

"A Test Case for Women"

# Women Zionists Must Shoulder Responsibilities of Jewish Statehood

"This Conference takes place at a time when uppermost in all our minds is the fact that we have acquired Statehood. But Statehood brings with it many added responsibilities, which the small Yishuv cannot carry itself, and so it behoves us to settle down to a sober realisation of the meaning of Statehood," said Mrs. Anna Franks, President of the S.A. Women's Zionist Council, when she opened the annual Transvaal Women's Zionist Conference held at the Coronation Hall recently.

The Conference was attended by delegates from all over the Province and keen discussion on various Zionist topics took place.

"The Yishuv," said Mrs. Franks, "has already had to make sacrifices. The flower of our youth, some of whom gave outstanding service to the Allies, others just on the threshold of their lives, are defending our lines, but they and the whole Yishuv are ready to make these sacrifices."

Mrs. Franks stressed the vital importance of the Palestine Emergency Fund and also spoke of the calls which would be made on the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

Dealing with Wizo, Mrs. Franks said: "The activities of Wizo have also increased and are increasing daily. It is quite wrong to think that the work done by Wizo can be taken over by the new State. Even its normal undertakings embrace all aspects of Palestinian life, but today, when Wizo is confronted with abnormal tasks, it becomes difficult for us from this distance to realise the magnitude of its activities. To mention only one or two of its abnormal tasks, I want to tell you that

quite recently two new baby homes had to be established. Day creches had to be converted into homes for children, because Wizo had to care for the evacuees from the danger zones in Palestine."

Concluding, Mrs. Franks called on all delegates to go back to their centres, determined that they would shoulder the full share of the added responsibilities of this new era in Jewish history.

The present position in Palestine and the manner in which Wizo is playing its part in facing the emergency was dealt with by Miss Hauser, who stressed the obligations which the organisation would have to undertake in the days, weeks and months ahead. "Wizo," she said, "immediately stepped into the breach and once again proved that their services are indispensable to the Yishuv."

Concluding, Miss Hauser said, "The time has come when the Jews in the Diaspora must understand that this is the last chance of our people. It is a test case for us women, too. We women will have to give our full share and utmost

support and stand at the side of our men in this fateful struggle. Let us not fail."

A special women's sub-committee of the Transvaal Zionist Council was elected by Conference. It consists of a convener and seven members. Mrs. Targowsky was elected convener and the other members of the sub-committee are Mesdames L. Joffe, K. Gluckmann, I. Gordon, Zlotnik, S. Judes, Levi and Neufeld. It was explained that the convener would be a member of the Transvaal Zionist Council and of the S.A. Women's Zionist Council and that Women's Zionist Conferences in the Transvaal would in future be organised by that committee.

A resolution to launch a Wizo Emergency Campaign was greeted with enthusiasm.

Conference also resolved to appeal to women to concentrate on the knitting of socks which were urgently required and it was stressed that that should not be done at the expense of Wizo garments, which were desperately needed, but that the knitting should be considered as additional work.

Replying to questions as to the difficulties various centres experienced in dividing up the work done by the Zionist societies and other organisations, the chairman said that the time had come when Zionist work must receive first preference.

Conference resolved that the amount of £500 contributed by women's societies for three fellowships at the Hebrew University be increased to £1,000.

In reply to questions, the chairman stated that although no quotas had been given to Revisionist women, it had nevertheless been expected that some money would come in for the National Funds from that organisation. That, certainly, had not been the case in Johannesburg, although in Cape Town the Revisionist women had co-operated with the B'noth Zion to some extent.

Mrs. Franks appealed to the women to assist in obtaining subscribers for the "Zionist Record". The news in many of the newspapers was often distorted, she said, and it was essential for the women to read the news from our angle and so become properly informed.

Those who participated in the various debates included Mesdames Dr. Deborah Katzen, Mrs. K. Gluckmann, Mrs. Neufeld (Pretoria), Raphael, Zlotnik (Mizrachi), I. Gordon (Johannesburg), W.Z.L., E. Gering (Johannesburg W.Z.L.), Dunsky (Germiston), L. Joffe (Johannesburg W.Z.L.), Broide (Brits), Palte (Pietersburg), Judes (Springs), Segill (Boksburg), Laks (Pretoria), Levitas (Springs), Galland (Brakpan), Broede (Mizrachi), Epstein (Johannesburg W.Z.L.), Carmel Phillips (Benoni), Steinberg (Bertrams), J. Amoils (Orange Grove W.Z.L.), Friedman, A. Yudelman (Benoni).

A highlight of the Conference was a luncheon in honour of the delegates. Mr. Bernard Gering, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, addressed the delegates. He gave a concise outline of the situation in the Yishuv and of the position of Zionism in this country. Mrs. Sacher brought greetings from the London Wizo Executive. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. I. Gordon.

## Dr. Sonnabend

### Conditions In E...

"Our generation is privileged to see before its very eyes the birth of our Nation. In this Yishuv stands in the forefront of people suffering and enduring the birth pangs of that reborn State. Dr. H. Sonnabend, who returned from an extensive tour of Europe and Palestine, when he addressed a joint meeting of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League and the Union of Jewish Women...

Dr. Sonnabend said that the conditions in Europe are temporary. "There was a time when it was felt that another war was being fought between East and West. Marshall plan is to the rescue of Europe at the moment only a temporary reality, as the American government passes it from one committee to another."

Describing his visit to the remnants of a once great and prosperous community, Dr. Sonnabend said that the synagogues were empty, and that the districts that once were a Jewish community. "I found the beginnings of a Jewish community, many of whom migrated from the East. The community was leading an interesting and partaking in the life of the new Jew who is developing the ruins of the old world. Many institutions, from schools and the Oze children's centres to hashshara centres training for Aretz," he said.

Coming from all parts of the continent the Jews collected in the towns of Italy. Dr. Sonnabend stressed that here the Jews hope, their lives continually around the events in the Palestine. "They look towards Eretz Israel as their only hope," he said.

From the continent, Dr. Sonnabend went to the Holy Land. "The Jew was waiting to leave his homeland. When I reached the shores of Eretz Israel I saw with my own eyes what the Jew and fights for. The Yishuv is ready for all that will come. Every inch of soil will be fought with the Blood that runs in the veins of the Yishuv. Their determination, their determination to know for what they fight, together with the world's Jewish communities they shall and must flourish," he said.

Mrs. Mary Adler, chairman of the Johannesburg Union of Jewish Women, presided. Mrs. I. Gordon proposed the vote of thanks.

## Balalaika Orche...

### To Be Enlarged

Alter's Balalaika Orchestra will begin the New Year with a flourish, beginning with a series of concerts of the Palestine Emergency Fund.

For the 15 years of their existence this most successful orchestra numerous times helped many charity institutions, as well as being to raise funds for various causes. Mr. Louis Alter, conductor of this orchestra, has to enlarge the Balalaika Orchestra and interested people, who musical instruments and can music, well or otherwise, should to Mr. Alter, phone 33-4021 during business hours.

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