

Fine Gesture

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I was gratified to read in your issue that Nathan Benyishal, son of Mrs. David Benyishal of Johannesburg has decided to forego his party and to offer the Palestine Emergency fund to express my admiration for him and say: hats off to you for his fine gesture! Irrespective of what such a party may entail to him, and in spite of the sacrifice it entails to such a noble cause, he nevertheless decided to do a nobler cause.

This fine gesture of a young boy is an example to others.

Are we justified in celebrating such a fine gesture on a scale at a time when the Jewish people are struggling for existence, their sons and daughters are sacrificing their lives in the safeguarding of the borders of the Jewish Home, not for themselves, but also to preserve our unity and the future of generation to come.

The crux of the matter is that our future rests with the success of this desperate struggle. Chief Rabbi Dr. Landau has protested, years back, against these celebrations and "show-ups" which only helped to intensify anti-Semitism. This was said in times, then how much more should it apply to the times in which we live now?

Would I like to ask, where are our leaders? Why is their voice not heard in protest?

Yours, etc.,
E. GRUPEL.



Letters to the EDITOR

Heckling Of Revisionist Youth

Sir,—Recently I went to Bloemfontein with the object of forming a Zionist Youth Group. It was essentially a private meeting to cater for a specific section of political thought for those who felt that they could be of service to Zionism in this particular way.

Halfway through the meeting, five people entered and began a calculated effort to obstruct the establishment of this group. It was made clear at the outset of the meeting that the intention was to organise a group which would not interfere with groups already in existence, but to try to enrol those people who have the tendencies for which the meeting was called and also for those who are not yet doing Zionist work.

At question time the five chaverim, all members of the Revisionist Party, and one of them on the Transvaal Revisionist Executive, made a statement which made one wonder whether they are fit to take their part in the Zionist structure to-day. While speaking of the attitude of this particular group in relation to their elected leadership of the Jewish people, that is the Jewish Agency, I was more than shocked when one of these members had the audacity to call the Jewish Agency traitors to the cause of Zionism and directly responsible for the death of the six million Jews in Europe, on the grounds that, had we listened to Jabotinsky in 1932, we would not

have lost them. It seems absurd that although this party (the Revisionists) are a group in the structure of the Zionist movement, they can make such blasphemous attacks on the legally elected leadership.

It seems to me that these people are in the movement for destructive purposes only. While referring to the great constructive efforts of the Chalutzim in Palestine, I was informed by one of the Revisionist members that they did not agree with the idea of pioneering work, but rather looked to a military solution for the Jewish problem. Their idea of Hachsharah is of a military camp. To the members of the group it certainly left a bad feeling, that we have in our movement a destructive element which thinks nothing of practical work, but rather of military strategy and political set-up.

I would be grateful to know if the members of the Revisionist Executive as a whole subscribe to these views expressed by its members, or are they talking merely as individuals? It seems that it is a calculated policy, as I have heard this same argument advanced by other influential members of the movement.

Yours etc.,
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Friends Of Palestine Orchestra Habimah Theatre

A cultural evening under the auspices of the S.A. Friends of Palestine Orchestra and Habimah Theatre was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jaffee, 56, Houghton Drive, on Saturday, March 20.

Mr. S. Yellin, chairman of the society, welcomed the large gathering. The artists, Jaap Emmer and Jose Rodriguez Lopez, played classical and modern compositions, including Dvorak and Cesar Franck. Throughout the programme the gifted musicians confirmed the high reputation which they had attained for themselves in Johannesburg.

Rabbi Dr. S. Rappaport, of the North Eastern Hebrew Congregation, addressed the gathering. He stressed the need for urgent aid to the Orchestra and the Habimah. Apart from their cultural value as national institutions, they are encouraging and uniting the Yishuv during the present emergency period. The Hebrew Theatre and the Orchestra are doing valuable war-work in keeping up public morale by their performances and by other war-time activities. Their members, as individuals and in groups, are strengthening the spiritual armour of the Yishuv, in touring all defence posts and entertaining Jewish defenders with theatrical and musical performances.

The evening was a great success, and its cultural standard was in keeping with the traditions of the S.A. Friends of the Palestine Orchestra and Habimah Theatre.

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MAGEN DAVID ADOM FUNCTION AT BRAKPAN

A successful social evening was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Melnick. It was arranged by the Dr. Max Nordau Lodge No. 7, H.O.D. Brakpan, and over 100 people were present.

Tickets for the function were sold by the members of the Union of Jewish Women, and refreshments were provided for by the H.O.D. Ladies' Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Melnick. An amount of £165 was raised for the Magen David Adom, as an initial payment to the Mobile Ambulance promised by the Union of Jewish Women.

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