

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farewell Message From Mr. Herzl Zuckerman

Sir,—On the eve of my departure from South Africa, after having spent four and a half months touring the country on behalf of the 1946 Keren Hayesod Campaign, I wish to take the opportunity afforded to me in this journal to thank all those Zionist workers who co-operated with me in the campaign and all those people who extended such generous hospitality to my wife and myself. It is quite impossible to communicate with all these friends individually, and I therefore hope that they will accept this expression of appreciation as if it were a personal one.

The present hour demands that we create further facts similar to the operation which led to the establishment of 12 settlements in one night. Such facts are of the utmost political significance, but they cannot be achieved unless the means are provided to the Keren Hayesod and to the Keren Kayemeth.

I extend to all South African Zionist bodies my best wishes for the successful continuation and intensification of their work and I will look forward to seeing as many South African Jews as possible in Eretz Israel where I can be easily found at the Tel Aviv Harbour. Lehitraot Baaretz.

Yours, etc.,  
HERZL ZUCKERMAN.  
Johannesburg.

Federation of Lithuanian Jews is a Non-Party Institution

Sir,—In connection with the criticism which appeared in the local Jewish press regarding party influence in the Federation of Lithuanian Jews, the Executive of the Federation considers it its duty to make the following statement:

(1) The Federation of Lithuanian Jews is a non party organisation composed of representatives of various societies and individuals without distinction of their party affiliations. Its non-party character is fixed in its Constitution.

(2) The speakers at the Mass Meeting were invited, not as representatives of parties, but as individual social workers. The aims and character of the organisation were explained to them. The Federation cannot be held responsible for opinions expressed by various guest-speakers.

(3) The song of the poet Segal "Mir Vellen Boien," is not the political credo of the Federation as such. The song and the poem "My Ruined Village" were composed by the esteemed poet specially for this evening and were included in the programme out of respect for the author. The fact itself that the first practical exertions of the Federation and the net revenue of the evening were devoted to the fund of building a Lithuanian Centre in Palestine, is sufficient proof that the Federation is not dominated by any one political creed.

(4) The fact that the "Hatikvah" was not played at the end of the evening, is in conformity with the clear non-party character of the Federation. It is worth mentioning that at the Mass Meetings of the Jewish War Appeal the "Hatikvah" is officially not being sung or played.

In conclusion the Executive of the Federation of Lithuanian Jews, wishes to assure the local public that the non-

party character of the organisation will be strictly preserved and it will not allow, in the future, to make its platform into a debating arena of various parties. The Federation expresses its concern at the fact that certain people are utilising the incident at the meeting to make the organisation into a target for party demonstrations.

The needs of our suffering brothers and sisters overseas demands from us the concentration of all creative forces and puts great responsibility on us. We hope that the local Lithuanian Jewish public will do its duty and avoid party political recriminations.

The Executive of  
THE FEDERATION OF  
LITHUANIAN JEWS.  
Johannesburg.

Nuremberg Revelations

Sir,—The article by your correspondent in Germany on the Nuremberg trials makes a very important point which deserves attention. On the basis of the evidence of Ribbentrop your correspondent remarks that there were allegations of wilful negligence on the part of the Allies in saving millions of innocent Jews. He also states most emphatically that these allegations were left unanswered and that nobody challenged them.

Now that the trials are over it is, I think, essential for Jewish organisations to ask for an enquiry into this gave charge. If this is proven, the claims of Jewry from the nations of the world might be strengthened and the debt which is due to us would be more fully recognised.

Yours, etc.,  
B. GLOBUS.  
Johannesburg.

Ghetto Hymn Should be Sung in South Africa

Sir,—With reference to the news in "Points of View" that the hymn "Ani Maamin" was sung in Tel Aviv after Kol Nidrei, might I suggest that this custom be introduced also in this country.

Furthermore, the hymn could be sung not only on Yom Kippur, but on other sacred occasions. We could introduce it at the opening of great Zionist assemblies and conferences.

Yours, etc.,  
"ISH AM."

Chaos in Religious Life

Sir,—About Rabbi Bronroth's interview which "Landsman" reported last week, one might say "A gast auf a weil, zecht far a mile." He came to South Africa for a short period and saw the utter chaos which rules our religious life. Yet nobody cares.

