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### P.M.L. TRAINING SHIP TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA

On his recent visit to Johannesburg, Mr. J. Gitlin, veteran Zionist leader of Cape Town, addressed a meeting of the Palestine Maritime League.

He said that prior to his visit to Palestine, he had been a "lukewarm" supporter of the Palestine Maritime League, but on seeing the tremendous progress that had been made and the coming into being of a new and growing maritime enterprise in the Yishuv one could not be anything but enthusiastic.

Mr. Gitlin pointed out that discussions were being held concerning the possibility of the training-ship "Valdora" visiting South Africa during the course of next year. This boat would fly the Jewish flag and be manned entirely by a Jewish crew. There could be no better means than this of furthering the Zionist cause in South Africa, he said.

A preview of the film "Back to the Sea" was shown, which depicts the growth of maritime development in Palestine.

It is the intention to exhibit this film to the public of Johannesburg early next year.

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## Gen. Smuts Opens New His Majesty's Theatre

### Warm Tribute to Mr. I. W. Schlesinger

"THIS must be one of the most beautiful theatres in the world. I think it compares very favourably with Radio City, New York, which I recently visited," said the Prime Minister, General Smuts, when he opened the new His Majesty's Theatre in the presence of a large gathering of guests on Monday night. The occasion was marked by the presentation of the pantomime, "Robinson Crusoe," one of the most brilliant stage spectacles ever witnessed in Johannesburg.

In his address General Smuts paid warm tribute to Mr. I. W. Schlesinger, chairman of African Consolidated Theatres, who, he said, had not only taken an enormous interest in the affairs of South Africa, but had no equal with regard to the promotion of entertainment, amusement, education and instruction. It was only right, added General Smuts, that he, on behalf of the Government, should be present on the occasion to pay tribute to the great work which Mr. Schlesinger had performed.

Mr. John Schlesinger, on behalf of his father and the directors of Afri-

can Consolidated Theatres, expressed deep gratitude to General Smuts for consenting to officially open the theatre. He said that it was the intention of African Consolidated Theatres to promote the living theatre in the future, and referred to negotiations which had been concluded for bringing out first-rate companies from overseas and artists like John Gielgud, Jack Hulbert, Bobby Howes, Vic Oliver and Beatrice Lillie. He also announced that it was the intention of African Consolidated Theatres to erect similar theatres in Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Durban, East London and Port Elizabeth.

Mr. John Schlesinger was introduced by Mr. J. White, a director of African Consolidated Theatres.

At the conclusion of his address General Smuts took his seat with Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Schlesinger. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, Dr. Colin Steyn, Minister of Labour, and Mrs. Steyn, Minister of J. J. Pienaar, Administrator of the Transvaal.

### TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN

The Triennial Conference of the Union of Jewish Women will take place in Cape Town on January 6 when the activities of the various centres will be reviewed.

The Union of Jewish Women are recognised for their wholehearted support of all national causes, and during the forthcoming Youth Aliyah Campaign they will once again give their active co-operation.

The support given by the U.J.W. to the Hebrew University is well known. For some years now they have been financing a Parasitology Laboratory at the University and all Unions as well as outposts have contributed towards this fund. More recently the Union has taken upon itself the obligation of erecting a hostel at the University and has now successfully raised the sum of £10,000 for its establishment.

Magen David Adom and the Palestine Maritime League have also received support from nearly every branch. During WIZO month recently held throughout the country, the smaller branches and outposts participated fully, while some of the Unions in the large centres made a direct contribution to the establishment of a Mothercraft Training Centre and Baby Home in Jerusalem.

All this national fund raising activity has proceeded in addition to the gigantic task the Union has undertaken in leading the Women's Section of the Jewish War Appeal in almost every centre.

### CITY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Johannesburg City Orchestra at the Empire Theatre on December 22 opened with the Overture "Don Giovanni," by Mozart, and was played with verve and obvious enjoyment by the Orchestra under Mr. Connell.

Annie Woud sang an aria "Che Faro" by Gluck, with strength and feeling. Her voice is rich and polished and her singing most expressive. As an encore she gave a truly beautiful performance of Handel's "Largo" with good support from the orchestra.

Hermann Becker was the soloist in the Concerto for Cello and Orchestra by Saint-Saens, and although well played this piece was not very interesting.

Borodin's "Steppes of Central Asia," played by the orchestra, opened with a simple melody which is taken up in turn by each of the wind instruments, and finally by the entire orchestra, is a wistful and melodious composition, and the concert concluded with Tschaiowsky's charming ballet music the "Valse des Fleurs."

R.M.

The next function of "Ophir" will take place at the Carlton Hotel on Saturday, December 28, at 8 p.m.

The evening will be dedicated to the memory of David Goldblatt, editor of the first Yiddish Daily in South Africa.

Mr. J. S. Judelowitz will speak on D. Goldblatt's life and work. Mr. Maurice Shapshak will render piano solos.

Members and friends of "Ophir" are cordially invited.