

Gering Addresses Johannesburg Zionists

Our Duty to the Yishuv

MEMORANDOUS admiration for Jewish achievements in Palestine expressed by Mr Bernard Gering, who has just returned from a visit to that country, in a public address on Sunday night at the Coronation Hall under the auspices of the Johannesburg Zionist Society.

Expansion of the country and establishment of new settlements, Mr. Gering, were systematically carried out in the Yishuv to these settlements were set up with great difficulty and at the cost of great sacrifices, often of human life. He quoted the instances of the settlement where two young men had been killed by Arabs on the day of their establishment, of Tirath Zvi, which had been colonised by a group of young Mizrahi men and women, of whom had been wounded during an attack by Arabs, also on the day it was established, and of other settlements. These young people were engaged with their work in the all dangers and difficulties, and the number of immigrants received from those who had decided to "go up" to colonise other settlements was more than was expected. These young men and women did what it implied to build a country for themselves, what physical and mental freedom meant, and they considered worth while all the risks and sacrifices entailed in the realisation of these ends.

They were certainly not short of human material in Palestine to-day, Mr. Gering. What we were short of was the financial means with which to carry on our work. By extending our efforts we would not only be bringing nearer the realisation of our dreams, but would be helping to make the present Yishuv more secure.

"Anybody who refuses to make the position of these pioneers safe," Mr. Gering, "is criminally negligent, and those who tell you not to support the national funds are guilty of murder as the Arabs would attack them."

Misleading Statements. Mr. Gering had been convinced whilst in Palestine that without the national funds we might as well close shop. He said that Palestine could not exist on private capital. Such a statement could only be misleading and result in the retardation of progress in Palestine. Private capital is very important, but the way had been paved for it in Palestine, as in

other countries, by national capital which acted as a pioneer.

Palestine to-day was important not only from the ideological point of view but from the humanitarian as well. It had absorbed hundreds upon thousands of Jewish refugees from countries of persecution. Yet the N.Z.O. was prepared to stand aside from helping these people because it was obsessed with theoretical questions about the shekel, etc.

"Let us look at the bigger things," said Mr. Gering. "The smaller ones will look after themselves. Let us build Palestine in a united spirit, and we may get somewhere. But this fighting, this attempt to split the organisation, this petty destructive criticism will not get us anywhere at all."

The Political Situation.

AS far as the political situation was concerned, the position was still uncertain. Since Congress the only basis on which the Zionist Executive had negotiated with the British Government had been that of the implementation of the Mandate. They had been successful in having the "political maximum level" of immigration abolished, and the principle of absorptive capacity re-established.

But even political considerations boiled down to a question of constructive achievements. If we had sufficient funds, we could initiate new enterprises; these would absorb the unemployed and the country would then be able to absorb new immigrants.

Mr. Gering concluded by saying that the solution of the Jewish problem lay in the hands of the Jewish people themselves.

"Let us go on building," he said, "and I am confident as far as the future is concerned."

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Gering replied to a number of questions that were put to him from the audience.

Mr. H. X. Rajak, President of the Johannesburg Zionist Society, was in the chair, and conveyed to Mr. Gering the thanks of the large audience for a most informative and inspiring address.

A SOCIAL.

The Southern Suburbs Ladies' Zionist League will hold a social at the residence of Mrs. L. Gingold, 67 Mabel Street, Rosettenville, on Wednesday, the 15th June, at 3 p.m. All interested are cordially welcome.

Maritzburg

The local Zionist Society held a meeting on the 22nd May. Mr. Percy Suttner spoke on the development of the Jewish home. Mr. Gus Suttner spoke extensively on Jewish problems of the day.

Attendance was good and the speakers well received. Mr. Percy Suttner proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, which was seconded by Mr. Suttner. The Rev. M. Diamond was in the chair.

Windhoek

A successful musical afternoon was held recently under the auspices of the local Ladies' Zionist League, at the residence of Mrs. I. Binnes, at which there was an attendance of thirty-six ladies.

The meeting was opened by the Chairlady, Mrs. Rosenberg. Musical items were contributed by Mrs. Rosenberg and Messrs. Runge and Reich, and a paper on women's work in Palestine was read.

Mr. Englesberg in the Northern Transvaal

A warm reception was accorded Mr. N. Englesberg by the small communities of the Northern Transvaal during his tour of that territory. His first visit was to Bronkhorstspuit where he addressed a meeting on the 9th May under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Schlosberg. During his stay in Bronkhorstspuit Mr. Englesberg was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Schlosberg.

Thence Mr. Englesberg proceeded to Breyten where he spoke to an enthusiastic gathering. Mr. J. Schmilg presided.

Proceeding on his tour Mr. Englesberg stopped for a while at Lydenburg, where he met Mr. C. Levy, and also at Karino, where he visited Mr. H. Socher.

On Sunday, 13th inst., he addressed a successful meeting of the Graskop, Sabie and Pilgrims Rest Zionist Society at the synagogue in Pilgrims Rest under the chairmanship of Mr. N. Metz.

On Monday evening, 16th May, Mr. Englesberg visited Potgietersrust and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hersch.

Mr. Englesberg's next meeting was at Louis Trichard where he addressed an enthusiastic gathering under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Zway. During the course of his stay he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. David.

The little community of Tzaneen also accorded Mr. Englesberg a cordial welcome when he addressed a meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rakusin.

Almost the entire community of Messina and district gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Musicker to hear Mr. Englesberg speak, on the 19th of May. Mr. Malk presided, and Mr. Arenstein proposed a vote of thanks.

During the course of his trip through the Northern Transvaal Mr. Englesberg stopped for a short while in Pietersburg where he met a few of the leading Zionist workers.

United Zionist Socialist Party

A Membership Drive.

ADVANTAGE is being taken of the sojourn in this country of Mr. G. Hanoch, official Labour Zionist delegate, to have a Membership Drive for the South African Zionist Socialist Party. This drive is to be inaugurated at a general meeting of sympathisers and all members of the Party, which will take place at the Coronation Hall on Sunday, the 29th May, at 8.15 p.m. Messrs. G. Hanoch (in Yiddish) and Phillip Gluckmann (English) will initiate a debate on the subject: "Zionist Socialism Today." All friends and sympathisers are welcome.

On Wednesday night, the 1st June, a similar meeting will be held at the residence of Miss T. Goldsmith, 8 Charlton Terrace, Doornfontein. Messrs. G. Hanoch and J. Batnitzky will address the gathering. All members of the Party and sympathisers are requested to attend.

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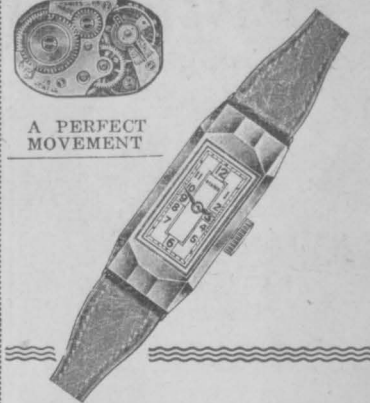
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