

**CORRESPONDENCE.****Where were our M.P.'s?**

To the Editor,  
S.A. Jewish Chronicle.  
Sir,

I was one of those who thronged the Zionist Hall on the occasion of the Day of Mourning Mass Meeting. There was a large crowd present, including many of our communal leaders. But where were the Jewish members of Parliament? Mr. Alexander presided, Dr. Friedman was to have spoken but was ill, and I noticed Mr. Goldberg's presence. Surely the rest should have come to identify themselves with their people's mourning and national aspirations. They could not all have been "out of town"! Many of my friends have commented most adversely on this matter.—Yours, etc.,

"DISMAYED."

**"Kosher Le Pesach"**

The Editor,  
S.A. Jewish Chronicle.

Sir,  
I shall be glad if any of your readers will be good enough to enlighten me on a matter which is puzzling me at the moment. During the last few weeks the daily press has been carrying an advertisement in which it is stated that there are available at a certain firm dried fruits which have been declared by Rabbi E. Kirzner to be kosher l'Pesach. I have never yet heard that fruit could be anything but "pesachdik," and I cannot, for the life of me, see how dried fruits could be put into a different category. On making enquiries from some of my more orthodox friends, I was told that it was quite possible for "chometz" to attach itself to the fruits whilst being dried and packed and having to pass through so many hands in the process. If this is the case, I still fail to see how Rabbi Kirzner could declare the fruits to be kosher l'Pesach. Did he inspect every detail of the drying and packing, and did he examine every single piece of fruit to see whether it had by any chance become "chometzdik"? I cannot believe that he managed to do all this. On what grounds, therefore, did he declare the fruits to be kosher l'Pesach?—I am, etc.,

"PUZZLED."

**Hyman Bress Concert.**

Great interest has been aroused in the farewell concert to be given by Hyman Bress with the Cape Town Municipal Orchestra at the City Hall on Saturday, March 31st, at 8.15 p.m.

Hyman Bress is 13 years of age and has received his musical education in Cape Town. When he was six the English violinist Ketelby heard him and predicted a great future for the boy. He won his first scholarship before he was seven. Since then he has made magnificent progress and he has broadcast and performed on several occasions with the Cape Town Orchestra. Dr. Pickerill, Director of the Orchestra, has described this talented lad as "a violinist of exceptional merit."

Hyman Bress is to depart shortly for America to further his studies and the proceeds of the concert will be devoted to assisting him in this worthy purpose. Tickets may be obtained and reserved at Darters' Booking Office (Cape Times Stationery Shop).

**Eating of Chometz.**

The Beth Din advises that Chometz may not be eaten after 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 28th March.

**S.A. Hebrew Teachers' Conference.**

A conference of Hebrew teachers of South Africa was held at the Coronation Hall, Johannesburg, on 1st and 2nd March. Over 50 delegates from various parts of the country assembled to discuss vital questions of Hebrew education as well as the economic position of the Hebrew teachers.

Reports were submitted by Mr. Rybko, Executive Council; Rev. Altshuler and Mrs. Lurie, Transvaal; Mr. M. Wolozinsky, Free State; Mr. Berezinsky and Mr. Shalit, Cape; and Mr. Marshak, Natal. The delegates stressed the necessity for a strong united Teachers' Union in South Africa.

A session was devoted to the relationship between "Hashachar" (Ministers' Association) and the Hebrew teachers. It was decided that these two bodies should work in harmony.

The official opening took place on Thursday night, 1st March, at the Coronation Hall. Among those who brought greetings were Rabbi Dr. L. I. Rabinowitz, senior minister to the United Hebrew Congregation, who promised his help to raise the prestige of the teachers and to improve their position.

The Conference welcomed with acclamation the message of Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, Minister of Education, who wished the Conference every success and apologised for his inability to attend.

Resolutions were passed dealing with European Jewry, employment of teachers, education policy, pension funds and syllabi.

The newly elected Executive is as follows: Mr. J. Rubik, President; Rev. O. Altshuler, Messrs. Wynn, Dumas, Berezinsky, Melamed, Silpert, Shadchin and Mrs. Lurie.

Mr. Wolozinsky is to represent the O.F.S. and Mr. Marshak, Natal. Representatives for the Cape, Rhodesia and Eastern Province will be elected by these provinces.

**Worcester Study Circle Group.**

A meeting was held on Thursday, 15th March, at the residence of Mrs. Shandling. Mr. Wolper was in the chair and welcomed visitors, members and the guest lecturer, Mr. Young. Mr. M. Schochat gave a very interesting and comprehensive news review which provoked an animated discussion.

Mr. Young then gave a short lecture on "Religion and Socialism." After giving several definitions of the word "religion" he traced the historical development of religious belief and contended that the evolution of religion and of socialism went hand in hand. After the lecture a lengthy discussion followed.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the speaker, Dr. Levy pointed out that there was really no antagonism between religion and science. It was decided to hold the next meeting on 12th April at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Stein. The Rev. M. Stein will then read a paper on "Israel, the Chosen People."

**Green and Sea Point Congregation**

The Annual General Meeting, which was held on Sunday morning, 18th inst., was adjourned until Sunday, 25th inst. A report of the proceedings will appear next week.

**Refugee Lists.**

The Western Province Zionist Council, Street, Cape Town, has received further refugees who were lately reported to be in Terezin and by whom the receipt of cels has been confirmed. There are also details of persons residing in Theresienstadt persons from C.S.R. deported to Poland. Lists may be examined at the Zionist Office.

The above lists, as well as the following also be inspected at the offices of the Deputies, Security Buildings:—

- Persons formerly from Bergen-Belling Switzerland for Algiers.
- Persons from various countries in Italy.
- Persons who were known to be in O/S., in July, 1944.
- List of Jews from Czechoslovakia, camps in Oberschlesien, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Arbeitslager, Biala.

**FEDERATION ASSISTS IN RELEASE INTERNEES.**

The announcement in the Press that the S.A. Zionist Federation that there exists possibility of saving a number of Jews in the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp, Czechoslovakia, as the Jewish Agency receive from the British Government certain immigration to Palestine for inmates of the camp, has resulted in the Federation flood of applications from persons who assist their relatives.

One of those who applied was Mrs. Pollak, of No. 7, Valley Road, Westcliff, whose niece and family were internees.

The Federation immediately cabled to the Consulate in Geneva and the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, giving the available information. A reply has now been received that Mrs. Kaethe Fiella, together with her son, Peter, and her 12-year-old daughter were allocated provisional certificates to be issued by the Jewish Agency. They have now been released from the concentration camp and arrived in Switzerland.

**Shortage of Habonim Equipment.**

Owing to war conditions there is a shortage of Habonim equipment. A large number of boys and girls have joined the movement in the last few months and it is impossible to equip them properly owing to their scarcity. An appeal is made to all ex-members of Habonim in possession of belts (with buckles), scarves, badges, to donate or sell them to the Habonim office. Those desirous of disposing of any of the above are asked to write to the Mazkir Habonim, Box 18, Johannesburg, and are requested if they wish any arrangements made to contact these articles called for by the local office.

For Best Results Consult

**J. TALBERG & CO.**

Auctioneers, House and Estate Agents, Investment of Capital, Administration, Purchase and Sale of Landed Property, of Rent.

85 LOOP STREET, CAPE TOWN — Phone

**SKILL SPELLS SECURITY****LEARN A TRADE!**

School-leaving Boys and Girls register with the  
**Vocational Guidance Bureau**

12 London & Lancashire House, 148, St. George's Street, Cape Town.

P.O. Box 3321.

TELEPHONE 3-2187.

