

Preparing for the Zionist Elections

An Atmosphere of Intense Activity.

CONSIDERABLE activity is taking place in connection with the forthcoming election of delegates from this country to the Zionist Congress which will be held in Geneva in August. The following day in South Africa will be on Sunday, July 9, and the various Zionist parties are holding meetings in all centres, in connection with the elections.

In view of the vital importance of this year's Congress, intense interest has been aroused among the adherents of the various parties. Meetings have been well attended and there has been much discussion on party aims and programmes in

relation to the future upbuilding of the National Homeland.

A healthy rivalry has manifested itself among the four parties, and there can be no doubt, that, as the result of the meetings which have been organised and the "Statements" which have been issued, the average Zionist in this country is coming to realise the nature of the differences of opinion existing among Zionists who are all, however, influenced by the fundamental Zionist ideal.

It is evident from all this intense activity that there will be a large electorate at the polls on Sunday 9th July.

Krugersdorp Women's Zionist League

Fortnightly meetings of the Sewing Circle have taken place regularly.

On May 29, the Sewing Circle met at the residence of Mrs. H. Meyerowitz, 48 Otto Street. A very large gathering of ladies was present on the occasion, and a talk on the Segenheimer Playgrounds, given by Mrs. R. Schwarz, of Palestine, was received with interested attention.

Another meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. M. Kaplan, Burger Street, on June 12, and was attended by an exceptionally large gathering. Papers were read on various Jewish subjects, and news items compiled by Mrs. J. Holzman.

The following functions also took place recently: On May 30, a bioscope performance, arranged by Mesdames D. Adler and H. Tannenbaum at the former's residence, was attended by 85 people, the proceeds being in aid of the Jewish National Fund.

A card afternoon was held on June 4 at the residence of Mrs. B. Kassel, Burger Street, by Mesdames D. Adler and B. Kassel, at which the sum of £25 was realised for the National Fund.

On June 14 a card afternoon was held by Mrs. M. Frees at her residence, Burger Street, which was very well attended, and over £16 was realised.

Volkstrust (Tvl.)

The South African Jewish Orphanage has received from Miss B. Brozin, the Hon. Secretary of the local branch of that Institution, the sum of £4 6s. 6d., being £2 10s. subscriptions collection by Miss H. Serelesale of second-hand clothes by Mrs. Fine, 10s., collection at "at home" by Mrs. Swartzman, £1 6s. 6d.

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The White Paper Analysed

Mr. S. M. Kuper's Lecture at Jewish Guild

"WHILE the White Paper is considered by Jews all over the world, and by a considerable section of the non-Jewish world, as a repudiation and betrayal of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate, it is important to know the facts on which the White Paper is based, in order to understand exactly why it constitutes such a repudiation," said Mr. S. M. Kuper, a member of the S.A. Zionist Federation, in the course of an address on the White Paper to a well-attended meeting of the cultural section of the Jewish Guild on Tuesday night. Mr. I. Isaacs presided over the gathering and the audience listened with the utmost attention to Mr. Kuper's comprehensive survey of the history of Zionist politics from the publication of the Balfour Declaration to the present day.

Examining the terms of the Balfour Declaration, Mr. Kuper showed that the document, despite the various interpretations to which it had been subjected during the past twenty years, had contemplated the eventual establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, and many prominent English statesmen, including Lloyd George, supported this contention. In three main aspects, therefore, the present White Paper repudiated the terms of the Balfour Declaration, namely, by restricting Jewish immigration and land-sales and envisaging the eventual establishment of an independent state in Palestine, in which the Jews could only be a minority. Such an independent

state, with an Arab majority, could only be, in effect, an Arab state.

Nevertheless, said Mr. Kuper, the reaction of the non-Jewish world to the White Paper showed that there was considerable recognition of the Jewish right to Palestine. In the meantime, the Jews in the Diaspora, had a two-fold duty, to educate public opinion in the right direction in regard to the White Paper, and to stand four-square behind the Yishuv. The Yishuv itself was prepared to react to the White Paper by passive resistance, by a policy of non-cooperation with the Administration.

"No purpose can be served by a revolt in Palestine against the British Government. The Jews in Palestine are congregated in certain centres and it would be suicidal to tackle a revolution on any large military scale against Britain."

A policy of non-cooperation, however, would soon demonstrate to the British Government that it was upon Jewish achievements in Palestine that the economic strength of the whole country, and the welfare of all the inhabitants, including the Arabs, depended, and such a policy, therefore, would probably do much to secure the withdrawal of the White Paper.

At the end of his address, Mr. Kuper ably replied to questions put by those present.

Miss H. Nottes conveyed the thanks of the audience to the speaker for his informative talk.

Hebrew Melodies on the Wireless

Cantor Chagy to Sing.

Lovers of Hebrew and Yiddish classical and folk songs will be glad to hear that Cantor B. Chagy has accepted an invitation to broadcast on the following three evenings: July 10th, August 7th and August 24th. He will sing selections of music by Jewish poets and composers. There will be quite a number of well-known items and also some of the newer compositions by modern writers and composers.

Bothaville (O.F.S.)

Mr. H. J. Heller, the Hon. Secretary of the Bothaville Hebrew Congregation, has forwarded to the South African Jewish Orphanage the sum of £13 9s. 7d. made up as follows: Orphanage boxes clearance by A. Sachs £1 17s. 1d., H. Cohen £7 12s. 6d. Collection at Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Shorkind of Viljoenskroon, £4.

Ladismith (C.P.)

The Shekel Headquarters has received from Miss R. Lipschitz the amount of £2, covering the disposal of 16 shekolim in Ladismith and district. In several cases the amount of 2s. 6d. each was contributed by non-Jewish sympathisers, and these amounts have been placed to the credit of the Jewish National Fund.

Middelburg (Cape)

Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. Melmed.—On Sunday, the 28th May, the Middelburg (Cape) Hebrew Congregation held a farewell evening for Mr. and Mrs. J. Melmed and family, prior to their departure from Middelburg. The function was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Seligman, and the chairman, Mr. B. Capcan, welcomed the guests who had come from as far afield as Naauwpoort and Rosmead.

Speeches expressing the appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. J. Melmed during their seventeen years' stay in Middelburg, were delivered by Rev. A. Myburg, M. I. Segall, Mrs. I. Shakinovsky and Mrs. I. Segall. It was recalled that Mr. Melmed had been mainly responsible for the erection of the Middelburg Synagogue and that for the past fifteen years he had been hon. secretary of the Hebrew Congregation.

Towards the close of the evening presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Melmed and Mr. Melmed, on behalf of his family and himself, suitably responded.

The evening was brought to a close after a vote of thanks had been proposed to the host and hostess.

Middelburg (Tvl.)

The South African Jewish Orphanage has received from Mrs. N. Brozin, the Hon. Secretary of the local branch of that Institution, the sum of £2 2s. 6d., being subscription collections from local members by Mrs. M. Birman.

Bethlehem

There was a large attendance at the first sewing meeting of the Women's Zionist Group, held on Tuesday evening, 6th June, at the residence of Mrs. F. Sacks. During the evening Mrs. Dorfan read an interesting paper. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Dorfan was proposed by Mrs. Rom.

Jewish National Fund.—Several successful card evenings were held lately, the proceeds of which are to go to the J.N.F.

The Union of Jewish Women (local branch) held a Jumble Sale on the 2nd June, and the amount realised was devoted to the National Fund.