

Libel Action Against Grey Shirt Leaders

HEARING BEGINS AT GRAHAMSTOWN ON
10th INST.

THE libel action instituted by Rev. A. Levy, of Port Elizabeth, against the leaders of the Grey Shirts, has been set down for hearing at the Supreme Court, Grahamstown, for July 10th.

The hearing is expected to last six days.

(We have arranged to be represented at Grahamstown by a special correspondent, and we hope to publish a report of the early proceedings in our next issue.—Ed.)

The Grey-Shirt organisation is a Nazi anti-semitic organisation. A few weeks ago, the Supreme Court granted to the Rev. A. Levy, Rabbi of the Western Road Synagogue in Port Elizabeth, an interim interdict in regard to a document in the possession of the Grey-Shirt leader, Von Moltke, which he had alleged at an anti-semitic meeting was the text of an anti-Christian lecture delivered in the Synagogue by Rev. Levy.

Rev. Levy denied having delivered the lecture, repudiated the document, which he stated had never been in the Synagogue, and said that it was a forgery. Von Moltke, who had declared that the document would be read at meetings throughout the Eastern Province, and the owner, the publisher, the printer and the editor of "Die Rapport," a newspaper which is issued in Aberdeen, Cape, were ordered to refrain from printing or publishing the document.

CONSIDERABLE activity on the part of the Grey Shirts is in evidence in various parts of the country. The latest recruit is "General" Manie Maritz, who made a dramatic, if somewhat theatrical, re-entry into public life at the Koffiehuis in Capetown on Friday evening last.

Dressed once more in a military uniform—the field grey of the Grey Shirts—and wearing a Sam Browne belt and a swastika, General Maritz marched down the aisle to the platform at the Koffiehuis with his right arm extended in the Nazi salute. He "gracefully" acknowledged the thunderous "heils" of the crowd of about 900 that filled the hall.

He then delivered a violent anti-Jewish speech. Other Grey Shirt "leaders" addressed the audience. Much criticism was lodged against the action of the Minister of Justice in recently stopping by proclamation a Grey Shirt meeting at Paarl.

Palestine Trade with Germany and Great Britain

London, June 14th.

IN reply to Colonel Wedgwood, who asked in the House of Commons to-day what was the total value of exports from Palestine to Germany and from Germany to Palestine in the last completed year, and what were the corresponding figures for British-Palestine trade, the Colonial Secretary, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, said that the Customs returns from Palestine for 1933 give the following figures:—

Exports from Palestine to Germany, £373,749; Imports into Palestine from Germany, £1,193,303. Exports from Palestine to the United Kingdom, £1,559,496; Imports into Palestine from the United Kingdom, £1,949,936.

KATHERINE HEPBURN AT THE COLOSSEUM.

"A Bill of Divorcement"—the film version of Clemence Dane's famous stage success—is the attraction at the Colosseum Theatre this week. Katherine Hepburn takes a leading role and her performance does surpass anything she has previously attempted. The supporting programme is excellent and the Colosseum orchestra continues to please.

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Mr. Leo Tager

MR. LEO TAGER, who has just embarked upon a tour of the western portions of the Cape and Namaqualand, in connection with the present Keren Hayesod Campaign, was born in Resekne, Latvia.

He was educated at the Universities of Petrograd and Moscow, where he had a brilliant academic career. He was associated for a number of years with the Russian Academic Zionist Association "Hechover." He was actively connected with the Chalutz movement in Russia since its inception by Captain Joseph Trumpeldor. In 1921 he settled in Riga, where he served first as honorary secretary and



subsequently as the chairman, of the Latvian Executive of the Zeire Zion. He was also appointed to the Executive of the Keren Kayemeth, the Keren Hayesod, the Palestine Office, and the Jewish Kehillah. In association with Dr. Hellman (a member of the Actions Committee and at that time member of the Latvian Parliament). Mr. Tager was responsible for the establishment of the daily Jewish newspaper, "Unzer Weg," later "Der Weg," which he edited in co-operation with Dr. Hellman and Professor Lazerson.

In 1925 Mr. Tager went to Palestine as a tourist to attend the opening of the Hebrew University. While there, however, he settled at Rishon-le-Zion, becoming actively connected with Histadruth activities in the south of Judea. He served as the head of "Chavurath Hadaron," and later became Deputy-Mayor of Rishon-le-Zion. He has attended a number of Congresses and was appointed Deputy Member of the Jewish Agency when that body was formed in 1929.

Since his arrival in South Africa, Mr. Tager has played a prominent part in local Zionist activities, and recently brought to a very successful conclusion the Dunam Drive in the Western Cape. He is a leading member of the Zeire Zion-Poale Zion, and an able Yiddish speaker. He is responsible for the flotation of a company, at present in process of registration, for the acquisition of land in Palestine by people desirous of establishing small farms there.

HECHALUTZ ORGANISATION

On Sunday, the 1st inst., a "Living Newspaper" was held at the Hechalutz Hall. There was a most satisfactory attendance, and the audience greatly enjoyed the reading of the various humorous articles. Thanks are due to all who contributed to the newspaper.

During the course of the evening Mr. M. Bloch, of the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive, addressed the gathering on the forthcoming Keren Hayesod Campaign to be held amongst the Youth. A large sum for the Keren Hayesod was collected.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., a discussion evening will be held at the Hechalutz Hall at 8.15 p.m. Mr. Silberman will introduce the subject "The Situation of Jewry in Germany." To celebrate the first anniversary of the existence of the Hechalutz Farm in S.A. the organisation is holding a dance on the 25th August, at the H.O.D. Hall.

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