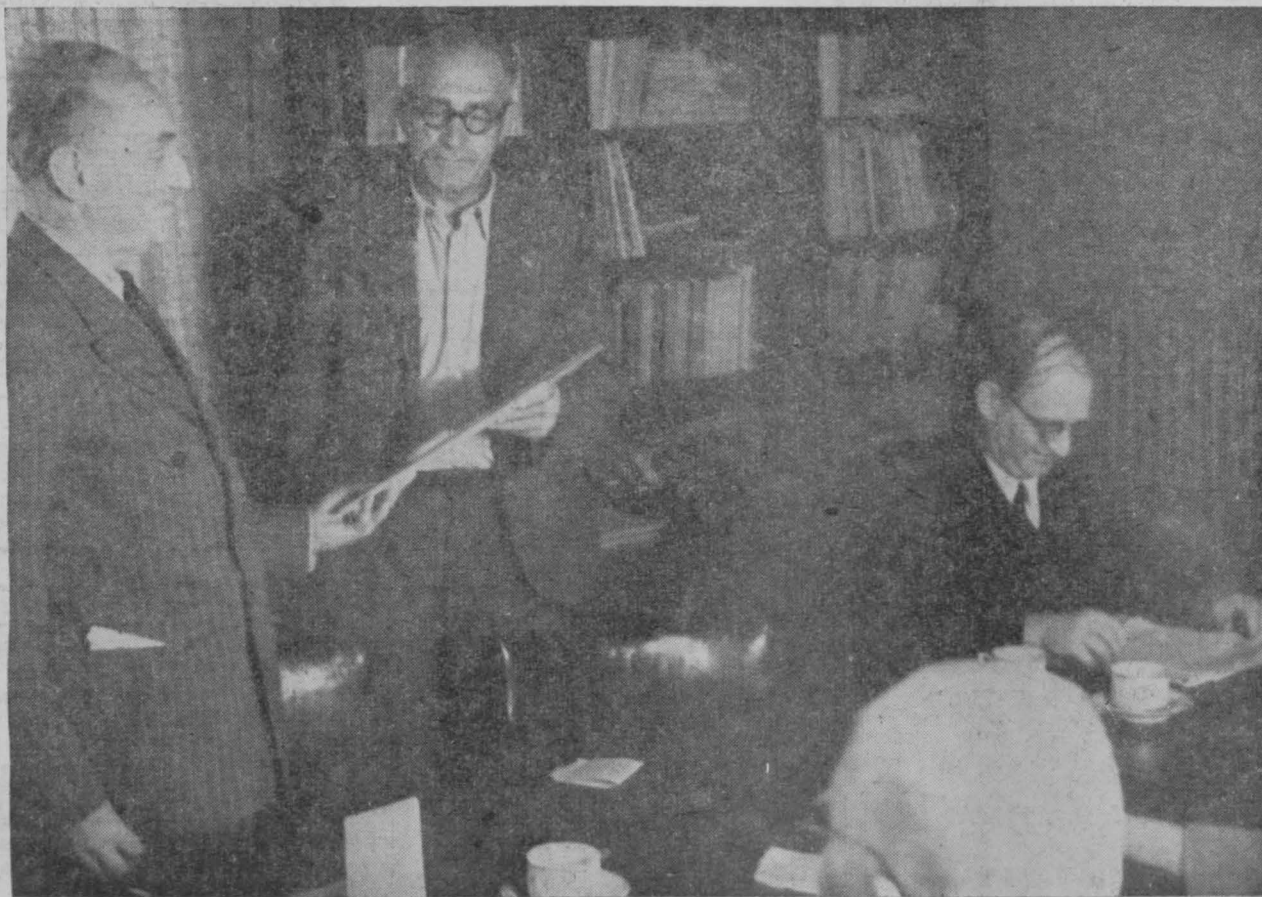


SETTLERS REPAY THEIR LOAN



Mr. Leib Jaffe (left) Director of the Keren Hayesod, hands a certificate of receipt to one of the settlers

AN interesting ceremony took place in the Keren Hayesod Office in Jerusalem recently, when ninety-five settlers in Keren Hayesod co-operative smallholding villages received certificates from the Keren Hayesod on completing the repayment of the loans they had originally received for their settlement.

The loans were repaid 50 years in advance of maturity date. The sum involved was close on to £100,000.

The ceremony was attended by representatives of the National Institutions, of the agricultural settlements, the press, and by members of the management of the Keren Hayesod: Dr. A. Hantke, Mr. Leib Jaffe, Mr. Leo Herrmann and Mr. A. Litzur.

Mr. Leib Jaffe, director of the Keren Hayesod, opened the proceedings by emphasising the special importance of the event. The repayment of the loans by the settlers justifies those who believed in national colonisation, its strength and its future.

Mr. Litzur, treasurer of the Keren Hayesod, gave a comprehensive account of the fund's investments in agricultural activities which, in the course of the last 25 years, have nearly reached four million pounds.

