

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

The Zionist Conversazione.

An animated discussion took place at the Zionist conversazione on Tuesday night following a lecture by Mr. H. V. Meyerowitz on "Jewish Cultural Life in Germany before and after the Hitler racket."

Mr. Meyerowitz at the outset gave a brief survey of the history of German Jewry. Anti-Semitism, he said, had first properly come to light during the time of Bismarck when, as a result of the cruel treatment meted out to the Jews in Russia, crowds of the latter had fled to Germany. This anti-Semitic movement lasted until the middle of the last war and then disappeared.

After the war Jewish development—cultural and otherwise—in Germany reached its zenith. The Jews had even before this time already begun to interest themselves in all cultural manifestations; now they started producing some of the finest works in all spheres of life—artistic, literary, scientific, etc. As one who had spent many years in Germany, said the speaker, and who had received his school and professional training in Germany, he could see at that time certain dangers in the prominence which Jews assumed in German life. To-day the thought of the things that were happening in Germany were heartbreaking for those who, like him, had lived in that country for so long and who had regarded it with such reverence. It was incredible that a people could degrade itself to the extent that it was doing in Germany.

The cultural life of the Jews in Germany to-day was finished. It was useless to hope or despair; we had once and for all to decide that no decent-minded Jew could stay in the filth that surrounded him now. We had to be very careful not to indict the German nation for what was happening—it was not the German nation as he knew it after the war that was responsible, but a few racketeers who had acquired the leadership.

Those who participated in the discussion were Dr. I. M. Hurwitz, Mr. D. Getz, Teichman, A. Z. Berman, M. Ben Arie, J. Herbstein, B. L. Rubik and several others.

Mr. Herbstein acted as host and during the evening a pianoforte solo was given by Miss Miriam Gerber. The Jewish news was read as usual.

Presentation to Mrs. Gradner.

The Committee of the Cape Town Jewish Ladies' Society (Hospital Kosher Kitchen), were "At Home" on Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. C. Sher, the Hon. Treasurer, when a silver casket, suitably inscribed, was presented to the Chairlady, Mrs. L. Gradner, Mayoress of Cape Town, in recognition of her devotion and her good work for the Society since its inception. Among those present was Miss Vera Gradner, daughter of the Mayoress.

The Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. B. Berold, who made the presentation on behalf of the Committee, expressed the great pleasure they had all derived from working under the leadership of Mrs. Gradner. She was sure, she said, that notwithstanding her present position as Mayoress, Mrs. Gradner would not relax her work for the poor sick.

Mrs. Gradner, in reply, expressed her gratitude to the members of her Committee, and remarked that that day would always be remembered by her not because of the presentation, but because of their good thoughts. Without them she would not have been able to carry on her work. She assured them that although her present position did not allow her as much time for the Institution as formerly, yet with the assistance of such a wonderful Committee of workers she would be able to carry on her work as before.

The Secretary, Rev. N. M. Rabinowitz, also paid a tribute to Mrs. Gradner for her tireless labours given without any desire for reward. She had helped to save the lives of many who would remember her with gratitude and devotion.

Mr. Abrahams Addresses the Bnoth Zion.

Mr. A. M. Abrahams delivered an address on Tuesday afternoon at an "at home" given by the Bnoth Zion Association to its members. Adv. M. Oblowitz presided and introduced the speaker.

Mr. Abrahams devoted the larger part of his address to a report on the Zionist Congress recently held at Prague, at which he had been a delegate, and the Wizo Congress which had preceded it. The latter, he said, had been highly successful and the women at it had shown themselves to be fine statesmen. They did not waste any time on polemics—they did practical work in a business-like fashion. The report submitted to the Congress gave an indication of the enormous amount of splendid work the Wizo was doing. Mr. Abrahams gave a brief summary of the report, speaking of the Wizo agricultural training schools, the infant and social welfare work, activities among the youth, etc.

As far as the Zionist Congress was concerned, he had found this somewhat disappointing, particularly because of the inability which the various parties displayed to effect unity at this critical juncture in Jewish times. Mr. Abrahams spoke of the various personalities at Congress and gave a personal note to his descriptions of various incidents, thus adding considerably to the interest of his address.

During the course of his remarks, Mr. Abrahams appealed to the ladies to come forward earnestly in the work of the Dunam Drive which was commencing on November 15th. In times of national crisis, he emphasised, it was always the women who

came to the fore and acted. In our present time of crisis the Jewish women were expected to do the same. In no better way could they act than by assisting the Dunam Drive for the buying of land in Palestine.

Miss Oblowitz voiced the appreciation of all of Mr. Abraham's address at its conclusion, and her remarks were endorsed by Mrs. S. Gordon. During the course of the afternoon the news-sheet was read by Mrs. J. Weinreich, and a number of vocal selections were given by Signor Coscia whose contribution to the programme was obviously appreciated.

Association of Hebrew Teachers.

On Sunday afternoon last Mr. M. Natas lectured to the Hebrew Teachers' Association at the Talmud Torah, Cape Town, on "Games and their Educational Value." Mr. A. Levin was in the chair.

Mr. Natas stressed the fact that the term's work and play were largely dependent on one's attitude towards them, that play could be unattractive and a burden, whereas the most difficult work could be a long delightful game to those who loved it. Great engineers and explorers had considered the most arduous tasks as sport into which they entered with zest and which they carried on with pleasure.

The lecturer then showed how by turning lesson into games the natural instincts of the child could best be developed and his innate love of action exploited to the best advantage.

In conclusion, Mr. Natas suggested that a scheme be drawn up indicating the method of teaching any subject through the medium of games.

An interesting discussion followed in which Messrs. A. Lewin, M. Tickin and A. Levitte participated.

