

"PLANNING THE JEWISH PEACE AIMS"

Dr. J. M. Machover Talks to Zionist Workers

"WE must plan not merely for the winning of the war, but also for the winning of the peace," said Dr. J. M. Machover in his address to a large gathering of Johannesburg Zionist workers held under the auspices of the Propaganda Committee of the S.A. Zionist Federation on Tuesday night in the Coronation Hall. Mr. L. Tager, Chairman of the Propaganda Committee, presided and welcomed Dr. Machover.

DR. MACHOVER remarked that an Allied victory was a prerequisite to the solution of the Jewish Question, but would not in itself solve that problem; indeed it would remain as acute as ever. For others the Jewish problem would be just one of the many problems which remained for solution after the war. It was essential that we concern ourselves now with devising ways and means for its solution; if we ourselves did not do so, others certainly would not do it for us.

At the outbreak of the war Zionist leadership solemnly declared that Jews considered the cause of democracy their own and unreservedly placed their services at the disposal of the Allies. The promulgation at the beginning of this year of the land restrictions (foreshadowed in the Palestine White Paper of May, 1939) as a gesture to the Arabs, had caused deep concern and consternation in the Jewish world. But it could not and did not alter our attitude to the war.

The Jews in Palestine had become a factor of very considerable military importance. The Middle East had always been of great strategic significance, but recent events had enhanced that significance. The Arab masses were not suited for conditions of modern mechanised warfare. The highly educated, well-trained and industrialised Yishuv in Palestine, on the other hand, was destined to play a highly significant role in the defence of Palestine and generally in the establishment of peace and security in the Middle East.

We should think of our future and formulate our demands. It was not sufficient to make our sacrifices and contribution to the war effort; it should be widely known that this contribution was being made. It was essential that what we had done should be widely known when the Peace Conference assembled and our fully justified demands were placed before it. Whilst the contribution of other national entities to the Al-

lied war effort was widely publicised, little was heard of the contribution the Jewish people was making, great and essential though it was.

Speaking of the position in Jewry itself, Dr. Machover stated that there should have been a feeling that something absolutely extraordinary was taking place—an earthquake shaking the whole world—and that an extraordinary effort on our side was demanded. There should be a change in our psychological outlook and Jews should feel themselves mobilised for Zionism. He advocated the establishment by the Jewish Agency of a World Zionist Emergency Committee in the United States, for the duration of the war. Dr. Machover emphasised that we should prepare the ground now for the submission of our demands to the Peace Conference.

Dr. Machover's address was followed by lively discussion, in which Rabbi I. M. Gervis, Rabbi B. Rabinowitz, Mrs. Zena Herman, Messrs. K. Jonas, R. Lurie, J. Green, W. Cohn, H. L. Hawkins and K. Winnik participated.

In the course of his remarks in reply to questions, Dr. Machover stated that he was trying to avoid party polemics.

He felt that old grievances should be relegated to the background for the period of the war, and that all parties should concentrate on working harmoniously on a constructive policy. He felt that unity in Zionist ranks was imperative; on the subject of unity, less should be spoken and more done.

The Peace Conference should not witness the spectacle of a multiplicity of Jewish delegations. Zionists should first achieve unity within their own ranks and then seek to unite all Jewry for the presentation of Jewish demands before the Peace Conference.

The Chairman, Mr. Tager, thanked Dr. Machover for his address.

Mr. G. Saron in Capetown

Addresses to Peninsula Communities

Mr. G. Saron, General Secretary of the Board of Deputies, recently spent a fortnight in Capetown, during which he delivered addresses to several of the Peninsula communities.

A well-attended meeting was held at Worcester on Sunday night 1st September, when Mr. Saron spoke of the Board's work in promoting the war effort of the Jewish community in every sphere, and in combating anti-Jewish propaganda. Addresses were also delivered by Mr. H. M. Bloch, of Capetown, Dr. H. Kramer, and Mr. J. J. Wilk. Mr. I. Sennett presided and Mr. E. Traub conveyed the thanks of the gathering to the speakers.

Stellenbosch had the opportunity of hearing Mr. Saron on Tuesday night, 3rd September, at a meeting presided over by Mr. Jaffe, Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, and members of the Stellenbosch community followed with interest Mr. Saron's comprehensive address on the Board's present activities.

In Capetown itself, Mr. Saron addressed a large gathering of the Jewish community at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday night, 4th September. Another speaker on this occasion was Mr. Leon Segal, Chairman of the Board (Cape Committee).

Capetown Zionist Youth also took advantage of Mr. Saron's presence to arrange an "Oneg Shabbat," on Friday, 6th September, at Rosecourt, Breda Street, at which he spoke to the gathering on "A Programme for Jewish Youth." Mr. S. M. Levin presided, Dr. H. Birnbaum spoke on the Haftorah of the week, and Miss H. Keyser expressed thanks to the speakers.

Sunday, 8th September, found Mr. Saron at Paarl, where he spoke to a large audience at a meeting held in the Communal Hall. Other speakers were Mr. Leon Segal and Dr. H. Kramer. Mr. E. J. Horwitz presided, and Mr. Geffen, hon. treasurer of the Congregation, proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

Mr. Saron's final engagement was a meeting of the Union of Jewish Women, when he addressed an interested gathering on the subject "A Challenge to South African Jewry," stressing the importance of "moral rearmament" in the Jewish community, and emphasising the part which the Jewish women could play in building up the cultural and the spiritual values in the community.

Mrs. Mirvish was in the chair, and Mrs. L. Segal thanked the speaker.

"THEY SHALL HAVE MUSIC"

Attraction at 20th Century Theatre

With Jascha Heifetz, the renowned violinist starred, Samuel Goldwyn's new major production, "They Shall Have Music," which is the attraction at the 20th Century Theatre, unfolds a gripping story of human interest, highlighted by tense and thrilling action. The principal romantic roles are played by Andrea Leeds and Joel McCrea, while the important supporting roles are portrayed by Walter Brennan, Gene Reynolds and Tommy Kelly.

"They Shall Have Music" draws its characters and plot from the wealth of material found on New York's East Side. Briefly, the story revolves around Professor Lawson, portrayed by Walter Brennan, and his music school settlement, com-

posed of ragged youngsters who are musical prodigies. Into this school comes Frankie, who inherited a talent for the violin from his dead father and has run away from home to escape the hate of his stepfather. The boy is taken in tow by the professor, and blossoms into a fine musician. How he tries to repay his debt and how he lures the great Heifetz to the aid of the financially bankrupt school provides the climax to the story.

Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik to Visit Pietersburg

Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik, Director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, will be in Pietersburg on Sunday, 22nd inst., when he will visit the local Hebrew school. Rabbi Zlotnik has also accepted an invitation to address the Pietersburg-Zoutspansberg Zionist Association on Sunday evening.

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