

## Correspondence.

### "Palestine National Sick Fund."

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle."

Sir,  
Some days ago I received in the post an ornate dance ticket in aid of the "Palestine National Sick Fund." This fund is translated into Hebrew simply by "Kupat Cholim." Now Kupat Cholim is the name of the Sick Fund of the Histadruth and is the generally recognised instrument of sick relief in Palestine. Nothing is known of the activities of the other fund and how it spends its money.

Is this not a case where the public are invited to contribute to an unknown fund by the use of a name which occupies a respected place in Palestine affairs? It is hoped that no one will be deceived and that the true nature of the appeal will be appreciated by all concerned.

R. J. COHEN.

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle."

Sir,  
I see our Revisionist friends are at it again. Not so long ago we read that they had promised to be "good boys" and to submit to the discipline of the Zionist organisation. There were many who welcomed them with open arms, but there were others who, like myself, were rather sceptical and argued that they would "have to work their passage."

It now appears that our pessimism was justified. They have gone out of their way to organise on a large scale a cabaret ball for a fund which sounds as if it is an official fund of the Yishuv but which in reality is a Party instrument to be used for individual Party propaganda. While they were outside our organisation we could criticise them for confusing the public, but we could hardly with any logic condemn them for holding their own affairs. Now, however, that they have returned (as they say they have), it is bad enough that they should continue to act in an undisciplined manner, without in addition going out of their way to use a term which is bound to be misunderstood by the public.

If they want money for their propaganda, why don't they tell the public instead of hiding behind the respected name of one of the best-known Palestine institutions?

LEMAAN HA-EMET.

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle."

Sir,  
Cape Town has been flooded recently with tickets for a cabaret ball to be given in aid of the "Palestine National Sick Fund." Although the publicity does not say so, this is obviously a Revisionist function.

As a humble Zionist ranker I thought that all this separatism was over. The Revisionists have their representatives on the Actions Committee and they are supposed to be back in the organisation. If so, did they consult the Zionist authorities before organising this affair and before shamefully soliciting donations from non-Jewish firms?

The Revisionists cannot have it both ways and it is high time their bluff was called.

"NOT DECEIVED."

### Castle By-Election.

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle,"

Sir,  
As a Jewish ex-serviceman I must express my amazement at the appeal that is being made by one of the candidates for support from the Nationalist Party. The fact that Jews are not permitted to join the Party should, in itself, deter any self-respecting Jew from asking for support from this source. I hope no Jew in the constituency will lend his support directly or indirectly to any candidate who would place himself under an obligation to the Nationalist Party, which has made anti-Semitism one of its main planks.

FRANK R. BRADLOW.

Sha-anan,  
Shetland Street,  
Rondebosch.

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle."

Sir,  
It was with the greatest indignation and shame that I read a report in the daily Press that the Independent candidate in the pending Provincial By-election, who calls himself a Jew, has appealed for support to the Nationalist voters in the constituency.

I cannot think of anything more humiliating and insulting than for a Jew to crawl to our avowed and open enemies for support in an effort to gain political "honours". For a Jew to ally himself with the Eric Louws and the Van Nierops is nothing less than a betrayal of his own people. It is the duty of every Jew throughout the country, let alone the constituency, to repudiate and denounce such an act in the strongest possible terms. Any Jew who supports and votes for this candidate will be committing a gross act of Chilul Hashem.

I. MEILECH.

37, Buitenkant Street,  
Cape Town.

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle."

Sir,  
I feel that one cannot let the appeal made by the Independent candidate in the Provincial Council By-Election, Mr. I. Frank, for support from the Nationalist voters go by without comment.

We are all of us sufficiently acquainted with the views and the attitude of Dr. Malan's followers, and it is most shameful for a so-called leading member of the Jewish community to publicly stoop to calling for their aid. For whatever purpose Mr. Frank may have done this, it was certainly not in the interests of his own people. I am very deeply shocked by Mr. Frank's call for help to the Nationalists, both as a Jew and an ex-serviceman; and as a voter on February 5th I shall not forget it.

S. KLEINMAN.

5, Frances Court,  
Sir George Grey St.,  
Cape Town.

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle."

Sir,  
I have been following the election in Castle with a great deal of interest. You may imagine my astonishment when I saw in the Press that Mr. Frank has now appealed to the Nationalists in the area to vote for him, and that the appeal has been responded to in no uncertain terms. I must confess that I was at first incredulous, and I expected a public statement from Mr. Frank that it was not true,

that there was a mistake somewhere. Now a week has passed since the news came out, and Mr. Frank did not even attempt to "explain" it. Now, the enormity of this shocking act has so overwhelmed me, that I feel compelled to write and protest with all my strength against such a betrayal of our people, by one who claims to be a Jew and who goes about telling the Jewish voters what he had done for them.

