

Youth Aliyah Opens Campaign In Western Province Next Week

Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Morris are leaving for Cape Town on Sunday. A very full programme awaits them in the Western Province. The Cape-Town Youth Aliyah Campaign will be launched on March 5.

Youth Aliyah workers in the Western Province are preparing with great enthusiasm for the Campaign and a record effort is anticipated.

The inaugural dinner, in which His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A. Bloomberg, M.P., will also participate, will be held at the Zionist Hall on March 5. Plans are also being made for Dr. and Mrs. Morris to visit suburban and country centres prior to their departure at the end of the first half of the month.

The Western Province Youth Aliyah has established its own office at 62, Church Street. Miss C. Heneck is in charge of the office and has many able assistants attending both to the men's and women's campaigns.

The task of obtaining contributions is to commence immediately. A num-

ber of prominent communal workers will meet on Monday, 24th instant, during the lunch hour in order to work out a plan of action for the coming week. There will be a simultaneous meeting of women workers, and it is evident that both men's and women's sections are determined to start the Campaign off on a high note and to maintain this level until its successful conclusion.

Committees Formed

Strong Youth Aliyah committees have been formed in Cape Town for both the men's and women's campaigns.

The men's committee consists of: Chairman, Mr. Leon Segal; vice-chairmen, Messrs. J. Gitlin, Berold and Weinreich; treasurers, Fritz Raphaely and Mendel Wolman; hon. secretary, Mr. Levin; executive Messrs. Wilk, Winokur, Melamed, Lessem, Heneck, P. Marks, Zabow, Katz and J. Penkin.

The women's committee is as follows: chairman, Mrs. M. Segal; vice-

chairmen, Mesdames I. Abrahams, H. Harris, F. Harris, R. Movsovic, H. Lieberman; treasurers, Mesdames Ch. Winokur and H. Allschwang; secretary, Mrs. P. Rubin; committee, Mesdames Marcus, S. Newman, H. Blumberg, M. Epstein, M. Berzack, D. Dektor, E. Maissel, S. T. Bane, B. Epstein, J. M. Weinreich, G. Benson and B. Herstein.

The Johannesburg Women's Youth Aliyah Committee acknowledges with thanks receipt of the following contributions: Home Comforts, £150; Sisterhood, Bnai Brith Lodge, £25; Pupils of Hillel College, £25.

Mr. Aaron Abrahamson, National Organiser of Youth Aliyah, will leave for Rhodesia, on Friday, on organisational business. He will visit Bulawayo and Salisbury, and will return to Johannesburg on March 6.

Diary of Events

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On Monday, March 3, at 2.45 p.m., Mrs. Jeanette Davidoff will launch the Brekpan Women's Youth Aliyah campaign at the Lecture Room, Town Hall.

The Hillbrow - Hospital Hill branch of Youth Aliyah is holding a Purim Masquerade dance at the Orange Grove Communal Hall (opposite the Astra) on Wednesday, March 5. Fancy dress optional. (See advert in this issue.)

VILNER SOCIETY CONCERT A GREAT SUCCESS

OPENING the Vilner Society Concert at the Selborne Hall on Monday night, Clr. B. Weinbrenn, in a short address, paid tribute to the Vilner Landsmanschaften in Johannesburg, and appealed for an intensification of the good work being done.

The hall was filled to capacity and the excellent programme, arranged by Mr. Louis Alter, was much appreciated.

The artists were Louis Alter of the Balalaika Orchestra; Lily Emden, who sang several delightful songs, accompanied by Mrs. Fine at the piano; Cantor S. Mandel, who received thunderous applause for his rendering of appropriate Ghetto songs, the music for which had been composed by Cantor I. Alter; Mr. R. Shalit, who literally brought down the house with his caricatures of Jewish types; Bruno Raiken, whose piano solos called forth many encores; Eugene Magid, brilliant as usual, with the violin, and Natie Bregman, the compeere who highly amused the audience with some of his excellent impersonations.

The concert was under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Segal.

Fancy Dress Purim Party

A Purim Party for members' children has been arranged by the Ladies' Committee of the Oxford Synagogue and will take place on March 2, at 2.30 p.m. in the Synagogue grounds.

For children who come in Fancy Dress there will be 12 sections (six for boys and six for girls) in which they will be judged. Refreshments will be served and there will also be entertainment and games.

All children who attend services and children of members are cordially invited.

Mr. Pincus Discusses Prospects at UNO

Address to Luncheon Club

THE probable attitude of UNO to the Palestine question was discussed by Mr. L. A. Pincus in an address to the Zionist Association Luncheon Club, last Friday. Mr. Pincus was a delegate at the Basle Congress and also a member of the Political Commission appointed by Congress.

"The breakdown of the London Conference is a complete confession of failure by Mr. Bevin. The failure of the British Government to find a solution for the Palestine question is a defeat for the Liberal group within the Cabinet. This group, however, still exists, and in the passage of time may gain more influence in British Government circles."

The submission of the Palestine question to UNO would mean in effect that Britain would not be able to call the tune in Middle East affairs as she would like to. There appeared to be a favourable reaction on the part of the Soviet Government to the new move. There had been no official statement by the Soviet Union on Palestine, since the Soviet delegates supported a Zionist resolution at the Trade Union Congress of 1945, favouring Jewish immigration and the right of Jews to enter Palestine.

"I cannot believe that the Soviet Government will favour the Arabs in preference to the Jews, considering that the Arab League is an instrument of British Imperialism, whereas the Jews seek to build up Palestine on labour principles."

The fact that the Arab League had declared that they would fight UNO in the event of the decision going against them, showed that the League did not feel too confident about its position. The submission of the question to UNO was acceptable to the Jewish people, who always maintained that Palestine was an international question.

Mr. Pincus said he did not think that the colour question, which was such an important factor at the last Assembly of UNO, would prejudice the Jewish case, when Palestine is discussed.

Mr. Pincus strongly condemned undisciplined and irresponsible acts of resistance in Palestine. The perpetrators of these acts, he said, had been outlawed by the Zionist Congress and by the authoritative bodies of the Yishuv. It behoved Jewry as a whole to support these decisions.

He said that this was not a time to enter into heroics and to flourish fiery phrases. The Jewish people must engage in cool thinking and avoid heroic posturings. The people should be told the truth, and in this they could find sufficient courage to carry on the struggle with lots of confidence for the future.

Mr. E. J. Horwitz presided.

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