

Over 10,000 Visit Industrial Exhibition

Interview With Mr. Herzl Zuckerman

OVER 10,000 visitors saw the First Palestine Industrial Exhibition at the Coronation Hall during its 18 days' duration. Several hundred business enquiries were received and a good number of orders booked, including one from a leading non-Jewish firm in the city.

These facts were given by Mr. Herzl Zuckerman, Special Trade Representative of the Foreign Trade Institute of Palestine and the Palestine Manufacturers Association, at an informal function held at the Coronation Hall on Friday afternoon, to mark the closing of the exhibition.

Mr. Zuckerman felt that the exhibition had been a great success and that the efforts of those who had so willingly assisted in its organisation, had been amply rewarded. He expressed his deep appreciation to Mr. H. L. Karnovsky, president; Mr. Leo Tager, chairman; Mrs. Anna Franks and all the other members of the South African Board for Inter-trade Relations with Palestine, to the S.A. Zionist Federation, to Mrs. Inez Gordon and her willing band of workers, Mr. A. Abrahamson and Mr. A. Mureinik.

Mr. H. L. Karnovsky, president of the Board, mentioned the fact that apart from Mr. F. C. Sturrock, Minister of Transport, who had opened the exhibition, two other Cabinet Ministers, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr and Dr. Colin Steyn, had paid visits to the exhibition. All of them had been deeply impressed by the range and quality of the exhibits and Mr. Sturrock, in particular, had promised definite assistance in the fostering of trade relations between South Africa and Palestine. This in itself, he thought, was an outstanding achievement.

He paid special tribute to Mr. Herzl Zuckerman and to Mr. Leo

Tager, for their indefatigable efforts in connection with the exhibition.

Mr. B. Gering, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, said that he personally felt very satisfied about the success of the exhibition in Johannesburg and it reflected great credit on all those who had assisted in this worthy effort. Inter-trade between South Africa and Palestine would be of mutual benefit to both countries and there was no doubt that the exhibition would prove a powerful stimulus to greater economic relations between the Union and Palestine.

The exhibition was formally closed by Mr. Leo Tager, who emphasised that though South Africans who visited Palestine, were fully aware of the great achievements of the Yishuv in the industrial sphere, the exhibition had proved a real eye-opener to the large majority of visitors.

The fact that so many business inquiries had been received, proved that there was ample scope for development of trade between Palestine and South Africa.

Mr. Tager paid a warm tribute to Mr. H. L. Karnovsky, Mr. Herzl Zuckerman and to all those who had been associated, in one way or another, with the organisation of the exhibition.

CANTOR ALTSCHULER HONOURED

Members of the Cantors' and Choirmasters' Association met at a dinner at Coronation Hall last week to honour Cantor O. Altschuler and Mrs. Altschuler. The speakers paid tribute to Rev. Altschuler on the contribution which he had made to the community as cantor, minister and teacher.

Cantor I. Alter presided and addresses were delivered by Cantors Alter, Kaminer, Badash, Kamionsky, Lichterman and Aloy. Mr. S. Schatz, chairman of the Sydenham-Highlands North Hebrew Congregation, and Mr. Israel Katz, former chairman of the congregation, both paid tribute to Cantor Altschuler's services to the community.

They emphasised in particular the fact that Cantor Altschuler had left his well established position in East London in order to become the pioneer of a new congregation which had to be built from the foundations.

The following cantors sang before the gathering: Cantor I. Eidelson, Dr. D. Propis, S. Mandel, S. Badash, Rabinowitz, L. Sive.

Rev. Altschuler responded to the toast and also recited a portion of the grace.

During the evening a presentation was made to Cantor Altschuler in recognition of his work for the Cantors' and Choirmasters' Association.

CHANUKAH FAIR ON TUESDAY

The Chanukah Fair, arranged by the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, will take place on Tuesday, December 9, at Balfour Park. Chanukah of the year 5708 is the most joyous the Jewish people have experienced in 2,100 years.

