

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Massadah Association.

Mr. A. Jonker, Editor of the "Suiderstem," addressed the Association on "Possibilities of South Africa as a Model Democratic State" on Thursday evening, 31st ult.

Democracy, he said, was not a political creed but an attitude to life—a *weltanschauung*. It was based on the liberal and humanistic ideals which it had taken the world twenty centuries to evolve. The basis of democracy was equal rights and equal opportunities for all citizens.

South Africa was in a difficult position with all her different races, colours and prejudices, but it was possible for her to build up a democratic state in spite of these. It was not undemocratic to limit the body politic and owing to conditions the coloured people could not be included. The only way for a proper democratic state to be built up was to include every European in the body politic; but we could be a model democratic state only if we gave those not in the body politic the opportunity to develop to the fullest extent of their capabilities.

In South Africa there were not such great class distinctions as in European countries and the population was more homogeneous. The proportion of really poor people was not so great when compared with other countries; nor were there so many of the very rich. It would be possible to build up a democratic state as near a model as anywhere in the world.

Democracy was synonymous with civilisation, and those countries which had torn themselves away from democracy had fallen back to the attitude of the dark middle ages. He (the speaker) did not think the day of democracy was over. There were certain abuses of democracy but if we could protect ourselves against these, we would be able to build up in South Africa a democratic state which could be the envy of the whole world.

A discussion followed to which Mr. Jonker replied.

Miss P. Miller proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Jonker in Afrikaans.

Mr. Gross seconded in Afrikaans.

Mr. Jonker replying in Afrikaans thanked them for their remarks and wished the Association success.

Mr. C. K. Friedlander was in the chair.

Bnoth Zion Association.

The monthly Social and Cultural meeting of the Wynberg-Kenilworth Branch was held at Mrs. S. M. Kaplan's house, "Nooty," Highwick Avenue, Kenilworth, on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. M. D. Immerman presided and spoke on "The Palestine Symphony Orchestra. She briefly outlined its history and activities in an interesting and informative address.

After tea, Mrs. J. Mibashan addressed the meeting on "The Development of Hebrew as a Living Language in Palestine." Sketching the growth of Hebrew as a living language Mrs. Mibashan dealt graphically with her subject, stressing the part played by Bialik in its development also in its literature.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Mibashan and Mrs. Kaplan was proposed by Mrs. Immerman.

The Bnoth Zion Committee wishes to announce that the Early Morning Market which was to have been held at the Zionist Hall next Tuesday, the 12th September, has been postponed.

Cape Town Herzlia.

On Sunday night at Rosecourt, Mr. H. L. Stern addressed the society on "Quantity and Quality — the Jewish Youth Problem." The main theme of the address was that Zionist Youth in this country had failed and would continue to do so because they were too concerned with the quantity of their numbers instead of the quality. Mass membership should not be our aim, but rather the solid, constructive, development of a small membership, who would be well qualified to teach others successfully the knowledge they themselves had acquired after diligent and assiduous study. The speaker did not blame the youth entirely for this bad system which was operating at present and maintained that the leaders and seniors had a large share of this responsibility. In the discussion which ensued, Messrs. L. Phillips, M. Katovsky, G. Simon and S. Rechtman agreed with the speaker's views generally but raised further points to which Mr. Stern replied. Mr. Rechtman was in the chair.

It was announced at the meeting that the Bialik Circle would again meet on next Friday, the 15th September, at Rosecourt.

CONCERT IN AID OF PALESTINE WORKERS' FUND.

There was a large audience at the Zionist Hall on Sunday night when a Concert was given in aid of the Palestine Workers' Fund. The programme was an outstanding one and consisted of the following items: Exhibition dances by the Pupils of the Kirsch Studio; songs by Reinet Wallis, Cantor M. Golub and Mr. Timothy Farrel; violin solo by Mrs. Bertha Tuch; impersonations by Marjorie Burchel-Burger and by Mr. R. Shalit and an entertaining sketch in which Lily Jean Satusky and Evelyn Apter participated.

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Social & Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Zuckerman, of Tel-Aviv (formerly of Cape Town), are arriving in the Carnarvon Castle after attending the 21st Zionist Congress at Geneva. They intend spending some time in South Africa before returning to Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gordon are returning in the Carnarvon Castle from a visit to Europe and Palestine. Mr. Gordon was a delegate to the 21st Zionist Congress at Geneva.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Mauerberger are returning in the Carnarvon Castle from a visit to England.

The engagement is announced of Dorothy (Dot), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Emdin, of Muizenberg, and Frederick Leonard, son of Mrs. R. Kaye and the late Mr. S. Kaye, of Sea Point, formerly of Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Rhona, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Rubinstein, of Sea Point, to Alec, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Newstead, of Claremont.

The engagement is announced of Rosemarie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bloch, of Potchefstroom, to Dr. David N. Kahn, of Selukwe, S. Rhodesia, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Kahn, of Cape Town.

The marriage of Phyllis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Cohen, of Cape Town, to Julie, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Nochimowitz, of Oudtshoorn, took place yesterday afternoon in the Gardens Synagogue, Cape Town.

Mr. Solly Miller has been elected a member of the George Municipal Council as a result of the 1939 Municipal Elections.

Mr. Miller, who enters the Council for the first time, is an ex-Chairman of the George Zionist Society and presently occupies the position of Treasurer. He is also a member of the Committee of the George Hebrew Congregation. His election is a popular one with all sections.

Mr. Ephraim Kluk, the well-known Zionist worker, has returned to Cape Town to take up permanent residence, after spending three years in Johannesburg.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Moir Gordon, of Sea Point, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nolie (nee Olive Rosen), of Port Elizabeth, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Rosen, of Pietermaritzburg, are being congratulated on the birth of a son.