Surely something should be done about it and before it is too late. It is the duty of our leaders to see to it that this is brought to the notice of every single Jewish voter. I don't know of anything quite so disgusting as an alliance between one who calls himself a Jew and our worst enemies in the country—united to beat General Smuts and to discredit the United Party. And for what purpose? Just to be able to add the words M.P.C. to his name and to climb the political ladder.

I hope the voters will give Mr. Frank the only answer he deserves.

KEN. FRIEDLANDER.

8, Kenwyn Court,  
Main Road,  
Kenilworth.

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle,"

Cape Town.  
Sir,  
In the issue of the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle" of the 24th inst. Major Berman states in his advertisement that in an interview with the "Cape Argus" I stated that I have appealed to all sections of the community—Communists, Nationalists and Socialists, but he omitted to state United Party, churches, temperance societies, etc., same as he did.

I deny that the Nationalists are my allies, as my connection with Jewry belies that, and this is only his swan song.

I. FRANK.

165, Main Road,  
Green Point.

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle,"

Cape Town.  
Sir,  
It has come to my knowledge that the impression given to the Jewish public is that the Board of Deputies as such are urging the Jewish voters to vote for the United Party, and that a letter purporting to have come from the Board of Deputies advising the voters to vote for Major Berman is being hawked about.

I immediately got in touch with Mr. A. M. Jackson, Chairman, and Mr. Segal, Vice-Chairman, and the Secretary, who strongly repudiate any such letter, and further stated that they do not associate the Board of Deputies in any way with this election, and that they are only assisting Major Berman in their capacities as members of the United Party.

I regret to state that the impression given to the public by their appearing on Major Berman's platform is that they represent the Board of Deputies, and that the Board is supporting their candidate. Mr. Segal informed me that at any meeting where he would speak, he would make it quite clear that he is only speaking as a member of the United Party and not as a Vice-Chairman of the Board of Deputies.

The position taken up by these two gentlemen is highly dangerous, as the Board of Deputies should be above all Party politics, as the Board will require assistance of any Government that may be in power. One would be under the impression that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Deputies are assisting the candidate, and therefore supported by the Board.

I want to make it perfectly clear that, personally, I strongly regret that they have taken this action as there were many others who would have assisted. I have been a member of the Board of Deputies and contributor for many years, and a word from these two gentlemen that there is no

connection between the Board of Deputies and this By-Election would allay any fears.

I may also mention that I have been approached by a certain group, who informed me that the Board of Deputies as such are assisting my opponent. This should be refuted in the Press.

I. FRANK.

165, Main Road,  
Green Point.

The attention of Mr. A. M. Jackson was drawn to the above letter. He replies as follows:—

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle."

Sir,  
Mr. Frank's letter is a very crude electioneering stunt. He puts up allegations and wants Mr. A. M. Jackson, Mr. Leon Segal and the Board of Deputies to refute his allegations in the Press.

These allegations do not call for any reply, but I have no hesitation in stating publicly that Mr. Leon Segal and myself strongly urge all Jewish voters at this By-Election to support General Smuts and the official United Party candidate and to vote solidly for Major Berman.

We sincerely believe that this course is the best for South Africa and for the Jews in this country, as well as, in the tangled state of world affairs, for Jews all over the world.

A. M. JACKSON.

50, Long Street,  
Cape Town.

The Editor,  
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle,"

Sir,  
In a statement in Tuesday's Argus, Mr. Frank says that Mr. Berman serves on no Jewish Committees.

Mr. Berman was a member of the Cape Committee of the Board of Deputies at the time of his enlistment in the Army. This in itself is proof that Mr. Berman had for several years before taken a big part in Jewish Communal Work.

Mr. Frank's statement, in his letter to you, that he (Mr. Frank) was a member of the Board is quite news to me. The facts are that Mr. Berman was (before enlistment), and is now, a member of the Cape Committee—Mr. Frank is not and never was.

It is just as well that your readers should know the truth.

A. M. JACKSON.

50, Long Street,  
Cape Town.

## Proposed Jewish Orchestra.

AN APPEAL BY  
MR. GEORGE TOBIAS.

The Editor,  
S.A. Jewish Chronicle.

Sir,—I have been approached by the Central Executive of the Massadah Associations of Cape Town in the following connection. As the first step in the ultimate intention to create a Jewish art centre in Cape Town, they desire to establish a Jewish orchestra, and I have accepted their invitation to serve as conductor and director. It is intended to give a number of public performances, but the scope of the undertaking will depend on the response on the part of the players and public alike.

I trust, therefore, that you will allow me to make an appeal through the columns of your paper to all Jewish instrumentalists whose talent is of a sufficiently high standard and who would be willing to act as members of this orchestra to communicate with the organisers without delay. Arrangements for an audition and for the first rehearsals will be announced in due course.

Replies should be addressed to Massadah Art Centre, P.O. Box 1213, Cape Town, and should give full particulars of instruments played, etc.

GEORGE TOBIAS.