

The Position in Hungary.

"A Seperate Nationality."

It is unfortunately correct that the Hungarian National Assembly has resolved, by a majority of fifty seven votes to seven, that only a restricted number of Jews, in proportion to their number in relation to the population of the country, may be admitted to the Universities. Paragraph 3 of the Act refers to the Jews as being a separate nationality. By the passing of this Act, the Hungarian National Assembly is the first European Government to deprive the Jews of their rights of citizenship by law. The recognition of the Jews as a nationality and the favourable attitude to Zionism shown in the speech of the Minister for Education, is stated by the Hungarian Jewish Press to be merely a masquerade, as the Zionist party in Hungary has never been legalised, its members having been unable to wrench from any government the consent to carry on its organisation and to register its articles as a legitimate concern. Needless to say, the passing of the new Act has greatly embittered the Hungarian Jews. Their recognition as a nationality is not looked upon as a favour, coming from a government which in the same breath, as it were, deprives them of the greater part of their citizen rights.

Following upon the above information the news concerning the Jews in Hungary continues to be of a character pointing to the precarious position of our brethren. The Premier and the Minister of the Interior received a deputation of the Black Hundreds, known as the "Awakening Hungarians." The Minister of the Interior promised the deputation to expel the Galician Jews and all undesirable aliens from the country. At Szolnok, forty nine persons were abducted and tortured to death. Dr. Klein, who examined the corpses, recorded the real facts as regards their torture by the military authorities. The officers demanded that Dr. Klein should alter his statement, and testify that they died from natural causes. Owing to his refusal to comply with this request, he was himself abducted and murdered. After the allied representatives had unsuccessfully intervened on his behalf, the officers subsequently issued a statement announcing that Dr. Klein had committed suicide. The ex-Hungarian Premier, Mr. Wekerle, is of opinion that the economic crisis is responsible for the acute state of the Jewish problem. He too, however, is strongly opposed to the acceptance into Hungarian circles of converted Jews who changed their religion for career purposes.

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DURBAN DOINGS

MUSIC SUCCESSES.

A SAD LOSS.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

Special to the "S.A. JEWISH CHRONICLE."

The following pupils of Oakford Priory School were successful in the recent examinations of Trinity College, London. Phyllis Lewis, Doris Jacobs, Lily Cohen, Sylvia Hart, Freda Fein, Hettie Lyons and Stella Simmonds. The successful pupils of Maris Stella include I. Lewis, K. Lewis, L. Linder, E. Lurie, L. Jacobson, B. Jacobson, Edna Scott, A. Saug, and L. Lipschitz. Other successful candidates were B. Angel, I. L. Fine, A. P. Goldman, S. Prechner, B. E. Sandler, F. S. L. Watski, W. M. Goldman, E. Linder, L. Rubin and E. Smolensky.

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The Ladies' section of the South African Navy League Natal Branch, held their fourth annual meeting on November 9 at which there was a large attendance of ladies. Mrs. L. Joel was elected to the committee in the place of Mrs. Champion resigned.

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A great shock was caused to the Jewish community of Durban on November 11 by the announcement of the passing away of Mrs. Josh. Isaacs. Very few were aware that the deceased lady was ill and those who knew did not look upon her ailment as serious. Mrs. Isaacs was out and about as usual as late as November 6. She was one of the best known of our Jewish communal workers and for years retained a seat on the committee of Durban Jewish Ladies Guild. Mrs. Isaacs invariably attended the majority of Jewish functions held in Durban and charmed everyone with her fascinating disposition. The funeral, which took place the day following her demise was attended by a very large concourse, the chief mourners being her husband, son, and two brothers. Her passing will create a void in the Jewish community of Durban.

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At Mr. G. Caney's students concert held in the Masonic Hall on November 12, Mr. S. Lazarus and Miss R. Franks made successful appearances and were deservedly applauded.

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In accordance with a resolution passed at the adjourned annual meeting of the Durban Hebrew Con-

gregation a special general meeting of the congregation was convened for November 14. About 25 members assembled and the notice conveying the meeting was read. The chairman, Mr. F. C. Hollander in opening alluded to the Tram Strike and thought as the members were being inconvenienced, that the meeting would like to adjourn to a future occasion. It was promptly moved and seconded that the meeting proceed with the agenda. The chairman put this to the vote, seven members voting for the proposition and eight against. Thus the meeting stood adjourned, the date of the future meeting being left in the hands of the chairman.

The Ukrainian Press Bureau in London learns that on receiving information of the outrages committed by some elements of the Ukrainian Army against the population in East Galicia, the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian People's Republic at once ordered an enquiry into this matter by the commanders of the Army, and the taking of all steps to prevent excesses and to punish most severely the authors of these outrages. The Lemberg paper *Vpered* state that the excesses were committed against the whole population of East Galicia indiscriminately. Forty of the ring-leaders have been shot by the authorities. A delegation from the population of Stanislaw waited on General Petlura at his headquarters to inform him of these outrages. The necessary steps that should be taken for the security of the population were discussed.

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