Dr. J. L. Landau's Departure

MESSAGE TO SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONISTS

Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau and Mrs. Landau are due to sail to-day from Capetown on the "Joachimsthal" for an extended visit to Europe and Palestine. Prior to his departure, Dr. Landau sent the following message to the Editor of the "Zionist Record":

Sir,—On the eve of my departure for Eretz Yisrael I feel I must, with your kind permission, address a few earnest words of counsel and advice to this country, to appeal to them strongly and emphatically to rally round our esteemed chairman, Mr. N. Kirschner, and his colleagues, to give them all the moral and financial assistance they have a right to claim during the next campaign on behalf of the Keren Hayesod. The revered president of the World Zionist Organisation, Nahum Sokolow, is again honouring the South African Jewish community with a visit, not sparing himself at his advanced age and sacrificing most valuable time, in order to lend us the support of his matchless eloquence and respect-commanding personality.

We must not fail him. Otherwise we shall be failing in our duty to our revered president, the Eternal Home, and towards all those Chaluzim, who have made immense sacrifices for those achievements of which we are all justly proud. We may not forget or neglect our supreme ideal. Indeed, we cannot forget Jerusalem at a time when the iron finger of the Nazis is knocking at our doors.

"Im Lo Achshav Imati!" All eyes of the Galuth are turned towards South African Jewry, eyes dimmed with tears, but also glowing with imperishable hope.

Yours, etc.,
J. L. Landau.

Anti-Jewish Propaganda

Mr. R. I. C, Scott-Hayward, J.P., has sent to the Editor of the "Zionist Record" a copy of a letter which he wrote recently to the "Cape Times." In the course of this letter, Mr. Scott-Hayward says:

I regret to find that in spite of warnings from the Minister of Justice, the Churches have not been able to prevent anti-Jewish propaganda increasing to an alarming degree. In my opinion, nothing is more calculated to retard the country's progress than a time when we are entitled to expect something better. Any sensible person must realise that a hateful spirit of discrimination based on race or religion can lead a people nowhere but to disaster, and the Churches should be strong enough to voice their condemnation as in Europe may at least explain, if not justify, the "isms" and shirt fashions of peoples driven to despair and blinded by race hatred. There is no reason for this lunatic movement other than a cheap notoriety for its leaders, an attempt to copy Europe, and a desire to ride to political power on a wave of Jew-hating.

Government, Churches and Press, it must be admitted, represent the views of all sections, including Jewish, and for that reason I believe the time has come for a number of responsible non-Jewish citizens to come together and denounce anti-Semitism of any kind and call upon the Government to introduce such legislation as will prevent a continuance of it. With such an object in view I would be willing to cooperate with those who would care to assist me in this work.

The propaganda must be checked and stopped, otherwise a counter-organisation must develop and thrive with results that should be obvious to every thinking person.

A duty devolves upon us to guide the youth of the country to acquire the correct point of view, which surely should be the object of all mature thinking. I have faith in our youth and refuse to believe that after many years of school and university association the young people can be dragged by a self-appointed leader into a programme calculated hating each other because of an accident of birth.

The challenge of the anti-Semites is the challenge to democracy and such must be met. I have no particular reason for taking up the cudgels on behalf of my Jewish fellow-citizens other than the duty of every decent-minded South African to take up the cudgels on behalf of the majority of the community. Since I feel that duty, I proceed to it.

(Congliited in previous column.)

CUTHBERT'S FOR BOYS AND GIRLS SCHOOL SHOES