

Women's Zionist League Arrange Bumper Fair

THE Johannesburg Women's Zionist League have arranged a fair to be held at the Coronation Hall on June 8 and

The branches of the League, under the leadership of Mrs. Inez Gordon, the chairman, have planned many at-



MRS. INEZ GORDON

tractions and supplied well-stocked stalls. The fair will be officially opened on Tuesday night, June 8, and thereafter the public will find many amusing diversions and interesting games of skill, as well as the opportunity of meeting Pnina Saltzman and other Palestinian personalities at present visiting South Africa.

At 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday a unique fashion show of "new look" underwear will be exhibited by some of Johannesburg's loveliest women. During Wednesday afternoon experts will give demonstrations of the traditional setting of tables for festivals and other joyous occasions, as well as floral decorations.

The various stalls will carry varied and useful stocks of winter woollies, toys, groceries, cakes, home industries and articles suitable for gifts for all occasions. During the day and night appetising snacks will be served to the patrons of the fair.

First Conference of Natal Zionists

MUCH interest has been created in the first conference Natal Zionists have called for Sunday, June 6. Rabbi A. H. Freedman will open the morning session at 9.30 a.m. with Mr. E. Schragenheim, chairman of the Natal Zionist Council, will preside.

Distinguished guests will be Mr. B. Gering, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who is coming specially for the occasion, and Senator H. Brookes. It is also hoped that Mr. J. Gitlin, of Cape Town, chairman of the Western Province Zionist Council, will be present.

The agenda for the conference includes the submission of reports, acceptance of a constitution and discussion of future and more intensive activities. Elections will take place for an executive. Recordings of the deliberations will be made by Mr. Harold Wessuk.

Representatives of all Jewish communal organisations have been invited, and it is hoped to have the participation of delegates from every Zionist group in Durban and other centres in Natal and Zululand. Delegates will be welcomed at the opening session by Mr. H. L. Magid, chairman of the Council of Natal Jewry, and be the guests to lunch of the Durban Zionist Association.

The highlight of the conference will take place in the evening, when Mr. B. Gering and Senator Brookes will address a mass meeting of the Jewish community.

It is hoped that the opening session and the evening meeting will be attended not only by the whole Jewish community, but also by visitors from other towns on holiday in Durban. A warm invitation is extended to them to do so.

Vryheid Children Raise Over £200 For MDA

THE record sum of £201 3s. 4d. was raised by the children of Vryheid at a fete which they organised for Magen David Adom.

They are but a mere handful, their average age being 14 years, and this effort of theirs, under the leadership of their chairman, 16-year-old Percy Skuy, certainly deserves all praise.

Press Comment

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pendent sovereignty without waiting for a lead from elsewhere to recognise the new Jewish State. It defended this decision.

"The Eastern Province Herald" (May 26) stated that the Union Government's recognition of the State of Israel is clearly the result of a realistic assessment of the Palestine question.

Perturbation

"The Natal Mercury" (May 27) said: "To say that General Smuts's 'de facto' recognition of the State of Israel has created perturbation in South Africa is to put it mildly." In referring to the "undue haste to commit the Union," the paper says that the fact that the Nationalists were prepared to recognise the State of Israel meant nothing.

"Die Suidster" (May 27) said that the whole nation welcomed the decision of the Government to recognise the new Jewish State.

"The Cape Times" (May 28) said that the South African official recognition of the new State of "Israel" accords with every principle of international logic and morality.

"The Natal Daily News" (May 28) said that there is little doubt that the Government's decision to recognise the State of Israel, may have startled those who were not acquainted with Gen. Smuts's utterances on the subject. Yet it is entirely consistent with all he has said on the problem. The paper thought that the announcement of the recognition should have been accompanied by an explanatory memorandum. This would have done something to avoid surprise or bewilderment.

"The Natal Witness" (May 27) said that "the decision of the Union Government to give 'de facto' recognition to the State of Israel cannot fail to have provoked astonishment and dismay amongst all those who are not so committed to the Zionist cause that they welcome anything that assists it."

"The Friend" (May 26) saw, in the Government's recognition, the logical conclusion to the cordial attitude and sympathy which the Union has displayed throughout towards Jewish national aspirations in Palestine.

"Die Volkstem" (May 26) said that no government with General Smuts at its head could have taken any decision other than the prompt recognition of the State of Israel.

"The Rand Daily Mail" (May 27) headed its leader "Smuts Gives a Lead" and said: "It is not so easy to tell the public the facts about the Palestine muddle to-day. They are not very pleasant facts and therefore people do not want to know them. If they are reminded of them, indeed they are as likely as not to turn their resentment against their informant. But that cannot be helped. The facts are there, and professional honour demands that they should be stated even, and perhaps especially, when people resent them."

"The Star" (May 27) succeeded in writing an editorial on the Palestine issue without referring to General Smuts's recognition!

Belgravia-East Kensington W.Z.L. Concert

The above organisation is holding a concert in aid of the WIZO Emergency Campaign at the Selborne Hall on Monday, June 28, in which many celebrated artists will appear.

Cantor S. Kusevitsky, of the Parkview - Greenside Congregations,



CANTOR KUSEVITSKY

and formerly Chief Cantor of Duke's Place Synagogue, will sing operatic arias, classic songs, Jewish folk songs and liturgical melodies (Chazanut).

Jayne Sussman and Jean Sackman, the well-known vocalists, will contribute the lighter side of the programme with character impersonations.

A special feature of the programme will be three monologues by Nathan Aeterman, recited by Jeannie Targowsky with special incidental music by Jerry Idelson.

The instrumental section will comprise performances by Anne Sackles and Betty Pack, playing the violin and 'cello, accompanied by J. Idelson at the piano.

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