

To Lead the Johannesburg Campaign

Mr. H. H. Morris Heads Local K.H. Work

SOUTH African Zionism is to be congratulated on securing the active services of Adv. Harry Morris, who has accepted the Chairmanship of the Johannesburg Keren Hayesod Committee.

Mr. Morris is one of the most eminent Jews this country has produced.



Adv. H. H. MORRIS, K.C.
[Portrait by Jane Plotz.]

An advocate of long standing, he took silk in 1927. He has been for many years recognised as the most eminent pleader at the South African Bar in criminal causes, and many of the cases in which he has led the defence have attained a world-wide celebrity. He is withal one of the most popular figures at the Transvaal Bar, enjoying the personal affection no less than the respect and esteem of his colleagues and of the community at large.

Mr. Morris has a close connection with communal service. His father, the late Mr. Hyman Morris, was one of the earliest leaders of South African Zionism, being elected Joint Vice-President of the South African Zionist Federation at the Second Zionist Conference in Johannesburg in 1906 and being Acting President during the next two years, whilst at the Third Conference in 1909 he was elected President of the Federation and held that office until his death in December, 1910.

Mr. Morris himself proved his effectiveness in communal work as Chairman of the successful Maccabean Fete held some years ago on behalf of the South African Jewish Orphanage. He has now thrown himself whole-heartedly into the work he has undertaken for the Keren Hayesod, and his tireless energy and genial chairmanship are proving an inspiration to his colleagues, and will undoubtedly be a prime factor in ensuring an unprecedented success for the Keren Hayesod Campaign in Johannesburg which is being officially opened on May 14th next.

Open Up the Jewish Schools!

From Capt. I. Levinson (Johannesburg).

To the Editor of the "Zionist Record."

Sir,—Kindly allow me to correct your report of my lecture "The Story of a Converted Jew," which I delivered to the Jewish Guild on Sunday, the 8th inst.

With reference to your caption "Close down the Talmud Torahs!" This conveys an impression quite contrary to both the letter and the spirit of my address. For what I actually said was, "If I had the power, I would after having provided an adequate substitute, close down every Talmud Torah in South Africa."

Is it not quite clear my plea was not for the closing of Talmud Torahs, but for the opening of Jewish schools in their place?

While I *did* say that Jewish teachers are underpaid by the United Talmud Torahs, I did not say, nor imply, that the teachers are not giving of their best, in consequence. Quite the contrary. I impugned the Board, not its teachers.

Obviously and logically, the more Jewish schools the fewer Talmud Torahs will be needed.

So that should not your caption rather have been "Open up Jewish Schools!"?

Yours, etc.,
(Principal, Hillel College).
Israel Levinson,

New Enterprises in Eretz Israel

A £100,000 Publishing Company

A REMARKABLE crop of new foreign and local companies, co-operative societies and partnerships has been registered according to the Palestine Gazette of March 15.

"The Palestine Pictures, Ltd." and "Kolona Armon, Ltd." are two companies registered for the purpose of producing films and talkies and managing a cinema respectively. The Jerusalem Cigarette Factory, Ltd., with a capital of £3,000, the Palestine Credit Utility Bank, Ltd., £25,000, the Palestine Alcohol and Carbonic Acid Co. (PACA) with £15,000, the Dr. Jur. W. Victor, Ltd to give information on trade, commerce and finance, the Penguin Co., Ltd., for inks and office accessories are among the new enterprises.

The Palestine Publishing Co., Ltd., with £100,000 capital and designed to establish in Palestine a publication and printing centre and to publish works of Jewish and non-Jewish authors and artists in Hebrew and other languages (mainly in view of German persecution), has been registered, as have the Palestine Smelting Works, Ltd., the Cottonia Textile Co., Ltd. Two shipping service companies are among some of the new enterprises.

The Emica Association, of England, has been registered here, with Dr. M. H. Hexter, of the Jewish Agency, and Mr. S. Horowitz, lawyer, as directors, "to assist and promote the immigration or settlement of poor and needy Jews in Palestine."

New co-operatives include a bakery, a suburb near Haifa, and five agricultural settlements. New partnerships include a number of German Jewish business men, opening garages, car-parks, automobile repair workshops, a real estate and mortgage agency, a shoe factory, an automobile sales concern, a booksellers and publishers, a furniture manufactory, a sausage and meat establishment, and a polish and looking-glass factory.

A Sensation in Port Elizabeth

AN ALLEGATION BY THE GREY SHIRTS.

THE *Cape Times* publishes in its issue of April 14th, the following from its Port Elizabeth correspondent:—

A SENSATIONAL story by J. von Moltke, the Greyshirt leader, at a recent meeting here, that he is in possession of the text of an anti-Christian lecture delivered recently by the local Jewish rabbi and taken from the local synagogue, which von Moltke declared would be read at meetings throughout the Eastern Province, had an echo in the Supreme Court, Grahamstown, to-day, when Mr. Justice Pittman, sitting in chambers, granted to the Rev. A. Levy, Rabbi of the Western Road Synagogue, Port Elizabeth, an interim interdict in regard to the document.

According to the Rabbi the document was never in the synagogue and was a forgery.

Von Moltke, the owner, the publisher, the printer and the editor of *Die Rapport*, a newspaper printed and published at Aberdeen, Cape Province, were ordered to refrain from printing or publishing the document. The rule was made returnable on April 26.

It is understood that there will be further developments.

The document was read by von Moltke at a public meeting organised by the Greyshirt organisation in the Feather Market Hall on Wednesday night last week. Von Moltke challenged the Rabbi to prosecute him for criminal libel. He stated that the lecture, of which the document was the manuscript, had been delivered.

THE SINGING OF JOHN McCORMACK.

Scenes of the greatest enthusiasm prevailed at the first and second concerts in Johannesburg of Count John McCormack, the celebrated Irish tenor. There is a tone and quality in his voice which charms and attracts. There is, of course, a finished technique in all that McCormack does, but this does not diminish the wonderfully human appeal to the heart.

Such exquisite artistry on the part of a singer has certainly never been heard on the South African concert platform. John McCormack is to give another special concert at the Plaza Theatre on Sunday evening. The large auditorium of this magnificent theatre should be filled with an enthusiastic audience of song lovers.