Replying, Mr. Natas deprecated the overdone "Thou shalt not" system of discipline and maintained that even if it were more difficult and cost the teacher more trouble to direct the child into the right channels than away from the wrong ones, the result—the child's delight and pride in his studies—was well worth the cost.

Jewish Girls' Association.

The Cape Town Jewish Girls' Association are to be congratulated on the success which attended their dance held in the Zionist Hall last Sunday night. The function was in aid of the "Chronicle" Seaside Fund and the amount of £6 11s. nett was realised. When it is remembered that the admission fee to the dance was only 1s. per head and that there were various expenses to be met with out of the funds collected, it will be agreed that the results are more than admirable.

The extremely fine work which the Association is doing and the public-spiritedness which marks its undertakings are in every way to be admired.

Oneg Shabbos.

Mr. T. Snitcher will talk on "Myths and Legends" at the Oneg Shabbos in the Zionist Hall to-morrow afternoon at 5 p.m.

South Peninsula Zionist Association

A celebration to commemorate the sixteenth anniversary of the Balfour Declaration took place on Thursday evening last at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, under the auspices of the South Peninsula Zionist Association.

This was the first function of the newly-elected committee of the above society, and there was a very large gathering present.

Mr. Davidowitz, the Chairman, presided, and was ably supported by Dr. Gordon, the Vice-Chairman.

The first speaker of the evening was Rabbi I. M. Gervis who delivered an eloquent address in Yiddish, tracing the historical events leading up to the Balfour Declaration.

The guest of the evening was Mr. H. M. Bloch, who gave a most interesting address. Mr. Bloch said that the condition of Jewry all over the world had materially changed since the issue of the Balfour Declaration sixteen years ago and that our attitude towards Zionism and Palestine had, therefore, to undergo a radical change. Instead of regarding Zionism merely as a matter of contributing towards Zionist funds and settling Eastern European Jewry in Palestine, we had to look to it as a solution of the personal problems of each individual Jew, no matter in which country he found himself. A free and full Jewish life could only be lived in Palestine to-day.

During the course of the evening musical items were rendered by Miss M. Kadish who sang, Mr. P. H. Lewis who gave a pianoforte solo and little Miss Canin who recited.

A very attractive dance display was given by the "Medley Girls," the pupils of Mrs. M. Katzen (Miss Judith Goodman). This dance display forms an item of entertainment which Mrs. Katzen is staging early in January, and which should prove a big attraction.

After a vote of thanks to the speakers and artists was proposed by Dr. B. Krikler, dancing followed till a late hour.

Splendid Work by Jewish Brownies.

The heartiest congratulations are extended to the 3rd Cape Town (Jewish) Brownie Pack on their having won, for the second year in succession, the Cape Town District Competition. Miss Joan Lewin, the "Tawney Owl" is to be especially congratulated on the fine work done by her pack, who will now compete for the Division Competition, the trophy for which is a totem.

Successful Scout Concert.

A highly successful concert was given on Tuesday night in the Zionist Hall by the 11th Cape Town (Jewish) Group Boy Scouts. A very large audience attended and enjoyed the various items to the utmost.

The programme was an entertaining and varied one. Among those who contributed to it were the Peninsula Sextette under the direction of Mr. Jan Luyt, Jnr., Mr. G. Gallotti who sang, Marjorie Burger who gave a number of clever impersonations, Phyllis Dickman who sang, Mr. Eddie

Gawronsky who gave a number of ukelele selections and Mr. S. Eberlin who gave a violin solo. There were a number of dance items on the programme, whilst the "movements of magic" by Aronie of Danby's Magic Saloon were very popular.

Wedding at Muizenberg.

The wedding took place at Muizenberg on Tuesday morning last of Gena, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Phillips, of Balmoral Hotel, Muizenberg, to Philip, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Kaplan, of Oudtshoorn.

Miss Doris Kaplan was the bridesmaid. Mr. H. Kaplan, the brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, while Messrs. M. Dembitzer, M. Friedman, M. Comay and M. Honikman were pole-holders. The unterfuhres were Mr. and Mrs. Shirkin.

Rabbi I. M. Gervis, Revs. Frank and Katzin officiated.

After the ceremony, a luncheon was given at the Balmoral Hotel. Mr. I. J. Honikman presided. Mr. A. Liberman, M.P.C., proposed the toast of the couple, to which the bridegroom responded. Rabbi Gervis proposed the toast of the parents of the bride and bridegroom, to which Mr. Phillips responded.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan left the same afternoon on a motor tour through the Garden Route.

"Maccabee" Organisation.

A dance will be held on Saturday, the 11th November, 1933, at Miss Tangle's studio, Regal Cycle Building, Long Street. The date has been altered from 12th to 11th November.

A cricket and tennis dance will be held on Sunday, the 19th November, at the Zionist Hall (Minor), Hope Street.

Picnics.—Meet at the Zionist Hall, Hope Street, at 8.30 a.m. every Sunday.

In Brief.

Mr. Maurice Samuel will deliver an address to the Union of Jewish Women in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 14th inst., at 3.15 p.m.

Miss Rebecca Gitlin leaves on Friday, 17th inst., by the "Arundel Castle," on a trip to Europe and Palestine.

Mr. L. Braudo, President of the S.A. Zionist Federation, paid a brief visit to Cape Town during the last week-end. He left on Monday morning on his return to Johannesburg.

Mr. J. Frank left on Monday by the Union Limited for Johannesburg.

The last meeting of the Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle, a report of which was given in our last issue, was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Press, Woodstock.

Obituary.

ROSE SELEKOVITZ.

The deepest condolences are extended to Mr. S. Selekovitz on the death of his wife, Rose Selekovitz, which took place in England on Friday last.

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