

## S.A. Jewish Appeal.

### WELCOME TO MR. FELDMAN AND MR. OSRIN.

There was a large gathering of South African Jewish Appeal workers at the Coronation Hall, Johannesburg, at the Dinner to welcome back Mr. L. Feldman and Mr. G. Osrin, who have just returned from a lengthy stay in Europe during which they investigated the position on behalf of the S.A. Jewish Appeal. The atmosphere was most congenial and inspiring throughout the evening. Special thanks are due to Cantor Propis, Cantor Mandel and Bruno Raikin, who delighted the audience with some excellently rendered musical items.

Mr. Max J. Spitz, National Chairman of the S.A. Jewish Appeal, opened the proceedings by welcoming back Messrs. Feldman and Osrin. He also paid tribute to the South Africans who had joined the J.D.C. team workers, a number of whom were seated at the main table. He referred to the momentous news that U.N.O. had decided on Partition and expressed the hope that this decision would result in the speedy liquidation of the D.P. camps.

"There is no greater humanitarian or national work being performed today than that of the J.D.C. and its kindred organisations," Mr. Feldman declared. "The scale of relief undertaken is enormous. While the camps are in existence everything must be done for them, for no one could estimate the tragedy of the D.P.'s as the months and years slide by and the spectre of despair overcomes them.

That they live and are clothed should be the greatest satisfaction to us. At the same time it must be borne in mind that food and clothing are not the only concern of the D.P. He wants a home and roots. These he will never find on the soil of Germany and Austria, and that is why he is determined to get out at all costs."

Mr. Feldman added that he had been to Poland and he was pleased to report that life for the Jews there was becoming stabilised and that a Jewish national culture was once again beginning to flourish out of the ashes of ruin.

Mr. Gus Osrin, who was introduced by Mr. Spitz as a "foundation member of the S.A. Jewish Appeal" and as a most devoted servant of the Cause, spoke of the care and attention that was being showered on the children of Europe, who were regarded as almost the sole treasures left to us after all the desolation that had been wrought amongst our people in Europe. In France they were being cared for in beautiful chateaus, and every effort was being made to rear them as Jews who would in time assume the responsibility of their people and help to rebuild the wreckage. There were not enough trained nurses, but the love and devotion of those in charge of the children greatly compensated for the lack of expert knowledge. The Oze was doing a grand job of work in Hungary despite the woeful lack of resources. He also complimented the leaders of Ort for their splendid programme of industrial training as a result of which a new generation of Jewish skilled artisans was springing up.

Miss S. Burstein and Miss R. Woolf, who had returned from Europe after serving as members of the J.D.C. relief teams, spoke of their work in Europe and thanked the S.A. Jewish Appeal for the opportunity it had given them of serving their people in the hour of its greatest need.

Mr. Spitz conveyed the thanks of the S.A. Jewish Appeal to Mrs. A. H. Posorski, Transvaal Secretary, for the manner in which she had organised the function.

## Union of Jewish Women.

There was a large attendance at the Members' Monthly Meeting held in the Major Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 9th instant, at which the guests of honour were Mrs. H. E. Gearing, the Mayoress, and Mrs. S. R. Sloman, President of the Cape Town branch of the National Council of Women.

Mrs. D. Harris, the Chairman, in welcoming the guests, paid tribute to Mrs. Gearing for the splendid success she had achieved in raising over £5,000 for Our Children's Day. Mrs. Gearing, she said, had endeared herself to everyone with whom she came in contact and was an ideal example of democratic citizenship.

Mrs. Harris said that in electing "our very own Mrs. Sloman," as its President, the National Council of Women had honoured the Union, for it was on the principles of the N.C.W. that the Union of Jewish Women had been established.

Mrs. Gearing thanked the Chairman very warmly for her remarks and said that the success of "Our Children's Day" had been due mainly to the assistance and co-operation of organisations such as the U.J.W.

Mrs. Sloman, in replying, traced the history of the formation of the N.C.W. and said that the U.J.W. in paying tribute to herself and Mrs. Grieve, the Hon. Secretary, who was also present, was doing honour to the N.C.W. as a whole. The Union of Jewish Women, affiliated to the N.C.W. as it was, was one of its staunchest supporters and the collaboration received had been most encouraging.

Among those present were the following representatives of Committees of Societies on which U.J.W. members represent the Organisation: Mrs. W. C. Foster and Mrs. Steinhobel, of the Pieter Moll Aid Fund, and Mrs. Wilson, of the Maitland Cottage Homes. There were also a number of visitors from overseas, among them: Mrs. Davis of England, Mrs. Barnett of Glasgow, Mrs. Ellis of Leeds, Miss Bendith of London, Mrs. and Miss Stern of London, and Mrs. Esther Wilf who recently arrived from Bel sen. Also present were Mrs. Stoller of Kimberley, and Mesdames Sutin, Jaffe, Back and Bloom of Paarl.

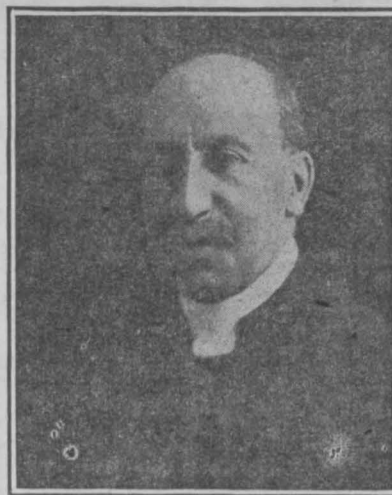
The Chairman, in her opening remarks, referred to the momentous decision taken by U.N.O. in declaring a Jewish State in Palestine. This had been the dream and hope of our people for 2,000 years and it was now to be a reality.

