

Balfour Park Pavilion Opened by Colonel Kisch

Co-operation and Goodwill Through Sport

DESPITE the bitterly cold weather which Johannesburg experienced last week-end, a large gathering assembled at Balfour Park on Sunday afternoon for the official opening of the Pavilion by Lt.-Col. F. H. Kisch, C.B.E., D.S.O. Among those present were many prominent personalities in the local sporting world.

MR. NORMAN LOURIE, Chairman of Balfour Park, who presented Col. Kisch with a key to the Pavilion, as a memento of the occasion, said that Balfour Park was not merely a sports-ground. Its object was to provide an opportunity for contacts between all sections of the community, and to promote, through sporting activities, the spirit of goodwill, co-operation and understanding in South African life.

All those who subscribed to certain fundamental rules of sportsmanship, would, irrespective of creed or race, find a common meeting-ground at Balfour Park.

Mr. Lourie also expressed thanks to those who had assisted in the promotion of the Balfour Park scheme, and the building of the Pavilion, referring especially to the architect, Mr. Finkelstein, of Hanson, Tomkin and Finkelstein, to Mr. H. B. Michalow, who had carried the administrative burden of the club since its inception, and to Mr. Len Apfel, the organising-secretary.

Col. Kisch.

COL. KISCH, in declaring the Pavilion open, spoke with approval of the aims and objects of Balfour Park. It had a dual purpose, that of supplying sporting amenities for the associated bodies of Jewish youth on the one hand, and on the

other, of bringing together on the field of sport all sections of the Johannesburg community. He hoped that in these sad days, when human dignity was being trampled underfoot, that Balfour Park would play its part in maintaining and preserving that respect for human dignity which could only flow from self-respect.

Team-work, discipline and respect for others could best be learnt on the playing-field. As President of the Olympic Committee in Palestine, he had learnt to appreciate the role that sport could play in welding together different elements in any community. There were two vice-presidents on that committee, one an Englishman and the other an Arab notable, and the committee had as its ideal the co-ordination of all elements of the population in friendly rivalry, which was the best basis for mutual understanding and sympathy.

Having expressed thanks to Mr. Lourie for the presentation of the key, which, he said, he would always treasure as a souvenir of the ceremony, Col. Kisch congratulated the sponsors of the Balfour Park scheme, and declared the Pavilion open.

An attractive programme of sporting events had been arranged in conjunction with the opening of the Pavilion, and the majority of the visitors remained on to watch these.

Annual Prize-Giving and Concert at Claremont

A pleasant evening was spent on Sunday night, 25th June, at the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont, when the annual prize-giving and concert took place. There was a large gathering.

The chairman, Mr. S. Scher, welcomed Dr. Resnekov, chairman of the Cape Board of Jewish Education, and Dr. Birnbaum, Inspector of Jewish Schools for the Cape Province, and also expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large attendance.

Dr. Resnekov and Dr. Birnbaum both addressed the audience, explaining the great importance of Hebrew education. They expressed pleasure in the improvement of the Talmud Torah during the last year, and congratulated the committee on the opening of the Kindergarten.

The pupils then sang a selection of Hebrew festival songs, and recited poems, after which the prizes were presented by Mrs. M. Freedman. Chocolates were distributed to the children.

Mr. H. Gorfinkel, chairman of Claremont Hebrew Congregation, and Mr. H. P. Beck, hon. treasurer, both warmly praised the Talmud Torah Committee.

The chairman thanked the speakers for their addresses, and the teacher, Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson, for his wholehearted co-operation with the committee.

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Meeting at Zastron

At a meeting held in Zastron recently a resolution of protest against the White Paper was unanimously adopted. The meeting was presided over by Mr. L. Gordon, Chairman of the Zionist Society, and addresses were delivered by both Mr. Gordon and Mr. L. Eisenstein, Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation.

