

## Jewish State Party Holds Meeting in Pretoria

Under the auspices of the Jewish State Party, Mr. R. Laks, the vice-chairman of the Party, and Mr. D. M. Schlosberg, its honorary secretary, addressed a representative gathering of Pretoria Jewry.

Mr. Schlosberg stated that the Jewish people had fought Hitlerism for six years before the war. This struggle would go on until final victory. Because there was no Jewish army we were like unknown warriors, but we would come to the Peace Conference not on sufferance, but as of right.

The ideal of democracy was a war weapon. To many Jews, Zionism was the Jewish national form of democracy, and Zionism was, therefore, the war weapon of 15 million allies of Great Britain.

In South Africa we were becoming the spokesmen of the Jews of the Empire, and, together with the Jews of the United States, the future of World Jewry had become largely our responsibility. What was imperative was immediate unity between the Zionists of all organisations, and, thereafter to make Zionists of every Jew and Jewess. Monies collected for Zionism should be devoted in great measure to this purpose. South Africa should appoint special envoys to United States Zionism on a basis of reciprocity.

Mr. Laks said that the strategic importance of Palestine to the security of the Empire had now become apparent to the masses of Jewry. A strong Jewish State would, if it had been established, have altered the whole military situation in the Near and Middle East.

The Jews of Europe would, for a long time, be unable to return to their former economic positions. Millions would seek refuge in Palestine, which would become the Jewish State Herzl had proclaimed. In these circumstances there were no ideological differences which could divide Zionists, for the aim of Zionism to-day could only be a Jewish State in the historical frontiers of Palestine. All groups agreed on the necessity of a Jewish Army to fight as an ally of Great Britain.

Only a United Jewish Front could hope to achieve the aims all held. Here from South Africa much could be done to bring about this unity.

## RABBI ZLOTNIK IN BETHAL AND MIDDELBURG

### New Society Formed

Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik continued his tour under the joint auspices of the S.A. Zionist Federation and the S.A. Board of Jewish Education recently, and visited Bethal and Middelburg.

Arriving in Bethal on Wednesday, April 30, he inspected the local Talmud Torah in the afternoon in the presence of leading members of the community. A pleasant little ceremony took place when Rabbi Zlotnik opened the school J.N.F. box, the proceeds indicating the keen appreciation of the pupils of the importance of the Keren Kayemeth. Later in the afternoon Rabbi Zlotnik met the members of the local Zionist Youth Society.

In the evening he addressed a very successful gathering in the Shul, the chairman of the community, Mr. A. Stein, presiding. Mr. Stein also entertained Rabbi Zlotnik during his stay in Bethal.

### Middelburg

Rabbi Zlotnik proceeded on Thursday, 1st instant, to Middelburg, where he was the guest of Rev. Awerbach and Mr. and Mrs. Brozin. He conducted an inspection of the Talmud Torah in the afternoon and in the

### Standerton Women's Zionist League

The first general meeting of the newly formed Women's Zionist League of Standerton was held on 25th March, for the purpose of electing officers and drawing up a programme of work. The following Executive and Committee members were elected: President, Mrs. Rebeck; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. R. Coblentz; Committee, Mesdames J. Benjamin, H. Berman, M. Mandelstam, F. Meirowitz and L. Weiner.

A Sewing Circle, with Mesdames Rebeck and S. Dison as conveners, was formed, and has already energetically commenced work for the Wizo Child Welfare Institutions in Palestine.

evening addressed a large gathering of the community at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Frame. Rabbi Zlotnik's address made a deep impression, and as a result of his suggestion it was resolved to organise a Middelburg Zionist Society, with Mr. M. Brozin as Chairman and Mr. I. Frame as secretary. This is in addition to the existing Middelburg Ladies' Zionist Society, which has been doing useful Zionist work and with whose members Rabbi Zlotnik discussed local matters of organisation.

### ALL-"STAR" CONCERT AT THE CITY HALL

#### In Aid of National War Fund

An attractive All-"Star" Concert, under the distinguished patronage of General the Rt. Hon. J. C. Smuts, Sir Edward Harding, High Commissioner to the Union of South Africa, Colonel the Hon. Deneys Reitz, Colonel the Hon. C. F. Stallard, and His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, will be held at the City Hall, Johannesburg, to-morrow night (Saturday), 17th May, at 8 o'clock sharp, in aid of the Governor-General's National War Fund.

The honorary organiser of this outstanding musical event is Cantor Albert Lubliner, and the following well-known artists have kindly consented to appear: YOSHUA HERISON, Rudolph Masser and his Banjoliers, Don Pedro and Carmen, Rita Roseman, Caroline and Rene Maritz, Lillian Abbott, Rachele Wainer, Maurice Millard, "Palmetto" (Prince of Magic), Eric Egan, Sonia Ziev, Mareon Isaacs, Glanville Davies, Irene Margo, Charlie Thompson, Maree Peterson, Pamela Wedd, Jimmy Rogers, Mulcahy Sisters, A. Costas, Mavis Hoffman, Marcel Lavise, and Olwen Whiley.

With such an outstanding cast, there should be a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

### BRITH IVRITH OLAMITH Branch Formed in Capetown

A large and representative gathering of Capetown and Peninsula Jewry interested in Hebrew, attended the foundation meeting of a branch of the Brith Ivrit Olamith, held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday night, 4th May. Dr. A. Birnbaum, Director of the Cape Board of Jewish Education, which had convened the gathering, presided.

Rabbis E. W. Kirzner and Morgenstern extended their good wishes for the success of the branch of the Brith Ivrit Olamith. In an interesting lecture, Dr. Birnbaum traced the important part played by the Hebrew renaissance in the national life of the Jewish people. They could never achieve complete freedom without a return to the cultural treasures created through the medium of Hebrew, he said. In stressing the added responsibility which rested upon Hebrewists in this country as the result of the destruction of the large Jewish centres in Europe, Dr. Birnbaum expressed his confidence in the success of the branch, which he trusted could count upon many devoted supporters.

Rabbi Lipshitz, Dr. Mibashan, Messrs. Avin, Harrison, Rubik, Telem and Natas participated in the discussion which followed Dr. Birnbaum's address. They expressed their pleasure at the establishment of the branch and appreciation of the efforts of the Cape Board of Jewish Education, and particularly of its Director, Dr. Birnbaum. A committee was elected which, in conjunction with the Board of Education, will be responsible for the conduct of the work of the branch.

During the course of the evening Mr. Harrison rendered two songs, and Mr. Natas read a poem.

### Krugersdorp Women's Zionist League

A successful meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. B. Danilowitz on Monday, 5th May. The new chairman, Mrs. B. Danilowitz, in declaring the meeting open, said she would endeavour to justify the confidence placed in her, and trusted that the society would maintain the standard of work achieved under the chairmanship of Mrs. Adler.

Functions are to be held throughout the month of June for the forthcoming National Fund Campaign.

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