

Jews and Czechoslovakia

Mr. J. Gitlin, Hon. Secretary of the Dorshei Zion Association has received the following letter from Mr. A. Blahovsky, Czechoslovak Consul-General:—

Dear Mr. Gitlin,

Tuesday night's Conversazione which the Dorshei Zion Association arranged in honour of my wife and myself has deeply impressed me by the cordiality of feelings of friendship shown upon this occasion by Jewry towards Czechoslovakia. As I mentioned in my reply, I am reporting on it to my Government in London, who certainly will be deeply gratified by this acknowledgment of goodwill they have always shown to Jewry in the true spirit of Masaryk's traditions.

I can assure you that in the same way as Czechoslovaks are striving for the attainment of their liberation, they follow with the most sympathetic interest the struggle of Jewry towards the same aim, i.e. the establishment of their own State. The progress attained in the accomplishment of this ideal has been really astounding in the economic sphere and in its wake political influence has grown apace. In this respect the formation of a Jewish Army portends developments of great significance, developments which will be hailed by all peoples bent on fair play and not the least by Czechoslovaks, as a triumph of justice.

Please be, dear Mr. Gitlin, the interpreter of my wife's and my own best and most sincere wishes for the prosperity and progress of your community and of the Jewish cause in general, which has become a world cause by the most tragic events which have taken such a heavy toll of Jewry.

Very sincerely yours,

A. BLAHOVSKY,
Czechoslovak Consul-General.

Dr. Weizmann's 70th Birthday.

SPECIAL BOOKLET.

The Information and Organisation Department of the S.A. Zionist Federation has issued a special booklet to mark the occasion of Dr. Weizmann's 70th birthday.

The booklet, which has been compiled by Mr. Z. Infeld, contains a biographical sketch of Dr. Weizmann, an article "The Zionist Leader and the Zionist Movement" by Louis Lipsky, an address delivered by Dorothy Thompson at a dinner in honour of Dr. Weizmann in New York, extracts from Dr. Weizmann's addresses on various subjects, and a monologue "Chaim Weizmann" by Mrs. D. H. Kushner. There is also a suggested programme for a society function in celebration of Dr. Weizmann's birthday.

Copies of the booklet can be obtained from the Zionist Office, 85 Plein Street, Cape Town.

Keren Hayesod Calendar.

Copies of the attractively illustrated Keren Hayesod calendar for 5705 have now come to hand. Only a limited supply is available and intending purchasers are urged to contact the Zionist office or Zionist Youth office without delay. The price is 2/-.

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The late Rev. M. L. Cohen.

AN APPRECIATION BY CANTOR M. KATZIN.

The Jewish community has lost a dear friend in Rev. M. L. Cohen, whose death took place in Windhoek on 9th November. His passing will be mourned by a host of friends who knew and appreciated his simple and lovable nature.

When he came to South Africa from Lithuania in 1898 he immediately endeared himself to all with whom he came into contact. He brought with him to South Africa a cordial recommendation from the then Chief Rabbi, Dr. Adler, and all that Dr. Adler said was fully justified by all that Rev. Cohen achieved in later years.

For about seven years he was Chazan at the Great Synagogue, during the ministry of Rev. A. P. Bender, and then acted in a similar capacity at Bloemfontein, where he served the congregation and the community for about 15 years. Following that, he was at Windhoek, where the Jewish community of that South-West African capital learned to respect and to love him.

Going into retirement he returned to Bloemfontein, where he associated himself with communal affairs and was the chairman of the local Chevra Kadisha. Later he came to Sea Point, where he often officiated in an honorary capacity at the Green and Sea Point Synagogue, particularly during the High Festivals.

He was 79 when he passed away; active until the end. I shall always have tender recollections of his regard for the younger chazonim, to whom he always gave the benefit of his knowledge and experience. I shall always remember his own sweet chazanuth, for he was a perfect "mnagen," always choosing the more classical Hebrew melodies, his rendering of which was truly magnificent.

His circle of friends was a wide one and included Gentiles as well as those of his own faith, and I recall with pleasure his reminiscences of incidents connected with his friendship with President Kruger, President Steyn and J. B. Hertzog. His conversation then was always stimulating and informative.

He leaves sons, daughters and grandchildren to mourn his loss. One son, Mr. Hermann Cohen, is well known in social welfare circles in Cape Town and is Chairman of the Bickur Cholim and Hon. Treasurer of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation. The deepest sympathy is extended to the family in their great loss. I, personally, shall miss a good friend and a cherished mentor.

A DANCE

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J.N.F. TRIAL ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

The Odeon Theatre, Sea Point, will be the scene of a novel trial on Sunday, 19th inst., commencing at 7.45 p.m. Under the auspices of the Massada Association, with Mr. S. L. Gross as convenor, a special trial will be staged with the J.N.F. as the central theme. South African Jewry will be accused of failing to give adequate support to the J.N.F. The trial will be conducted on semi-lines, but a certain amount of impromptu humour will be provided. The purpose of this function is not to raise funds, but merely to present in an attractive fashion the ideological problems of the J.N.F. and the role of S.A. Jewry in the reconstruction of Eretz Israel.

Adv. H. M. Bloch will preside as judge; Mr. Mary Segal will represent South African Jewry, the accused; the prosecution will be in the hands of Messrs. B. W. Hoffmann, Adv. S. L. Schach and Mr. Jack Bobrov, while Messrs. Bennie Levin and S. M. Levin will be the defending counsel. Witnesses for the prosecution will be: Dr. Granovsky (represented by Mr. E. Charlaiff), Gruenbaum (Mr. B. Padowich), Mr. Ben Gurion (Mr. E. Kluk), Miss Henrietta Szold (Mrs. F. Gross), Messrs. L. L. Schach, I. M. Grusd and Laden. Evidence for the defence will be given by Mrs. H. Lieberman, Mr. J. M. Weinreich, a South African in Palestine and Mrs. Mary Segal.

Messrs. S. L. Gross and R. B. Egert will be Clerk of Court and Assistant Clerk respectively while Mr. Leon Burman will act as Court Officer.

The public are cordially invited to attend and to serve on the jury. Mr. L. Berold will be foreman and the verdict will be decided by popular vote.

In view of the length of the proceedings, intending participants are asked to be seated at 7.45 p.m.

Relatives Information Service

The following additional lists have been received and may be inspected in Room 319, Second Buildings, Exchange Place, Cape Town:—

- (a) Two further lists of Polish Jewish Refugees:
 1. Refugees now in the U.S.S.R.
 2. Lists of survivors registered in Latvia.
- (b) One list of Jews from Germany and Austria who recently arrived in Palestine in exchange for German civilians.

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