During the course of the meeting Mr. L. Gordon made an appeal to the gathering to assist in the revival of the Zionist society. Mrs. S. Nell, the Hon. Secretary of the Port Elizabeth Women's Zionist League, who was on a visit to Zastron, also urged the audience to maintain its Zionist society. It was decided to proceed with the re-establishment of the society and the following office-bearers were elected: Chairman, Dr. A. May; Secretary, Miss M. Eisenstein; Treasurer, Mrs. I. Muller. Committee: Miss B. Meltz, Rev. Dribin and Messrs. L. Gordon, M. Abramssohn and I. Muller.

BIENNIAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

A NOTICE in the Government Gazette announces that the provisional lists of voters are being posted at the offices of the various Registering Officers, and at other places throughout the Union.

Any person whose name does not appear on the lists may send to the Registering Officer or the Registration Assistant of the Electoral Division or Sub-Division in question a claim for registration.

In Electoral districts in the Transvaal listed in the Gazette, the provisional lists of voters will be posted on July 19, and claims for registration should reach the authorities on or before August 16. In other cases claims must be submitted on or before August 9. Blank forms of claim may be obtained upon application to any Registering Officer, or Registration Assistant.

Visit by Chief Rabbi and Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik to Witbank

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. J.L. Landau, accompanied by Mrs. Landau, and Rabbi Zlotnik, the Director of the South African Board of Jewish Education, visited Witbank on Sunday, 2nd July, in order to conduct the mid-year inspection of the Witbank Hebrew School. The distinguished visitors were welcomed by Mr. S. Szwarc, the principal of the school, and a large number of the community.

The visitors were entertained to lunch at the residence of the Rev. and Mrs. L. Zive, and addressed a well-attended meeting of the community in the afternoon.

Mr. B. Hope presided over the gathering. In the course of his eloquent address, Dr. Landau exhorted his audience not to despair, or forget the Jewish contribution to civilisation. Mrs. Landau appealed to the mothers to take greater interest in the Hebrew education of their children, and Rabbi Zlotnik stressed the significance of the home influence on the child, and paid tribute to the work of Mr. Szwarc.

Mr. Szwarc replied suitably, and the Rev. Zive expressed thanks to the guests.

JOINT EMERGENCY APPEAL

Mr. Salmon Visits Kenhardt

DURING the last week, Mr. Salmon concluded his tour of the North-Western Cape with a visit to Kenhardt, where a successful campaign was held. Before returning to Johannesburg for a brief rest, Mr. Salmon visited Upington and formed a committee there.

Mr. Ovedoff Visits Eastern Province

Mr. A. Ovedoff left Johannesburg this week on an extensive tour of the Eastern Province. He is scheduled to visit some fifty places, where he will address meetings on behalf of the refugees and Ort-Oze.

Dr. Aisurowitz to Visit the Cape

Dr. B. Aisurowitz, the overseas delegate of the Joint Emergency Appeal, who has been conducting an intensive campaign in the Free State and Transvaal, has left for a brief rest on the South Coast.

Towards the end of the month Dr. Aisurowitz will start a tour of the Western Province, where he will visit numerous centres, later proceeding by air to Windhoek.

ZIONIST YOUTH ACTIVITIES

S.A. Zionist Youth Council

Hebrew Education.—The Youth Council met Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik, Director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, last week-end, and discussed the Hebrew educational system of this country. Plans were outlined for improvement in the nature of Zionist instruction in Talmud Torahs and the best manner in which Zionist Youth societies and leaders can be of general assistance.

J.N.F. Campaign.—The Youth J.N.F. Campaign continues to eclipse all previous records and the total pledged by the Youth at Bloemfontein recently has already been surpassed. During the past two weeks creditable efforts were made by the Bulawayo, Salisbury, Durban and newly-formed Windhoek Zionist Youth Societies.

Menorah.—The July issue of the "S.A. Menorah" which appears today, is devoted principally to Kofar Hayishuv and articles have been selected portraying the significance and progress of Jewish defence in Eretz Israel. There is a striking account of the hardships encountered by "illegal" immigrants on their way to Eretz Israel. In addition the magazine contains a tribute to the late Abraham Katz and the usual monthly features, as well as the second of the series of Menorah Crossword Puzzles.



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