

## PALESTINE MARITIME LEAGUE.

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had succeeded in creating a favourable supporting and encouraging atmosphere towards the Maritime development of Palestine, and it was due to this supporting and encouraging atmosphere which was created by the work of the Palestine Maritime League that in many maritime enterprises they had achieved a certain success in spite of war restrictions. In fishing they had emerged already from the stage of preliminary experimentation and were now on a safe road of mastering this trade. They had achieved success in shipbuilding and it was this atmosphere which was created by the Palestine Maritime League that enabled them to establish in the last few weeks the national shipping company, "Zim." But in the series of practical achievements he personally regarded as most important the fact that many hundreds of Jewish boys were trained by the Palestine Maritime League for a future maritime career, the fact that they had succeeded in arousing in the hearts of the youth the desire to devote themselves to a maritime life.

And it was to a very great extent, thanks to the work of the Palestine Maritime League, that the Jewish population of Palestine was able to take part in the naval war effort of the British and Allied Nations. More than a thousand of their boys had joined the Royal Navy and according to their superiors have done excellent work. More than three hundred Jewish seamen from Palestine were serving in the merchant fleet of the Allied Nations; several small Jewish ships took part in providing ammunition to the besieged Tobruk. Hundreds of invasion boats were built for the Royal Navy in our boat-building yards, and lately two minesweepers for the British Navy were built at Tel Aviv.

"We are proud of our share—a very modest share of course—in the naval war effort," said Mr. Rivlin, "and we hope that when war is over our boys who joined the Royal Navy will be able to use the experience which they gained there for their future career in the Jewish mercantile fleet."

One of the main tasks which they had to face now when they were dealing with the problems of the post-war reconstruction of Palestine, was to expand the absorptive capacity of the country, so that as many as possible of our brethren in Europe would be able to come to Palestine and find there a source of livelihood and work. Palestine was a small country and although they had achieved wonderful results in agriculture by employing new scientific methods they should not disregard all other possibilities to expand the absorptive capacity of Palestine and to enable more and more refugees to enter the country. One of the factors—the most important factor of increasing the absorptive capacity in Palestine were the seas—the Mediterranean on the western border and the Red Sea in the south of Palestine. According to a scheme which was worked out they could absorb during the first five years 7,000 families in their maritime economy—in fishing, harbour work, boatbuilding and shipping. And just as nobody could foresee fifteen years ago that Palestine industry would provide to-day work for more than fifty thousand workers, just the same they were sure that the above mentioned figure of 7,000 families to be engaged in the next few years in maritime trade was not the maximum. They were sure that more and more new immigrants would derive their livelihood from the sea. They were laying now the foundations of their maritime economy, and great preparatory work had been done during all these years by the Palestine Maritime League, and now it depended to a great extent on the population of Palestine and on the Jewish people all over the world to enable them to develop and expand their economy, to create a Jewish merchant fleet.

They had all the necessary conditions to develop a maritime economy: the sea, an enormous seaborne trade in which before the war ships of twenty-two nations from all over the world took part and only a few Jewish vessels; and during the last few years they had trained their seamen as well. What they wanted now was to make the seas bordering Palestine navigable to Jewish sailors, to Jewish ships flying the Jewish national flag, which would sail across the seas and oceans, serve their trade and bring to Palestine their immigrants.

"Our country is small and not only on its soil but also on its seas depends our strength and the fate of the great historic enterprise—the enterprise of this generation—of our national and political revival as a free people in Palestine," said Mr. Rivlin in conclusion.

During the evening Cantor M. Katzin (accompanied by Mr. Koorland) rendered Hebrew songs and pupils of the Rita Lazarus studio appeared in nautical dances which were very much appreciated.

## Forthcoming Events.

**Dorshei Zion Association.**—The annual general meeting will take place on Sunday, 1st July, at 10.15 a.m. in the Zionist Hall, Hope Street. Members are asked to make every effort to attend.

**War Appeal Fete at Claremont.**—A fete and court of justice, together with a dance and games evening, will be held at the Claremont Communal Hall on Sunday, 1st July, at 8 p.m. The function has been arranged by the Youth Committee of the Claremont Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society in aid of the S.A. Jewish War Appeal. Admission by programme, 1/-.

**Great Synagogue Centre.**—The next Forum luncheon will be held on Wednesday, 4th July, at 12.45 p.m. in the Talmud Torah Hall. Mr. M. Rivlin will speak on "Palestine Maritime Development."

**Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild.**—The next meeting will be held in the Board Room on Tuesday, 3rd July, at 2.45 p.m. Mrs. Harriet Levin will speak on "The Centrality of Palestine in our Religious Life."

**Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.**—The Cape Town and Vredehoek branches have combined their efforts and are holding a cake stall in aid of Beth Avraham on Thursday, 5th July, from 8.30 a.m., outside Paramount Stores, Adderley Street, Cape Town. Members and friends are asked to give this function their support.

The next monthly meeting of the Vredehoek Branch will take place on Tuesday, 3rd July, at 2.30 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. H. Liff, 36 Ludlow Road, Vredehoek. Mr. J. Dwolatzky will address the gathering. Members and friends are invited to attend.

**Woodstock and Salt River Tanach Circle.**—A meeting will take place on Friday, 29th June, at 8 p.m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Getz, 16a Avenue Road, Woodstock. Rev. Baron will lecture on Hosea, chapter 6.

