

The Carnegie Report on "Poor Whiteism"

Offensive Jewish References Repudiated

The Hon. Patrick Duncan and Senator the
Hon. F. S. Malan.

OUR readers will recollect that in the issue of the *Zionist Record* of February 24th, 1933, there was published an article on the above subject by Mr. I. M. Goodman, in which attention was called to a number of offensive Jewish references.

In our issue of April 28th, we further published a letter from the Rev. J. R. Albertyn of Kimberley, who was the author of the sociological section of the Carnegie Report. He was one of the writers who was accused of having gone out of his way to convey gratuitous insults to the Jews without any justification. In his communication, the Rev. Albertyn repudiated the charge of racial and religious prejudices in anything that he had written.

On the other hand, the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies announces that it has received from Adv. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., a letter from the Honourable Patrick Duncan and Senator the Hon. F. S. Malan, repudiating the offensive references contained in the report.

From the Hon. Patrick Duncan to Mr. Adv.
M. Alexander, K.C., M.P.

"Dear Alexander,

With reference to the representations which you brought to my notice with regard to certain references to Jews in the report of one of the investigators into the poor white problem, I beg to say that my connection with the work of the committee of inquiry into the poor white problem has been confined to making available to the committee the necessary funds from the appropriation authorised by the Carnegie Corporation in New York, for which Corporation I act as treasurer in South Africa. The work of the investigators was carried on under

the general supervision of the local committee, but the intention of the Corporation and the committee was that each investigator should carry out his investigations with the fullest freedom.

I much regret, and I am confident that the Corporation would also deeply regret, that any expression in the report of any investigator should be capable of being interpreted as conveying an unworthy reflection on the Jewish citizens of South Africa. Presumably, the investigator in question had in mind some individual cases, but in so far as the language used is capable of conveying a reflection on the Jewish community as a whole, I am certain that both the Corporation and the local committee would repudiate any such reflection.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Patrick Duncan.

Endorsement by Senator Malan.

"I have seen the above statement with which I fully concur."

(signed) F. S. Malan.

Chairman of the Board of Control.

From Mr. R. W. WILCOCKS (Stellenbosch).

To the Editor of the *Zionist Record*.

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to an article, which appeared in the *Zionist Record* of February 24, 1933, on the Report on the Poor White Question by the Carnegie Commission. I was absent from South Africa at the time the article was published.

In the article exception is taken to certain references to Jews which occurred in the reports of two of the investigators.

I should like to make clear that neither the Carnegie Corporation, nor its Trustees in South Africa, nor the Board of Control for the Investigation, is to be held responsible for statements made in their sections by individual investigators.

It was certainly not the intention of the writers that the references, to which objection is made, should be understood as applying to Jews in general, and it is much regretted if any such impression has been caused. The references can be viewed in their proper perspective and their spirit be correctly understood if they are compared with the outspoken and often much more general criticism frequently made by the investigators of their own racial compatriots.

It would be appreciated if this letter could be published in the *Zionist Record*.

Yours, etc.,

R. W. Wilcocks,

Secretary to the Poor White Research.

Women's Zionist League.

Branch Activities.

Parkview-Westcliff.—The general meeting of this branch was held at the residence of Mrs. B. M. Cartoon on the 17th ult., and there was a record attendance, visitors from the Central Committee and other branches being present as well as members of the branch.

Mrs. Cartoon presided and gave a brief resumé of the year's work. Mrs. L. Greenberg delivered an address on the work of the W.I.Z.O., which aroused great interest and stimulated considerable discussion.

The new office-bearers and committee were then elected, Mrs. B. M. Cartoon being re-elected to the chair and Mrs. I. B. Rudaizky hon. secretary.

La Rochelle.—On Thursday, June 8th, at 3 p.m., this branch is holding a social at the residence of the chairwoman, Mrs. Gingold, 67 Mabel Street, Rosettenville. Mrs. L. Greenberg will address the meeting and tea and musical items will be provided. All members and friends are invited.

Will of the Late Mr. Maier Lurie.

In the will of the late Mr. Maier Lurie, of Krugersdorp, a sum of £100 has been donated to local Jewish charities, to be determined by his executors, who have decided to hand this amount over to the Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society of Krugersdorp.

The Executors of the Estate have stipulated that a separate fund is to be opened in the names of Maier Hillel Lurie and Sarah Esther Lurie, to be called "The Lurie Fund," the purpose of this Fund to be to issue loans without interest to Jews and Jewesses, who in the opinion of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, are persons worthy and in need of assistance.

A further condition of the will states that an amount of not more than £20 be granted to any one applicant for a loan (except in special circumstances a loan of £25 may be granted) which shall be repaid in monthly instalments of sums to be determined by the Committee. Applicants must be required to furnish two sureties of good standing, such sureties to be approved of by the finance committee of the United Hebrew Institutions of Krugersdorp.

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