

The Keren Hayesod Campaign

EXCELLENT PROGRESS EVERYWHERE

THE Keren Hayesod continues to make excellent progress throughout South Africa. Work is proceeding apace in following up the successful inauguration in those centres where the campaign has already been launched, and centres about to be visited are busy with preparations for the coming effort.

Last week Professor Brodetsky, who is so magnificently leading this great effort for the Keren Hayesod, unfortunately contracted influenza and had to rest for a few days. He was thus unable to go to Worcester and Oudtshoorn as previously arranged, and Mr. Baruch Zuckerman, who was visiting various other centres in the interests of the campaign, made a rush journey to Worcester to take Professor Brodetsky's place and launched the campaign there, with highly successful results. A report from this centre appears elsewhere in this issue.

From Worcester, Mr. Zuckerman then made a swift journey to Oudtshoorn, where he inaugurated the campaign on Monday last. Both at Oudtshoorn and Worcester, Mr. Zuckerman was accompanied by Adv. J. Herbststein, Adv. M. Comay and Adv. M. Oblovitz.

Professor Brodetsky recovered from his indisposition sufficiently to make the journey to Port Elizabeth on Tuesday, where he launched the campaign in accordance with previously drawn-up arrangements.

Thereafter, according to present advices, Professor Brodetsky went to Kingwilliamstown last night, thence going on to East London, where the campaign will be launched to-morrow.

Professor Brodetsky will journey from East London to Queenstown the next day (Sunday), when he will launch the campaign in that town.

On Monday the long drive from Queenstown to Bloemfontein will be undertaken, in which city the campaign will be launched in accordance with previous arrangements.

On Wednesday, the 8th inst., Professor Brodetsky will go to Kimberley, and the next day proceed via Bloemfontein to Kroonstad, and thence to Johannesburg, which he will reach on Friday next, July 10th.

During his Port Elizabeth and subsequent visits up to his return to Johannesburg, Professor Brodetsky is having the valued co-operation of Mrs. Kate Gluckmann, of the Zionist Federation's Executive.

In Johannesburg.

PROFESSOR BRODETSKY will spend a very busy week-end in Johannesburg, where a programme of many fixtures awaits him. On Saturday evening he will meet the Executive of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and on Sunday evening, the 12th inst., he will address a Mass Meeting at the Plaza Theatre. Mr. N. Kirschner, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, will be in the chair, and Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., will also address the gathering.

During the course of Sunday, Professor Brodetsky will fulfil a heavy programme of engagements.

ZIONIST SOCIALIST PARTY ENTERTAINS BARUCH ZUCKERMAN

A RECEPTION in honour of Mr. Baruch Zuckerman under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party took place on the 17th ult., at the Selborne Hall, Johannesburg. The hall was filled to capacity. Mr. J. Silverman was in the chair and formally welcomed the guest. Mr. N. Kirschner, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, greeted Mr. Zuckerman as a worker whose aim was to create opportunities for the Jewish masses to work on their own soil. He emphasised the necessity of doubling their energies in the face of the attacks of the Arabs against the Jews in Palestine.

Mr. A. M. Abrahams, Hon. President of the S.A. Zionist Federation, greeted Mr. Zuckerman as a friend and co-worker in the great cause of Zionism. Mr. Abrahams spoke in warm terms of the activities and achievements of Mr. Zuckerman among the labour masses during the last thirty years.

Mr. Baruch Zuckerman, who was received with great acclamation, dealt strikingly with the Palestinian position. The most important question at present, he said, was the source of the Arab disturbances, which stretched back to September last. The Jewish position in Palestine had become complicated through the general political situation of the world, and in September Palestine had its economic crisis. How did this crisis arise? In Palestine, Mr. Zuckerman said, there is an Italian bank named "Banca di Roma." This bank was established in Palestine not with the object of gaining any profits, as is the case with all the other banks, but for the purpose of giving cheap credit. When the war with Abyssinia broke out, the bank received an order from Rome to stop all credits. Many of the smaller Jewish banks who dealt with the cheap credits of the "Banca di Roma" became paralysed, creating thereby a financial crisis, and building activities came temporarily to a standstill. This reflected on the entire economic system of Palestine, so that the results were also not only economic, but political. The number of certificates for immigration were halved. This fact, Mr. Zuckerman thought, had taught us the lesson that we must erect our own credit apparatus with our own capital, which should not depend on the political forces but on our own contributions. If the Keren Hayesod would have had bigger resources, they would have been able to finance sound industrial and other enterprises. The trouble lay in our own short-sighted-

ness. We had to guard against chance and speculation, and this we could only do through the national funds of Zionism. The most important factor in the upbuilding of Palestine, he declared, was national capital, and he called upon the audience to do their full duty in this connection.

During the interval a canvass was made which resulted in a large number of contributions, a large proportion of which came from new sources.

The result by far surpassed the total achieved during the last Campaign.

Professor A. Shuter, famous Continental violinist who has just arrived in Johannesburg, rendered several violin solos. He was accompanied by Miss Taylor. Cantor Berele Chagy rendered several Jewish and Hebrew songs, which were deeply appreciated by the audience. The reception terminated with the singing of Techezaknah and Hatikvah.

Port Elizabeth

A HAPPY little function took place at Port Elizabeth when the aeroplane in which Professor Brodetsky and Mrs. Sieff were travelling from Durban to Capetown in the first half of last month, stopped there for a short time. An enthusiastic gathering of representative members of the community assembled at the aerodrome, where a luncheon was arranged by the Executive of the Port Elizabeth Women's Zionist League. Professor Brodetsky briefly addressed the gathering and his remarks were followed with keen interest. The luncheon was presided over by Mr. J. Kahn, chairman of the Zionist Society, and Mrs. J. Mirkin, chairman of the Women's Zionist League.

Oudtshoorn Activities

The monthly committee meeting of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mrs. Nociak, on the 16th ult. Miss A. Sieff presided.

After the business of the society had been discussed, the monthly news bulletin was read by Mrs. Brandt. Mrs. Woolfson read news items on 'The Women in Tel-Aviv during the April Riots,' and Miss Sieff read an article on 'The Jewish Woman.' The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair and the hostess of the evening.

On the 31st May members of the Beaufort West Zionist Society visited Oudtshoorn to participate in a debate with the Oudtshoorn Jewish Guild. Mr. V. H. Ashman, chairman of the Guild, extended a warm welcome to the visitors. Miss A. Koonin, of the Strand, entertained the audience with a humorous sketch. The debate "That intensive Zionist propaganda is independent of the welfare of Jewry in South Africa" led to warm discussion. The visitors were taken over the Congo Caves and later, members of the local Jewish community had the opportunity of meeting the visitors at an afternoon tea given by Miss S. Kussel. A social and dance was held in their honour at the Central Hotel in the evening.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, members of the Jewish community recently spent a pleasant evening at the residence of Mrs. A. Gillis, when an opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mrs. Noach who left the town after rendering valuable services to the society. A suitable presentation was made.

A card evening was arranged by Mesdames Kahn, Locketz and Skolna in aid of the funds of the Oudtshoorn United Hebrew Institutions. This was a great success, realising the sum of £17 10s.