Every Jewish family should participate in the occasion, which will be celebrated in a typically Palestinian atmosphere. A procession of children bearing torchlights will join in the traditional kindling of the lights, blessed by a Cantor and choir. The whole scene will be dominated by a giant Menorah. Prior to the ceremony, supper will be provided with latkes of different kinds and other dishes. Stalls will be stocked with items of interest including the Chanukah top. Games and amusement for adults and children will abound at the Fair, which will be continued until midnight. There will be a Beer Garden as well as open air dancing to Dan Hill's Band.

Mothers are asked to co-operate by bringing their families at sunset to

join in the al-fresco supper and traditional celebration. Proceeds of the Fair are for the Jewish National Fund.

INCREASED AID FOR PALESTINE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, Monday.—A campaign to raise 1,200,000 dollars during the coming year has been proclaimed here by the American Fund for Palestine Institutions, which supports a number of social welfare and cultural institutions in Palestine, including Habimah and the Palestine Philharmonic Orchestra. Collections under last year's campaign are still under way and 325,000 dollars has so far been raised towards the goal of 1,065,000 dollars.

It was decided to add the Ohel Theatre and the Hebrew Secondary School in Jerusalem to the beneficiaries of the organisation.

Cultural Federation Activities

THE Yiddish Cultural Federation has held a series of concert meetings in Witbank, Pretoria, Durban, Vereeniging and Doornfontein.

In Witbank on November 9 Susane Harrison, J. Michel and J. Fine participated in the programme. Mr. M. Szur and Mr. M. Lazar addressed the meeting. A branch of the Federation was formed and a committee was elected.

On November 10 Mr. Szur and Mr. Lazar addressed the Pretoria branch. N. Bell sang Yiddish and Hebrew songs, and R. Shalit gave a performance of recitations and improvisations.

Mr. Szur travelled down to Durban on November 11 in order to address a concert meeting, which was arranged by the Durban branch. Dr. Moshal and Mr. Stiller delivered addresses.

At the concert meeting which took place in Vereeniging on November 23, N. Bell, R. Shalit and G. Fine were among the artists who participated. Mr. M. Szur and Mr. Lazar addressed the gathering. Mr. and Mrs. D. Plit entertained the guests from Johannesburg after the concert.

On Friday, November 21, Mr. L. Feldman delivered an address at the Kultur-hois, 45 Upper Meyer Street, Doornfontein.

On Friday, October 17, a cultural afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. Daniels, 11 Terrace Road, Bertrams. Mrs. Ch. Shreero read a few short stories by Moshe Nadir and a novel by S. Lastik.

The women's section of the S.A. Cultural Federation has, in view of the success of its cultural afternoon, decided to arrange such meetings in more suburbs.

On Tuesday, October 28, a cultural afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. S. Bacher, 48 Urania Street, Ob-

servatory. Mrs. Z. Levy read J. L. Peretz's "Ob nisht noch hecher" and "By a goses zu kopns."

On Tuesday, November 11, a cultural afternoon took place at the home of Mrs. J. Katz, 18 The Curve, Observatory. Mrs. Ch. Shreero read J. L. Peretz's "3 Matrones" and a novel, "Kopel der Schuster," by A. Weitz.

APOLOGY

I, the undersigned, DR. YOUSOFF MAHOMED DADOO, hereby withdraw unreservedly all remarks made by me at the meeting held under the auspices of the Communist Party on the 23rd day of September, 1945, on the Red Square, Durban, which were, or could be held to have been a reflection on the honour or integrity of Mr. Councillor Ahmed Ismail, of Cape Town, either in his personal capacity or as a Leader of the Indian community. In particular I withdraw the words "Quisling" and "Fascist" applied by me to Mr. Ismail. I couple with this withdrawal an unqualified expression of regret for any inconvenience, pain or damage which my remarks may have occasioned him.

(Signed) DR. Y. M. DADOO.

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