The event, a landmark in the Zionist movement and its financial instrument, the Keren Hayesod, was duly appreciated by the speakers, who included Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, of the Jewish Agency; Rabbi Meir Berlin, of the head office of the Jewish National Fund, Mr. J. Ritov, of the Palestine Committee of the Keren Hayesod; Mr. S. Dayan, of the Agricultural Centre of the Histadruth; Mr. N. Hazani, representing the Agricultural Centre of the Religious Workers' Movement; Mr. J. Rahelevski, from Nahalal, and Mordecai Shagalov, from Kfar Yehoshua.

Among the 95 settlers who paid their debts before the fixed time limit there were:

- 40 from Kfar Yehoshua.
- 21 from Nahalal.
- 6 from Kfar Haroeh.
- 5 from Kfar Pines.
- 4 from Kfar Hassidim.
- 4 from Sdeh Yaakov.

The rest were from other smallholders' settlements.

MR. HERZL ZUCKERMAN ADDRESSES UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN

RECENT events in Palestine were discussed by Mr. Herzl Zuckerman, Keren Hayesod delegate from Palestine, when he addressed a meeting of the Johannesburg Branch of the Union of Jewish Women last Monday.

Mr. Zuckerman said that a great deal of publicity had been given in the general press to the activities of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, although this organisation represented only a very small minority in Palestine.

The Haganah had been formed purely for the purposes of defence, and he gave the lie direct to those who said they aimed at aggression. There was no question of illegal entry into Palestine, therefore such acts as helped the immigrants who were arriving were not considered either illegal or aggressive. The Mandatory Power had been warned that these things would be done if entry was not allowed.

It had been very difficult for the moderates to continue with their attitude in view of the delay in the implementation of the recommendations of the Anglo-American Commission.

Miss Hilda Watts spoke on food rationing. She exhorted all women to take a vital interest in the food problem and to make their voices heard if they thought that the handling and distribution of food were not properly carried out. Women should contact their members of Parliament, Provincial Councillors and local councillors, and see to it that their opinions were voiced as often as possible.

Mrs. M. Adler presided and proposed the vote of thanks.

ZIONIST WEDDING AT PORT ELIZABETH

Tributes to the services rendered by them to Zionism were paid by the speakers at the wedding, in Port Elizabeth, of Miss Phyllis Bergman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bergman, of that city, and Mr. Manual Sachar, son of Mr. V. J. Sachar and the late Mrs. Sachar of Cape Town.

At the reception the toast of Eretz Israel was proposed by the bridegroom's brother, Mr. I. Sachar, who had just returned from Palestine.

Miss Phyllis Bergman was one of the founders of the Port Elizabeth Young Wizo and its first chairman. She was also associated with the Eastern Cape Zionist Youth Executive and the Port Elizabeth Habonim. Mrs. S. L. Bergman is a Hon. Life member of the Port Elizabeth Women's Zionist League, while Mr. Manual Sachar is a keen member of the Cape Town Masadda.

Company Announcement.

ORKIN HOLDINGS, LTD.

The directors of Orkin Holdings, Limited, have pleasure in announcing that pending the erection of new premises for Orkin Brothers (Pretoria), Limited, they have acquired spacious accommodation for their Soft Goods Department in premises formerly occupied by Messrs. Cachalia & Co., at 27b Market Street, Johannesburg.

Mr. W. L. Ward, formerly buyer for O.K. Bazaars, Ltd., Johannesburg, is in charge of the department, and will be pleased to receive enquiries from indent and manufacturers' representatives, which, if sent through the post, should be addressed to Orkin Bros. (Pretoria), Limited, P.O. Box 7841, Johannesburg. (Telephone 33-3713.)

A fair amount of soft goods stock is already on hand, and extensive indents have been placed with manufacturers overseas, and are expected to arrive shortly. Enquiries are invited from traders in the Transvaal and Free State.

Sigi Weissenberg Gives Brilliant Performance At First Concert

IT would be rendering an injustice to Sigi Weissenberg if one were to approach him as a young prodigy and use the conventional terms normally adopted in the case of "a gifted young musician," or merely to sum him up as "a mature artist." Maturity in art is never achieved except by the inactive and the indolent, who prefer to rest on their laurels. The true man of art is always dynamic, and as for dynamics, this boy of 16 can stand up to anyone!

Vitality of youth blends with competence of training, all inspired by a true gift. As a result we have before us a great musical personality who deserves the most serious attention.

There is a certain charm in Weissenberg's approach to his instrument which will be the envy of many of his seniors. He has self assurance and grace and warmth. Those who were fortunate in having a seat on the left side of the hall had to marvel at the technical precision displayed by his fingers.

The three Bach chorals and the Chopin were the best items on the programme. And there was a full display of all the gifts of a great pianist in the performance of all the rest.

There is no doubt that Weissenberg has won the hearts of music lovers in Johannesburg. Everyone who heard him on Tuesday night will flock

to hear him again. Those who did not should hasten to reserve for themselves seats for his next concert. His performances are a musical event in Johannesburg and should not be missed.

The proceeds of the first concert were in aid of the Jewish National Fund. During the evening Mrs. Inez Gordon expressed the thanks of the Women's Zionist League to African Consolidated Theatres and to Mr. Weissenberg for their generosity.

THE manufacture of prefabricated wooden houses for new immigrants has begun in Palestine on the initiative of the Jewish Agency. Lumber for experimental purposes has been ordered from Canada.