The Paarl branch were warmly congratulated on their splendid success in raising £1,000 for the War Appeal. Mrs. Harris, in reviewing past activities of the branch, announced that the Lecture Recital given by Masha Arsenieva for the funds of Magen David Adom, had raised £32 9s. 6d. This effort had been organised by Mrs. R. Hainebach.

The Wynberg Group of the U.J.W. had recently organised a highly successful dance in aid of the War Appeal and had raised the splendid sum of £505. The Fish Pond which had been run at the J.N.F. Bazaar had raised £120, and the stall for Our Children's Day convened by Mesdames Frank, Maister and Gerber, assisted by the Sisterhood had made £221 17s. 1d. Dr. D. Chanock had been the convener of a Street Stall for the Maitland Cottage Homes and had raised £30. Miss Manning, the Matron of the Kensington Creche, with the assistance of the mothers of the children, had organised a Bazaar and £17 10s. had been handed in.

Among the Street Collections in which the Union had participated, were Missions to Seamen, Maitland Cottage Homes and Groote Schuur Hospital Association. Mrs. Fine, on behalf of the Organisation had at-

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Rev. A. P. Bender, Minister of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation from 1895 to 1937, the tenth anniversary of whose death occurred yesterday. (See Leading Columns.)

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tended an Investiture of Habonim officers and the Chairman had conveyed greetings at the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Synagogue Guild. Mr. Appelmann, of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, had met the Committee and explained the significance of the Agency.

The announcement by Mrs. Harris that a recommendation would be made at the next Annual General Meeting that Mrs. Movsovic be Hon. Vice-President of the Cape Town branch of the U.J.W. was received with warm acclamation and enthusiasm.

The Ball, the Union's fund-raising effort for this year was being held at the City Hall on Monday, 15th December, and promised to be a social and financial success.

The Chairman announced that the very active Women's Ort Sub-Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Maraney, was assisting in the organisation of a Concert at the Muizenberg Pavilion on 7th January. The funds would be devoted to a Hobby Centre at the Rosecourt Jewish Youth Centre.

During the afternoon, Norma Saxe, aged 12, rendered delightful piano soli and Mr. Boris Rome, accompanied by Miss Rachel Rabinowitz, sang several songs in his usual charming manner.

Thanks were expressed to the Wynberg and Muizenberg Groups who had acted as Hostesses for the afternoon.

## P.M.L. Branch in Argentine.

The Jewish newspaper in Argentina, "Di Presse," of 21st November, 1947, reports the establishment of a large Palestine Maritime League Committee which has set itself the immediate task of recruiting 10,000 members.

The elected Committee consists of 72 members and contains no less than 18 doctors, 4 engineers and 2 professors.

The Argentine P.M.L. Branch was established on the initiative of Dr. Joseph Lerner, of Palestine.

New York.

Rabbi Isaac Lewin, Chairman of the Agudah Israel world executive, who was to have arrived in the United States from Palestine, has been barred from leaving Palestine along with other Palestine citizens seeking to come to the U.S., it was announced here by the American Agudah. The Organisation said that Rabbi Lewin was on his way here in connection with the U.N. decision on Palestine.

## Formation of Mizrachi Federation.

The following statement has been issued by the Mizrachi Organisation of South Africa:—

With the imminent establishment of the Jewish State, the work of the Mizrachi Movement assumes a new and more urgent character. All sections of the World Mizrachi Movement have important roles to fulfil, each in its own sphere, in order to ensure the traditional Jewish character of the State, and Mizrachi in this country is determined to take a full share in this great task.

To do this it will be necessary to mobilise all the resources of the Mizrachi Movement and recruit for its work all its many friends and sympathisers throughout the country. It was decided, therefore, that all the parties acknowledging the Mizrachi ideology should form a Federation.

The Organisations represented are: The Mizrachi Organisation of South Africa.

The S.A. Women's Mizrachi Organisation.

Hapoel Hamizrachi Organisation of South Africa (Religious Labour Movement) and its Youth Movement, Hashomer Hadati.

An Executive of representatives of the various Organisations has been elected and it consists of the following:—

Chairman, Rabbi M. Kossowsky; Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. J. L. Zlotnik and Mr. S. Caplan. Executive: Rabbi M. Rabinowitz, Messrs. S. Aber, H. S. Liebgott, L. Mirvis, A. Smith, A. Tubianski, D. Wacks, Mesdames S. Broide, A. L. Kaplan, B. Rabinowitz and L. Rade.

Mr. Ephraim Gastwirth has just arrived from England to take up the position of General Secretary to the Federation.

London.

The International Socialist Conference here adopted a resolution condemning anti-Semitism and urging that effective measures to eradicate it be adopted in all countries.

During the debate on the admission of the German Socialist Party to the Socialist International, Jewish delegates opposed the German request, stressing that it had failed to eliminate anti-Semitism since the overthrow of Hitler. The Palestine delegation invited Socialist leaders of all countries to visit Palestine and witness for themselves the "Socialist innovations" introduced there and the reconstruction of D.P.'s.

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