

Third S.A. Reconstruction Campaign

ORT-OZE-EMIGDIREKT

DR. LEON BRAMSON.

Dr. Leon Bramson, Chairman of the United Committee, Ort-Oze-Emigdirekt, returned to Johannesburg on Friday, the 24th inst., from Durban, after organising a successful Campaign there on behalf of the Cause of Jewish Reconstruction in Eastern Europe.

DURBAN.

A Mass Meeting was held at the Durban Jewish Club on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at which Dr. Leon Bramson gave an illustrated address dealing with the life of Eastern European Jewry, and the significance and scope of the Reconstruction Movement there, sponsored by Ort-Oze-Emigdirekt. Dr. Bramson concluded with an appeal to aid that movement which aims at the social and economic regeneration of the Jewish people. His appeal was ably and eloquently supported by Rabbi E. M. Levy and Dr. B. Moshal.

Mr. Mark Stiller, Chairman of the Durban Campaign Committee presided at the meeting. The Mass Meeting greatly impressed the audience. The Durban Committee then undertook the canvass of the local Jewish Community, with very satisfactory results. The response to the Reconstruction Campaign evoked by the Durban Jewry, made it abundantly clear that there is a live interest among S.A. Jews in the fate of their fellows in Eastern Europe, and in what is taking place to combat the great distress prevailing there.

BENONI.

General interest is displayed in the Mass Meeting, which is to take place at the Benoni Hebrew Hall on Sunday, 26th inst., at 8.15 p.m. The local Jewish Community is eager to listen to Dr. Leon Bramson's message dealing with the life and hopes of the Eastern European masses. The well-known Advocate, Maurice Franks, will also address the gathering. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor M. Nestadt, will preside. A large attendance is anticipated.

JOHANNESBURG.

The Johannesburg Canvass is being further energetically pursued by the Central Committee, and is meeting with good response among the local Jewish Community, who are increasingly realising the great significance of the Reconstruction Movement.

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Saxonwold Ladies Hold Literary Evening

Dr. Deborah Katzen's Interesting Address

AN interesting function took place on Wednesday evening at the charming home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Senior in St. Andrew's Road, Parktown. The occasion was a literary evening organised by the Saxonwold Branch of the Women's Zionist League.

The chief event of the evening was an illuminating address delivered by Dr. Deborah Katzen, who gave some further impressions in connection with her recent visit to Palestine.

An attractive feature of the function was the rendering of a number of new Palestinian Hebrew folk and *chabutzim* songs by Mrs. H. L. Karnovsky, who is so well-known as a gifted soprano. She was accompanied by Mrs. Fanny Levenstein, who had brought the songs from Eretz Israel. These proved most popular and the two ladies were called upon to render a further number of them.

Mrs. I. Marks presided and cordially greeted Dr. Katzen, who, she said, was proving herself to be an earnest orator on behalf of Zionism.

In the course of her address, Dr. Katzen said that true internationalism can only be secured by the co-operation of all nations, working for the common good of all. Towards such *international* co-operation, the Jewish people must be included. Zionism alone can make the Jews a nation.

"It may be," said Dr. Katzen, "that Zionism is not altogether a solution of the Jewish problem. It is obvious, however, that in the sea of trouble in which we find ourselves to-day, Zionism and Jewish nationalism offer the only real hope to the Jewish people."

Referring to her recent visit to Palestine, Dr. Katzen said that the best propa-

gandist for Palestine was Palestine itself. A few weeks spent in the magical air of Eretz Israel makes one a convinced Zionist.

For a people to be created, there must be a basis of native language and native land. They had that in Palestine for Hebrew was the everyday language and a Jewish peasantry was being created.

The lecturer claimed that Jews in the *diaspora* can have no resistance to adverse winds. It was only the Jewish life in Palestine, which could withstand all outside influences. It was in Eretz Israel that our people were sending their roots into the soil and building up a life which could be well-termed a miracle of achievement.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mrs. B. Patley, who said that Palestine was coming nearer to South Africa each year. This was due to the fact that so many South Africans were going to Eretz Israel either for a visit or to stay there.

Mrs. Meyer proposed a vote of thanks to the artists and also expressed appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Senior for their kindly hospitality.

Mayoral Sunday in Benoni

On Sunday next, the 26th inst., the annual Mayoral service will take place in Benoni. Mr. M. Nestadt (the Mayor) and councillors will attend service at the beautiful new synagogue in Benoni at 3 p.m. It is anticipated that a large gathering will assemble on this occasion. The service will be conducted by the Rev. S. Backon.

Recent Gramophone Records.

H.M.V.

The mighty Philadelphia Orchestra under Leopold Stowkouski play the Prelude to the Meistersingers, Act 3, with their accustomed smoothness. D.A. 1291. But a better record of better music from the same players is on. On one side is the renowned "Little Fugue in G Minor" transcribed for orchestra with much success and played exhilaratingly. On the other side is a fine Bach Chorale Prelude. The Philadelphians have a lovely melody, which affords them an opportunity for some delicious string playing. You must nap this record.

H.M.V. have done for Tetrizzini what, some time ago, they did for Caruso. If anything, they have succeeded best with the prima donna. Her voice is, in truth recreated for posterity's admiration—and it is possible, from this record, to sympathise a little with such as Ernest Newman, Hermann Klein and McSorabje for their unceasing bewailing of the decline of coloratura singing. Compare Tetrizzini, for example, with Galli-Curci or Florence Austral, both of whom toured this country recently and what must the verdict be? D.B. 1979.

Another very fine record, of another order, is D.B. 1858, on which Louritz Melchior sings "Nothing, Nothing" from Siegfried, and Walther's Prize Song from The Meistersingers. Both grand songs, inspiringly sung to a richly satisfying organ accompaniment.

Finally I must recommend a ten-inch record, D.A. 1316. It is, without doubt, from the recording standpoint, the best piano record H.M.V. have yet issued. Levitzki is quite at home with Chopin's Polonaise in A, flat major and manages to make the popular piece sing with a fresh poesy.

A.A.H.