

# S.A. NATIONAL FRENCH ASSOCIATION THANKS PREMIER RAMADIER

**THE** South African National French Association has sent the following letter to the French Prime Minister:

"Prime Minister P. Ramadier, Paris.

"On behalf of the South African National French Association we desire to express to you, and to your Government our sincerest thanks and our admiration for the humanitarian treatment of the "Exodus" refugees.

"We see in it a symbol of a great liberal minded nation, which continues to practice all the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity. On the other hand, the "Exodus" incident is a grave indictment and stigma (which must be wiped out) against the civilised world.

"We are indeed very happy to record that France, in spite of her economic and social difficulties, remains the bastion of true Democracy.

"We pledge ourselves to continue to give your country all moral support at our disposal and sincerely trust that France may soon regain her

former strength for the benefit of all mankind.

"(Sgd.) MR. A. J. BRUWER, National President.  
"DR. A. SHEDROW, National Chairman."

## FOSTERING YIDDISH CULTURE

**Banquet Held in Johannesburg**  
THE importance of fostering Yiddish culture in South Africa was emphasised by speakers at a banquet arranged by the Yiddish Cultural Federation in the H.O.D. Hall on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Richard Feldman presided and extended a welcome to a number of recent arrivals from Europe, and read greetings from various organisations.

Mr. I. Goss emphasised the need for unity in Yiddish cultural activity. Today, he said, there was closer contact between the protagonists of Yiddish and Hebrew.

Advocate Klementynowski, a visitor from Palestine, spoke of the need for a cultural Jewish population which could be a source of strength to the Yishuv. Rabbi Dr. Weiler emphasised the need for unity in cultural work.

Mr. M. Szur surveyed the position of Jewish cultural activities in all parts of the world and appealed for funds to help in the work of the Federation.

A special welcome was extended by the chairman to Jacob Kalich and Molly Picon, both of whom addressed the gathering. Molly Picon also rendered a song.

Others who participated in the programme were Cantor S. Mandel, Mr. F. Zygelbaum, Mr. Bruno Raikin, who gave a very original and most impressive improvisation of the Partisan Hymn, as well as Mr. M. Dore and Miss Betty Pack.

## "OPHIR" FUNCTION

Members of "Ophir", the Jewish Arts Association of S.A., and their friends, are reminded of the function which takes place tomorrow night (Saturday, August 30) at the Carlton Hotel at 8 p.m. Mr. David Dainow, ex Editor of "The Zionist Record", who is re-visiting this country, will speak on "Reactions of a Newcomer to Eretz-Israel". In the musical section of the programme, Cantor S. Mandel, accompanied by Bruno Raikin, will sing. Molly Picon and Jacob Kalich have kindly promised to be present during the latter part of the evening to meet "Ophir" members and their friends.

# World Hebrew Congress To Be Held Next Year

Feverish preparations are now being made in Eretz Israel for the forthcoming World Hebrew Congress (Knessiyah Ivrit Olamit), which is to take place early in 1948 in Tel Aviv. The aim of the Congress is to establish permanently a biennial world rally for Hebrew Culture, parallel to the Zionist Congress for the purpose of dealing with the problems of the

Hebrew language and culture in the diaspora.

The idea of the World Hebrew Congress is not a new one. Originated by the late Chaim Nachman Bialik, the first Hebrew Congress was held in Berlin in 1929. This was a representative and auspicious gathering at which cultural workers, Zionist leaders and writers from Eretz-Israel and every country of the diaspora participated. The conference was headed by Professor Ravidowitz and Chaim Nachman Bialik.

As a result of this congress "Brit Ivrit Olamit", world Hebrew Union, was established in Berlin and was subsequently, after the advent of Hitler, transferred to Tel-Aviv. It accepted the chairmanship of the institution, a post he held until his demise. Dr. Alexander Rosenfeld, who is well known in South Africa from his visits to this country in the interests of his institution, was appointed director.

The Histadruth Ivrit of South Africa, which is an associate body of "Brit Ivrit Olamit", pledged its moral and financial support for the Congress. The presence of the well-known communal worker of Tel-Aviv, Dr. Raphael Rabinowitz, who is now in Johannesburg, considerably stimulates the activity of the Histadruth Ivrit in this direction and Dr. Rabinowitz has consented to lead the activity of the Histadruth Ivrit in this matter.

A reception in his honour will be held in Johannesburg at the Convention Hall on Thursday, September 3. Among the speakers will be the Chief Rabbi Prof. L. Rabinowitz, Mr. Lurie and Mr. J. Blumenthal, chairman of the Histadruth Ivrit of South Africa. Dr. Rabinowitz will also visit Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and other centres of the Hebrew Movement in South Africa.

## Minister of Valley-Observatory Hebrew Congregation



**REV. J. CHAITOWITZ** of Boksburg North, who has been appointed Minister of the Valley-Observatory Hebrew Congregation, Johannesburg.

Rev. Chaitowitz came to Boksburg from Palestine 16 years ago and throughout the period he occupied his position with dignity and distinction.

He was associated with every field of Zionist and communal endeavour and was in charge of the local Hebrew School. He was Chaplain to the Mayor of Boksburg for three years and vice-President of the H.O.D. as well as committee member of various organisations.

## YIDDISH FOLKSCHOOL

The Yiddish Folkschool of Johannesburg, which has recently built its own premises at 45, Upper Meyer Street, Doornfontein, has bought a van to convey children from outlying districts like Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville, Bez. Valley, and so on to the school. Parents from the above-mentioned districts who wish to send their children to the Yiddish Folkschool, can now arrange to do so.

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