

Jewish Youth Orchestra in Bulawayo.

The Youth Orchestra, Balalaika Orchestra and Soloists of the Jewish Musical Institute of Johannesburg, which recently celebrated its first anniversary, returned after a most successful concert tour to Bulawayo. The concert party consisted of over 40 members. Three concerts were given with tremendous success in the Bulawayo City Hall and Jewish Guild. A fourth concert was given for the school children.

The originators of this tour were Messrs. B. Mirbach and M. Myers. The Wizo undertook the ambitious task of making all arrangements in connection with the tour. All arrangements were made on a grand scale and a wonderful reception was given to the artists by the Wizo.

The Jewish Youth Orchestra, Balalaika Orchestra and Soloists made a deep impression on the people of Bulawayo especially the Jewish Community which welcomed such wealth of young Jewish talent and called the week of the Orchestra's visit—"The Jewish Musical Institute." In all the concerts, Hebrew and Jewish music featured prominently especially at the farewell concert. All the concerts were conducted by the Institute's musical director, Solly Aronowsky and the Balalaika Orchestra, H. Ichilcheck.

A Committee was formed in Salisbury and requested the Institute to give a few concerts there. Unfortunately time was short and no arrangements could be made. However, a number of people especially came to Bulawayo to attend the concerts.

His Excellency the Governor of Rhodesia, Sir John and Lady Kennedy and the Mayor and Mayoress of Bulawayo entertained Mr. and Mrs. Z. Engel and Mr. and Mrs. S. Aronowsky at a concert of the Bulawayo Symphony Orchestra and displayed keen interest in the Jewish Youth Orchestra. The Governor extended a warm invitation to the Institute to visit Salisbury.

During the various functions and concerts given in honour of the Musical Institute, speeches were made by Rev. Yesorsky, the President of the Bulawayo Jewish Community, Mr. S. Rabinowitz and the Chairman of the Jewish Youth, Dr. M. Goldin. The speakers expressed their sincere thanks, praised highly the achievements of the Institute and expressed the hope that in future the Institute would be able to help the Jewish Community of Bulawayo in their cultural needs.

The management and all members of the Concert Party expressed their view that never had they come across such a warm and sincere Jewish Community as the one in Bulawayo.

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Murder of British Sergeants.

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

The shocking murder of the two British sergeants has made me feel that the terrorists have done irreparable damage to our cause in Palestine.

The time has now come to eradicate this evil even if it means civil war—there has been enough indecision by all the law-abiding organisations in Palestine, who are naturally loath to take this drastic step; but by violence and bloodshed we will not attain our goal; terrorism is only bringing dishonour upon Jewry throughout the world and a growing anti-Jewish feeling amongst people who were sympathetic towards us.

"ANTI-TERRORISM."

Partition.

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

Sir,—I was very glad that our great leader, Dr. Weizmann in evidence before the Fact-Finding Committee has openly advocated partition as the only solution—nobody knows what the U.N.O. Commission will propose and what the English Government will accept to suit their purpose; but sooner or later partition will have to become a fact as it is the only way out of this sad state of affairs. It is for the Jewish people to be ready for this great moment when it will come, and not to repeat the great historical mistake of 1937 by rejecting partition. Many millions of our people would have been alive to-day if we had a state and our position would have been different altogether.

S. LEEMAN.

New York.

During the discussion on the wording of the International Bill of Rights at Lake Success, the Soviet representative to the United Nations, M. Vladimir Koretsky, recommended the Ten Commandments as an example of simplicity and brevity.

Unique Tisha B'Av Function.

A unique Tisha B'av function, the first of its kind in Cape Town was arranged by the Chalutz Group of Hahonim on Saturday evening, 26th July, in the Minor Zionist Hall. A representative gathering of youth from all the Youth movements arrived at the function and found the hall in semi-darkness, lit up by a few candles. The only furniture in the hall was overturned chairs and tables—symbolic of destruction and desolation. The audience sat on the floor facing a red lantern which hung over a banner reading: "On the day that the Temple was destroyed, the redeemer was born," and those participating in the mesiba sat beneath this lantern. The mesiba started with a novel dance to "Al Naharot Bavel" by girls from

Gedud Ziona, led by the Goldin sisters, all dressed in black robes. This was followed by dramatic readings of prose and poetry in Hebrew and English and taking main parts were Freda Rubinstein, Lola Goldin, Reuben Mibashan, Ikkie Kurgan, Peter Stockley, Puppet Goodman, Ziona Marks and Sonny Smulowitz. These were appropriately interspersed with songs, and throughout ran a theme of destruction, suffering, national dispersion and finally the hope for redemption in Eretz Israel. There was also a short talk describing Tisha B'av in Eretz Israel by Sam Rubinstein bringing out the message that Jewish youth must not despair—that we have a building mission in Eretz Israel and we are by no means facing a last battle or a possible twentieth century destruction. Gradually the candles were extinguished until only the Eternal lamp (the red lantern) remained burning and the function ended in darkness with the singing of suitable songs in which everyone joined in.



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