

Letters to the Editor

Party Representation on S.A. Zionist Executive

From Mr. I. J. Hersch (Johannesburg).
(To the Editor of the "Zionist Record.")

Sir,—Please allow me to draw your attention to the following:—

The last Zionist World Congress excluded representatives of the Revisionist and Mizrahi parties from the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organisation, yet, it seems paradoxical, representatives of both above-mentioned parties still serve on the Executive of the S.A. Zionist Federation. They were elected at the last S.A. Zionist Conference by the delegates who hoped to see a general coalition of all parties in Zionism inaugurated at the World Congress.

As Coalition has not materialised—on the contrary the above parties having been excluded, both from the World Executive and Actions Committee—it is only logical that the above members of the S.A. Executive, in honour bound, should resign and avoid an impossible and almost ridiculous position.

Yours, etc.,

I. J. Hersch.

[We cannot agree with our correspondent. We applaud the fact that South African Zionists, in Conference assembled, favoured a coalition of all parties in Zionism and elected to the S.A. Zionist Federation's Executive men and women representing every shade of thought. The fact that, for whatever reason, some of the parties are not represented in the World Zionist Executive, far from being a reason why members of the Federation's Executive holding similar views should withdraw, should be an added incentive to them to remain and pull their weight in the work of South African Zionism, so demonstrating that we in this country will have nothing to do with the fissiparous tendencies which in other parts of the world cause so much bitterness amongst Zionists and such danger to the very foundations of our sacred Movement.—Ed.]

The Friendship of Holland

From Mr. D. MELMED (Middelburg).

To the Editor of the "Zionist Record."

Sir,—The notice "The Friendship of Holland" in your issue of November 3, struck me very forcibly. I think it would be most appropriate and fitting to forward a letter of appreciation to the Dutch Consul-General in this country with a request that it be forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen of Holland, expressing the heartfelt gratitude of South African Jewry for the outstanding assistance and sympathy that Holland has shown to our co-religionists.

Further, may I appeal to the Jews in South Africa to show their appreciation by giving Dutch products preference even if it costs more, for let us not forget "one good turn deserves another."

I sincerely trust that further steps will be taken to show our heartfelt gratitude to that country which has always proved itself a good and true friend to us.

Yours, etc.,

David Melled.

Jewish Pioneers of Rhodesia

From the Rev. M. I. COHEN (Bulawayo).

To the Editor of the "Zionist Record."

Sir,—In your issue of October 27th your contributor "Hamabit" states that Jonas Bergtheil was in Rhodesia in the early days and that he signed a concession made by Lobengula to Baines. I should be obliged if he would kindly give his authority for this statement.

Can any of your readers give any information with regard to the association of Daniel Kisch with Lobengula and with the Tati concessions? I should be much obliged for information re Jewish members of the occupation column of 1890, and of the various combatant forces in 1893 and 1896.

Yours, etc.,

M. I. Cohen.

"MACCABEE," JOHANNESBURG.

Under the auspices of the above organisation a grand picnic will be held on Sunday next at the Witpoortjie Falls. An enjoyable and interesting day is assured. All meet at the H.O.D. Hall at 8.15 a.m. sharp. Tickets obtainable at the H.O.D., or from any member of the committee.

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United Zionist Socialist Party

On Sunday, the 5th inst., a meeting of the United Zionist Socialist Party took place at the H.O.D. Hall. Mr. J. Batnitzky introduced the debate on "Bourgeois and Socialist Zionism." He outlined the main differences of the outlook and in the realisation of Zionism between the bourgeoisie and labour groups in Zionism.

The Chairman, Mr. Ch. Sacks, appealed to all present to take an active part in the Dunam Drive.

The party is arranging a Grand Chanuka Ball, which will take place on Wednesday, the 13th December, in the H.O.D. Hall. An interesting programme is being prepared.

JEWISH GUILD (JOHANNESBURG).

The Dramatic Section social will be held on Sunday, the 19th inst., at 8.30 p.m., when a varied and interesting programme will be presented. There will be sketches, contributed by Miss Beryl Ritch and Mr. Marcel Ginsberg; a one-act play, produced by Miss Carol Levitas, supported by the following cast: Messrs. Louis Ashberg, Cyril D. Hofman and Edward L. Berger; and a trailer from the next musical art show "Vanities," produced by Mr. Sam Reso. The evening will be concluded with informal dancing to the strains of the Jewish Guild Orchestra.

"WATERLOO BRIDGE" AT THE COLOSSEUM.

A stark drama that throbs with realism such as is rarely seen upon the screen is "Waterloo Bridge," now showing at the Colosseum. The film also contains some splendid scenes of life in the metropolis of London, and the characters are all true to type.

"Waterloo Bridge" is truly a magnificent production. The splendid Colosseum Symphony Orchestra is presenting an Eastern Phantasy, and the programme consists of a number of interesting news features.

CUTHBERT'S FOR GIRLS' SCHOOL SHOES