

Palestine Orchestra.

Jerusalem.

Palestine Orchestra ensemble of 40 musicians returned from a ten-day tour of Egypt, that given there by the Orchestra. The main concerts of the tour, two in Alexandria and two in Cairo, were held under the auspices of Egyptian Music Societies with Michael Taube as conductor.

The Orchestra gave five concerts for the Forces headed by Michael Taube, Bronislaw Szulc, Harker and the Czech conductor, Joseph

of the most colourful concerts was that in an open-air amphitheatre in the desert for more than a thousand troops, including Italian soldiers of war.

The news was received of President Roosevelt's death, the administrator, Mr. S. B. Lewer, decided upon a tribute to the late President. The A.F. was enlisted to bring suitable scores from Tel Aviv.

HISTADRUTH TO HELP ORCHESTRA.

The Executive Committee of the Histadruth has set up a special sub-committee for the Palestine Orchestra under the auspices of its Cultural Department. Its purpose is to make the Orchestra widely known among the public, and to give moral and material support. The sub-committee has sent the following circular to members and institutions of the Histadruth throughout the country.

The Palestine Orchestra, which is the supreme cultural institution in the country, has for years been a national asset of great cultural and political value.

The Orchestra has made the best in music available to tens of thousands of listeners, to Jews in town and country, and to the masses of the people. It has shown itself to be of inestimable educational value; it has enriched our lives and helped to lift our spirit onto a higher plane.

The Jewish workers of Palestine, the creators of the material and spiritual creation of the Jewish State in its homeland, were one of the main factors that led Huberman to the idea of founding the Palestine Orchestra. The Histadruth, from the inception of the Orchestra, has considered itself as a partner in this cultural enterprise.

The circular ends with an appeal to the members of the Histadruth to ensure the maintenance and development of the Orchestra.

Abrahams' Memorandum.

Interest has been shown by a number of institutions and organisations in different parts of the world in the "Memorandum on the War, Peace, and the Post-war Problems of Africa" prepared by Professor Rabbi I. Abrahams. More recently a request for six copies was received from the Jewish Agency and an extra copy was asked for by ha-Archiyon ha-Ziyoni ha-Merkazi (the Central Zionist Archives), Jerusalem. Jewish institutions have also shown a keen interest in the brochure, and the following letter from Franklin F. Hopper, Director of the New York Public Library, is typical of many similar communications:—

"Your Memorandum on the War, Peace and the Post-war Problems of South Africa would be a valuable addition to our Reference Department, for itself and as an example of your work. We hope that you will be willing to give us a copy. It is our job to make good books available and in doing it we count heavily on the help of our readers. We shall be grateful for any attention you can give this request."

No Slackening in J.N.F. Campaign.

Constant Progress in all Quarters.

Two further successes in the Western Province J.N.F. Campaign are reported this week. Both in the Parow-Bellville area and at Claremont the Receptions have been followed by enthusiastic and spontaneous support, while in Cape Town considerable increases have been recorded.

The 1943 Campaign total for Cape Town central is now within easy reach and as little more than half the ground has been covered there can be no doubt that the ultimate result will show a substantial improvement. At the weekly meeting of campaign workers held on Monday results were again scrutinised and further tasks allocated. The month of May, with a number of public holidays as well as Shavuoth, did not give collectors a full opportunity for attending to the work of the Campaign and it is anticipated that the weekly progress from now on will be much more considerable.

Even in suburbs which have not yet seen their official inauguration, such as Woodstock-Salt River and Muizenberg, the work has been taken in hand with great energy and here, too, the response has been most satisfactory.

PAROW-BELLVILLE.

There was a very congenial atmosphere at the Reception held at the Parow Communal Hall on Tuesday evening, May 29th. The function was arranged jointly by the Northern Districts Zionist Guild and the Zionist Societies of Durbanville and Goodwood. Mr. I. Kaplan was in the chair and warmly welcomed the visiting speakers, Mr. Bernard Gering and Mr. J. Herbstein, K.C.

Mr. Herbstein in a forceful review of the current situation of the Jewish people stressed the important relation Zionism bore to the individual life of each Jew. Eretz Israel had to play a vital part in the shaping of the Jewish future and this required not only financial support but personal responsibility.

Mr. Gering gave a gripping account of the story of Zionist achievements and pointed out how it had stood the Jewish people in good stead in times of adversity. The future programme of Jewry was incomplete without land acquisition and this important task needed unprecedented support.

After tea a vote of thanks was ably proposed by Dr. M. Reznik, who paid a warm tribute to the speakers for their impressive remarks.

CLAREMONT.

The bad weather did not daunt the residents of Rondebosch and Claremont from turning out in large numbers to the Reception held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Tuesday evening, June 5th. Mr. S. R. Back, Chairman of the Claremont-Rondebosch Campaign Committee, presided.

Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., traced how the Jewish position had deteriorated in the years prior to the war and how Palestine had played a far more important role in accepting refugees than the rest of the world put together. Eretz Israel could not have absorbed these people without the activities of the Jewish National Fund. The same position applied to-day; the remnant of Jewry looked principally to Eretz Israel and the J.N.F. would again be called upon to rescue them. It had extensive post-war plans which needed the maximum support.

Mr. H. M. Bloch, K.C., criticised the general standard of contributions. While there was a steady increase in the sums received, this was by no means in proportion to the grave needs of the day or to the ability of the individual to contribute. If we were in earnest about the fate of the survivors in Europe our standard of contribution would have to be revolutionised and every Jew should regard it as his sacred obligation to give the maximum sum in order to speed the redemption of Jewry.

The addresses made a deep impression on the audience and many present who had already fixed the amount of their contribution proceeded to increase the sum. In this area, too, the 1943 total has been surpassed with half the ground still to be covered.

A hearty vote of thanks to the speakers was moved by Mr. R. Newstead.

DR. Y. WOLFSBERG.

Dr. Yeshayahu Wolfsberg who was due to arrive this week in South Africa in the interests of the J.N.F. "Land for Liberation" Campaign, was suddenly taken ill in Cairo and had to return to Palestine. It is hoped that Dr. Wolfsberg, who is an outstanding personality in medical and scientific circles in the Yishuv, will soon recover and be able to resume his journey to South Africa where he is eagerly awaited.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrachi Organisation
The Cape Hapoel Hamizrachi Organisation
Cape Zionist Youth Executive

MEMORIAL MEETING

in memory of

ABRAHAM KATZ

(the first South African Chalutz to lose his life in the defence of his Homeland)

at the

ZIONIST HALL

on

MONDAY, 11th JUNE, at 8.15 p.m.

Speakers: Dr. A. BIRNBAUM and Representatives of the above Organisations.

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GREEN AND SEA POINT BRANCH.

FREEDOM FETE

For JEWISH NATIONAL FUND.

SEA POINT TOWN HALL,

on

WEDNESDAY, 13th JUNE,
10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

RABBI DR. A. T. SHROCK will open Fete at 10.15 a.m.

Many Stalls. Refreshments Day and Evening.
EVENING: Varied Games, Fishpond, Tombola.

Dewars



Whisky

IT NEVER VARIES