**New Hebrew Congregation Knitting Circle.**—The next meeting will take place on Monday, 2nd July, at 2.30 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. Pogrand, 3 Rus-In-Urbe, off Hiddingh Avenue, Gardens. Members and friends are invited to attend.

**Chana Krikler Tzodoke Society.**—The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 3rd July, at the Talmud Torah Hall, Wherry Road, Muizenberg, at 2.30 p.m. The hostess will be Mrs. Green, Main Road, Muizenberg. Members and friends are invited to attend.

### LEWIS-KATZENELLENBOGEN.

The marriage of Pauline, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. and the late Mr. C. Katzenellenbogen, of Wolseley, and Gunner Simmy Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis, of Cape Town, took place at the Gardens Synagogue on Sunday afternoon, 24th June.

Rabbi I. Abrahams, assisted by Rev. S. Kassel, officiated. Cantor B. Rome was the soloist.

A reception was held at the Zionist Hall and was attended by a very large gathering. Mr. H. Bernadt was in the chair. Rabbi I. Abrahams proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom; the bridegroom responded. Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., proposed the toast of the parents.

Jerusalem.

The total cost of building and road construction works executed in Palestine during the war for military and governmental purposes amounted to approximately £23,000,000, it is disclosed.

**Susskind, Alfred**, who emigrated from Berlin to Cape Town in 1937, is sought by Bertold Koen, formerly of Belgrade and now in Italy.

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## Herzl-Bialik Commemorative Evenings.

At the instance of the Western Province Council, a number of societies have arranged memorial functions on the occasion of the anniversary of the deaths of Dr. Theodor Herzl and Chaim Nachman Bialik.

The Dorshei Zion, Bnoth Zion and Massad Associations, the Zionist Socialist Party, the Organisation and Zionist Youth are jointly sponsoring a literary programme at the Zionist on Sunday night, July 1st, and Dr. A. Braun will preside and give an introductory talk on Herzl and Bialik. The rest of the programme will comprise talks on "Bialik, our National Poet," by Mr. Z. Avin; "The Jewish State"—an Address by Mr. J. Bobrov; "The Zionist Congress," by Mr. B. Padowich; "Are Herzl's Ideas Approaching Realisation?" by Mr. S. M. Levin; and readings from the works of Herzl and Bialik by Mr. F. Schach and Mr. Vivian Rakoff respectively.

The same evening a function will be held at Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, under the auspices of the Combined Zionist Societies. Speakers will be Capt. L. R. Dison and Mr. Levite. Appropriate readings will be given by members of the Young Israel Society and Goldwasser will intone the Haskorah.

Also on the same night, a play based on the life of Herzl will be presented by the Stellenbosch Zionist Society.

The Rondebosch and Sea Point branches of the Massadah Association have arranged their literary evenings to be held respectively on Monday and Tuesday evening. On Monday evening will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Furman, 236 Victoria Road, Woodstock, under the auspices of the Woodstock Cultural Club. Messrs. Wolfie Seba, Vivian Resnekov and Levin will contribute to the programme.

The Wynberg Zionist Society in conjunction with the local Study Circle will hold a meeting at the Communal Hall, Wynberg, on Tuesday evening, July 3rd. There will be suitable readings, talks will be given by Messrs. E. Charlaif and Levite.

The Claremont Zionist Society is holding a meeting on Thursday evening, July 5th, at Talmud Torah Hall. Apart from rendering Bialik's poems and extracts from Herzl's writings the programme includes a talk on Herzl by B. W. Hoffman and on Bialik by Mr. S. H. J. man, and a debate "That Herzl was justifying favouring the Uganda project," introduced by Messrs. L. Fendel and L. H. Joffe, of the Massadah Association.

Functions are also being arranged by the Woodstock and Strand-Somerset West Zionist Societies.

The inaugural function of the Jewish Cultural Circle, Bloemfontein, took place on Sunday, June 24th, at the Communal Hall. It took the form of a I. L. Peretz evening.

Mr. B. Levinsky presided. Mr. M. Wolman, M.A., delivered an address on the importance of reviving Jewish culture in the English-speaking countries since the Eastern European Jewish centres had been destroyed.

Eight-year-old Sydney Cramer recited in a poem by Peretz. Rabbi Dr. M. Romm gave a learned address on Peretz and Chassidism. Dr. Block recited in a masterful manner Peretz' "The Golden Chain." Mr. E. Chien gave an interesting lecture on Peretz's influence on Jewish culture. Mr. D. Cramer recited Peretz's ballad, "Monish," very ably. Cantor D. B. Koenberg sang three Yiddish folk songs which were greatly appreciated.

The monthly meeting arranged by the Local Sub-committee of the Paarl Wizo Group took the form of a radio evening, and proved to be successful. Again nearly 60 members were present and thoroughly enjoyed the radio programme broadcast. Those taking part were Mrs. F. Brauer, songs; Mrs. Miriam Bloom, piano; Mrs. Ethel Marcus, news service; Mrs. H. Volks, book talk; Mr. A. J. Volks, news commentary. A very interesting lecture on the Jewish child, prepared by Dr. Rappaport, was read by Mesdames Marcus, Blanche Miller and Mrs. Levinsohn. Miss Naomi Moffson rendered piano solos and Miss Judy Friedman recited a very beautiful poem.

Much credit is due to the announcer, Mrs. J. Schitz, who very ably filled in the gaps between the items with humorous readings and jokes.

The convener of the sub-committee, Mrs. Levinsohn, thanked the hostesses, the artists and members, and especially the secretary of the committee, Mrs. E. Marcus.