A kosher restaurant was started here some time ago. There were many announcements, changes of arrangements, messing about and in the end the place was closed down as a kosher institution. Seeing that this is a big city with many visitors, who strictly observe the dietary laws, it is an insult to the local community and a reflection on our Rabbinate that there should not be one place where a person can obtain a kosher meal. This is only one of the complaints about religious observance. Rabbi Bronroth is right. If the Rabbis were not busy squabbling with each other the foundations of Judaism would not go to ruin.

Yours, etc.,  
AVRAHAM LEWIN.  
Johannesburg.

Jewish Musical Institute

Sir,—We would greatly appreciate it if you would through your esteemed paper, inform the public of Johannesburg that the Jewish Musical Institute, which was founded several months ago by Messrs. Solly Aronowsky and Z. Engel, has now been taken over by the Johannesburg public.

The Institute, whose aims are to foster Jewish Music, Drama and Art in general, has become known through its highly successful public performances of one of its branches, the Youth Orchestra, under the baton of Solly Aronowsky.

A General Executive has been formed consisting of: Chairman, Z. Infeld; vice-Chairmen, J. Batnitsky and M. Natas; Secretaries, G. Fine and K. Winik; Treasurer, N. Kramer; Members, R. Shalit, S. Katz and T. Segal.

A strong Executive Ladies' Committee to assist in the furtherance of the Institute's aims and objects has been formed and consists of: Chairman, Mrs. I. Kuper; vice-Chairmen, Mrs. J. Milne and Mrs. O. Rathouse; Treasurers, Mrs. E. Blieden and Mrs. J. Batnitsky; Secretaries, Mrs. E. Yudelman and Mrs. J. Burstein.

The new Committees have made an energetic start and are arranging a concert on Saturday, November 23, at the Selborne Hall.

The Committee has appointed as Musical Director Mr. Solly Aronowsky, and as Manager Mr. Z. Engel.

Yours, etc.,  
M. RUBSTEIN,  
for Z. INFELD,  
Chairman Executive Committee.

Foundation Stone Ceremony of Mayfair Communal Hall

The laying of the foundation stone of the new Talmud Torah and Kindergarten of the Mayfair Hebrew Congregation will take place on November 10, at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be performed by Dr. P. Snideman and the guests of honour will include Rabbi I. Kossowsky, Rabbi Prof. L. Rabinowitz and Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik as well as representatives of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies and the S.A. Board of Jewish Education.

Correction

In the advertisement which appeared in the last issue of the "Zionist Record" in connection with the candidature of Mr. Leon Berman for the municipal elections, it was stated that Mr. Berman was the proprietor of "Leonardos Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Works." This was incorrect. Mr. Berman was formerly the proprietor of this concern, but sold the business some six years ago. He is at present proprietor of the "Immaculate Dry Cleaners and Dyers."

Palestine Maritime League

In the report of the annual general meeting of the Johannesburg Branch of the Palestine Maritime League, published in last week's issue of the "Zionist Record," it was stated that Mrs. Inez Gordon had conveyed greetings from the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League and that the League was sponsoring six bursaries at the Haifa Nautical School. This was incorrect. Mrs. Gordon spoke on behalf of the S.A. Women's Zionist Executive Council, and the Council, not the League, is sponsoring the bursaries.

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JEWISH SOCIETY FOR VISITING THE SICK

A meeting of children who are going to the "Jewish Chronicle" Camp at Lakeside was arranged by the United Women's Benevolent Society and the Bikkur Cholim Society last Thursday.

At this gathering the children were given an opportunity of meeting each other and were addressed by Mrs. Inez Jacobson, the Chairman of the United Women's Benevolent Society, Dr. Sichel, Mr. L. Isaacson, the Chairman of the Bikkur Cholim Society, and Mr. A. Tuffias, the Secretary, who was taking the children to the camp. Mr. Morris Cohen, one of the main organisers, was also present.

The children are eagerly looking forward to their holiday, and it is hoped that the Jewish public of Johannesburg will continue to give this worthy undertaking their wholehearted support."

List of Contributions

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