expressed thanks to the speaker.

Polish Relief Fund

There has been established in the offices of the Polish Consular Agency in Johannesburg a Polish Relief Fund, under the protectorship of the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg.

The purpose of the Fund is the collection of money to be used, in the first case, to give relief to the Polish refugees who have escaped from Poland, and, should the need arise, to give assistance to Polish people in South Africa.

This fund is now open, and all donations will be gratefully accepted. Cheques, postal orders, etc., should be made payable to the Polish Relief Fund, c/o Polish Consular Agency, St. Andrew's Building, Rissik Street, Johannesburg. Receipt of all donations will be acknowledged by letter.

Randfontein Activities

On the 17th ult., Mr. Bunim delivered an inspiring address to the Randfontein branch of the W.I.Z.O. on "The Work of the W.I.Z.O. in Palestine." The meeting took place at the residence of Mrs. Goldstein. Mrs. Matus presided.

A debate on the subject "That Jewish parents have failed in their obligations to educate the Jewish Youth," took place at the synagogue on the 15th February. Mr. J. Wolf and Mr. Abe Goldberg, representing the Zionist Youth, spoke in favour of the motion. Rev. L. Goldberg and Mr. Magasiner, representing the Zionist Society, opposed it. Animated discussion ensued, the motion being won by a small majority.

Rabbi I. Romm delivered an interesting address to the Randfontein Zionist Youth Society on the 22nd inst., at the residence of Mrs. Epstein. Rabbi Romm spoke on the "Arabs in Palestine," and concluded with an appeal to the audience to intensify their work for Eretz Israel.

Bloemfontein Women's Zionist Society

An "at home" in honour of Mrs. H. Preiss, the representative of the Women's Zionist Council, was given by the above society. Mrs. Kramer presided.

Mrs. Preiss's lecture covered the work that had been accomplished by the Wizo, and she appealed to her audience to help in the acceleration of the work for Palestine and in furthering the aims of Zionism. She stressed the importance of supporting the forthcoming Keren Hayesod campaign. Mrs. A. Cohen proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Preiss.

Several drawing-room meetings were held at which Mrs. Preiss came into contact with many of the women workers. At all these meetings she discussed the various aspects of the work, and especially sewing circles.

Before leaving Bloemfontein Mrs. Preiss met the committee of the Bloemfontein Women's Zionist Society and all branches of the work were gone into.

The annual meeting of the above society will be held on Tuesday, 27th February. The hostesses will be mesdames Berman and Rosenberg.

Outstanding Box Yields

It is gratifying to note the fine box yields which are continuing to reach the Jewish National Fund Office. The splendid amount of £5 12s. has been received from the Box of Mr. A. J. Solomon, of Clocolan, and also the fine amount of £4 from the Box of Mrs. F. Pick, of Clocolan.

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