

Official Opening Of "Our Parents Home" By Dr. Gluckman To Accommodate 140 Inmates

AMIDST scenes of enthusiasm, after the news from UNO had been received, the Minister of Health, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Henry Gluckman, M.P., performed the opening ceremony of "Our Parents' Home" at Gardens, Johannesburg, last Sunday morning. The home will accommodate over 140 inmates in a beautiful building providing all modern conveniences.

About 1,000 people attended, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gordon; the Director of Social Welfare of the City Council, Mr. D. N. Murray; Councillor James Gray, M.P.C., and representatives of all the leading communal organisations of Johannesburg.

After the Chief Rabbi had affixed the Mezuzah, Dr. Gluckman opened the doors of the Home with the key presented to him by the architect, Mr. Manfred Hermer. Chief Rabbi Rabinowitz then conducted the prayers of dedication.

Mr. J. Seehoff, chairman of Our Parents Home, in presenting the chairman's report, welcomed the large and representative gathering, and stressed the great support the Home had received from the so-called Central European community. "The time has arrived when we must drop the title given to these people of Central Europe and consider them an integral part of South African Jewry," he said.

In his address the Minister of Health paid tribute to the initiators of the project and stressed the great progress that the "Parents Home" had made over the last six years. "With the work achieved up to date I am confident that you will be able to carry on with your work and complete the task you have set yourself."

His Worship the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Gordon, said that the

Jewish community had done a great deal for the upbuilding of Johannesburg. "It was only recently that I received a bequest of £10,000 from the estate of the late Mr. D. G. Broude towards the charities of the city, which is clear indication of the generosity of the Jewish people." He congratulated the Jewish people on the announcement of the Partition of Palestine.

Dr. Rabinowitz said that this home was built under ideal conditions and would provide a home run on the strictest religious principles. "We regard these people as our parents and we hope that they shall regard us all as their children. We have given up the name of refugee as applied to the valuable German-Jewish element within us. They had brought to South African Jewry culture and a tremendous sense of social consciousness enterprise and deep sincerity."

Mr. B. Fried brought greetings and congratulations from the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies.

Mr. H. Weinstock, J.P., vice-chairman of the Home, associated himself with the remarks of congratulation to members of his committee.

Dr. Kevy, one of the inmates of the Home speaking in German, said that this day was a great occasion. "For 2,000 years our people had been homeless, and to-day we hear the news that we have at last found a home. Our people in the land of Israel, and we in our old age here," he said.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY DRIVE IN DURBAN

The executive officers of the Natal Drive Committee are as follows: Hon. president, Rabbi A. H. Freedman; hon. vice-presidents, Acting Judge E. Henochsberg, K.C., Mr. S. Moshal and Prof. P. Stein; vice-chairman, Mr. M. K. Rosenbach; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. Isaacs; Messrs. J. Diamond, M. Solomon, H. Carter and Nat Abrahams.

At a mass meeting of Durban Jewry which took place at the Durban Jewish Club on Sunday afternoon, speeches were delivered by Sir Leon Simon, Mr. Norman Lourie and Mr. Louis Marks. Tribute was paid to Mr. M. K. Rosenbach.

A number of important functions were held at the Durban Jewish Club and at the private homes of Mr. and Mrs. M. Freed, Dr. and Mrs. N. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Moshal.

Friends of Habimah and Palestine Orchestra

"The Habimah Theatre and the Palestine Orchestra are the pride and the glory of the whole Yishuv," said Rabbi Dr. S. Rappaport at a cultural evening held under the auspices of the S.A. Friends of Palestine Orchestra and Habimah Theatre on Saturday, November 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Suzman.

A varied and interesting programme was presented by Taubie Kushlick and Anne Taylor, ably accompanied by Mrs. G. Cassen.

Mr. S. Yellin was in the chair, and Miss M. Carnovski thanked the artists, Dr. Rappaport and the host and hostess.

Farewell Message from Mr. Dereczynski

Mr. Josef Dereczynski, Head of the Jerusalem office of the Keren Kayemeth, prior to his return to Eretz Israel, after having visited numerous centres in the Union on behalf of the J.N.F. Campaign, stated that he had been deeply impressed by the sincere interest, which the Jewish Communities throughout the country were showing in the upbuilding of Palestine, especially in these momentous days for the future of the Jewish nation and Eretz Israel.

"I believe," said Mr. Dereczynski, "that the South African Jewry in this country is a seismograph which reacts to each event affecting the Jewish people as a whole, anywhere in the world, and in particular those events relating to the establishment of the Jewish State."

Mr. Dereczynski stated that he felt that South African Jewry would be prepared for every cause that would and would exert every effort to support the Yishuv during these difficult days, not only financially, but also with chalutzim and aliyah.

He expressed his sincere thanks to the National J.N.F. Committee, to the J.N.F. Committees in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth and to all the friends in different parts of the country who had worked, with great understanding and sympathy, for the success of the Campaign.

"I say Shalom to all and *Lehitraod Ba Medinah Ha-Ivrit*, for which we have been exerting our efforts for many years," concluded Mr. Dereczynski.

U.Z.P. TO HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE DURING WEEK-END

All branches of the United Zionist Party in the Transvaal will take part in the first annual Transvaal conference of the party. This conference will set up a Transvaal United Zionist Party Council, which will organise and administer all U.Z.P. branches in the province.

Delegates will discuss organisation and policy in the light of the momentous events that have taken place within the last few days.

Following the official supper on Saturday evening, December 6, prominent members of the United Zionist Party of South Africa will address the delegates. Conference will start at 8 p.m. and will continue on Sunday morning. Election of the council will take place in the afternoon.

Chanukah Evening In Brakpan

Those who attended the successful Chanukah Evening held in Brakpan last year will be pleased to learn that a similar evening is planned for the night of Wednesday, December 10, next. It will take place in the Brakpan Town Hall, and will be under the auspices of the Library Committee of the Brakpan United Hebrew Institutions.

Miss Jean Gluckmann, Jenny Targowsky and other well-known artists have promised to take part, and the children's choir will again participate.

Mr. Bernard Gering, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, accompanied by Mrs. Gering, will be present and will deliver a short address during the course of the evening.

It is confidently expected that the Brakpan community will attend in large numbers. All are cordially invited.

MR. GRADNER POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR PARLIAMENT

It is understood that Mr. Louis Gradner, a prominent member of the Cape Town Jewish community, is willing to stand as a candidate for the Gardens constituency in Parliament. This vacancy has been caused by the death of Dr. Louis Bosman, M.P., the United Party representative.

Mr. Gradner several years ago served as Mayor of Cape Town and is still a member of its City Council. He is chairman of the Gardens branch of the United Party. Mr. Gradner is intimately connected with Jewish communal activities and is on the committee of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation.

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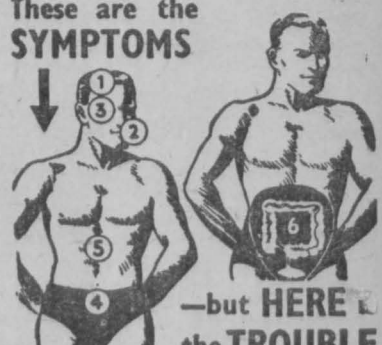
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