

# BRIG. FORD RESIGNS

## Sequel To Anti-Jewish Statement

LONDON, Monday.—The Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey, announced in the House of Commons that he had accepted the resignation of Brigadier Tennyson Ford on account of his statement at a press conference for German newspapermen that the Jews were mostly responsible for black market activities.

The announcement was greeted with general cheers from the House. One Conservative member agreed that it was unfair to make anti-racial statements, but began some remarks in defence of Brig. Ford.

Mr. Strachey pointed out that the report of the inquiry established that Brigadier Ford had made statements which could be construed as reflections on the Jewish race. While accepting Brigadier Ford's statement that he had not intended to make reflections on the Jews as a race, Mr. Strachey pointed out that the administrator of an office must not only act impartially but his impartiality must be evident in everything he did and said.

Replying to remarks made by the Conservative member, Nicholson, who suggested that the majority of offences were committed by Jews, Mr. Strachey said that if anyone could

prove, or if evidence were produced, that an offence against a food order were committed disproportionately by any particular race, no one would object to such a fact being made public. But no evidence of this sort was available.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KING DAVID HOTEL

JERUSALEM, Wednesday.—A memorial service was held at the King David Hotel, on the first anniversary of the bombing outrage. The service was conducted by the Anglican Bishop and was attended by the High Commissioner, the Chief Secretary, heads of various departments, and relatives and friends of the victims.

### JERUSALEM CANTOR FOR DOORNFONTEIN SYNAGOGUE



Cantor Leo Rabinowitz, brother of Rabbi B. Rabinowitz of Kensington, has arrived in Johannesburg at the invitation of the Doornfontein Hebrew Congregation. Cantor Rabinowitz was born in Frankfurt-on-Main. As a child he was a soloist in the leading synagogue-choir of the city. Later he received training from Chief Cantor F. Peissachowitz.

He then left for Jerusalem where he studied in the Conservatoire and officiated as Cantor in various synagogues. He also performed items of Chazanuth on the Jerusalem radio. He was highly recommended by the famous expert on music, Prof. S. Rosovsky, for his pleasant voice and traditional intonation.

### MRS. GRANOVSKY TO SPEAK IN PARKTOWN

Mrs. Miriam Granovsky will address the Parktown Branch of the Women's Zionist League on Tuesday afternoon, August 5, at Mrs. Michael Miller's residence, Jubilee Road, Parktown.

This is the first meeting of its sort that is being held in Johannesburg.

### MARIAMPOLER SOCIETY

The first annual general meeting of the Mariampoler Society of South Africa took place on Saturday, July 19, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Batnitzky.

The chairman, Mr. J. Batnitzky, reported on the activities of the Society for the past year in sending parcels to landsleit in Lithuania and other parts of the world.

The following committee was elected for the coming year:

Mr. J. Batnitzky, chairman; Mr. A. Lurie, vice-chairman; Mr. A. Flink, treasurer; Mr. L. Shapiro, hon. secretary.

Members of the committee, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kaplan, Mrs. I. Achron, Mrs. R. Kowarsky, Mrs. Wilkow, Mrs. R. Sher and Mr. M. Kowarsky.

### Mrs. Leah Chagy

Mrs. Leah Chagy, daughter of Rabbi I. Kossovsky and daughter-in-law of Cantor Berele Chagy, has arrived from America on a visit to Johannesburg and is staying with her parents.

## New York Daily Features Talk With Joseph Milne

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—The Yiddish daily, "Morning Journal," has published two articles in connection with the visit to New York of Mr. Joseph Milne, of Johannesburg. The first article was a description of the career of Mr. Milne, giving his Jewish background, his education at a Yeshiva and his rise to wealth. The second was an article on South African Jewry written by Mr. William Zuckerman and based on a conversation with Mr. Milne.

The writer stated that South African Jewry is one of the most colourful and interesting communities in the world. Until recently the community was primarily under the spiritual influence of British Jewry, whom it imitated and therefore also copied in the institution of the Board of Deputies. The purpose of the Board is, primarily, to unify the Jews by centralising Jewish authority into one body. This is a sound principle which, however, has drawbacks, because "centralisation tends to totalitarianism and the rule of the community over the individual."

Mr. Zuckerman went on to say that since the war South African Jewry had been undergoing a change in political orientation. He claimed that the previous orientation of the Jews was entirely upon England, while now it is changing because of recent British events in Palestine and also because of the decline in the economic and financial influence of Britain. Some South African Jews, therefore, find themselves "in disagreement with the Board's exclusive support of the British Liberal Party, which they claim is unhealthy and even dangerous from a Jewish standpoint, in case the other party comes into power." But the Board opposes such a stand as a breach of Jewish discipline and unity.

Mr. Milne claims that no Jewish organisation has the right to dictate the political opinion of individual Jews in a democratic country and it is contrary to Jewish interests to support any one political party exclusively. He cited the recent example of General Smuts' speech

which claimed that there were too many Jews in South Africa and Mr. Milne's open reply, which brought forth General Smuts' correction.

Asked whether any self-respecting Jew could support an outspoken anti-Semitic party, Mr. Milne replied that the Nationalist Party of South Africa was partly provoked and goaded into a sharper anti-Semitic stand by the extreme opposition of the Board. A more conciliatory attitude on the part of the Jews might have prevented or lessened extremism. At any event, the Board had no jurisdiction over the political opinions of individual Jews even if it were a democratically elected body, which it is not.

Mr. Milne, says Mr. Zuckerman, was not truculent during the talk, nor did he attack the Board. On the contrary, he was eager to present its point of view as much as his own, but he insisted on the right of the individual Jew to act politically as a citizen of his country, not as a Jew.

The article was not written as an interview in the strict sense of the world, but was the writer's impression of a talk with Mr. Milne, to the publication of which, I understand, the latter did not object.

### DIAMOND MERCHANT ROBBED

JERUSALEM, Wednesday.—A diamond merchant, Moshe Shein, was held up by four youths, who are believed to belong to the Stern Group, at noon to-day in Allenby Road, Tel Aviv. A brief case containing £8,000 worth of uncut diamonds was stolen.



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