

Dynamite Outrage in Germiston

SYNAGOGUE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

CONSIDERABLE excitement was aroused throughout the Rand on Monday last by the news that the Germiston Synagogue had suffered damage as a result of a bomb outrage in the early part of that evening.

It appears, that as the result of the explosives used, one of the large metal doors at the southern end of the building was splintered and blown inwards. Window panes were shattered and the wall of the vestibule opposite the door, 18 feet away, was pitted with pieces of wood, stone and glass blown from the doorway. The blast of the explosion also damaged the base of one of the concrete pillars at the porch of the doorway.

The explosion occurred at 7.20 p.m. Soon after that the local police arrived, and it was found that a charge had been placed near the bottom corner of the door. Marks on the floor indicated that a piece of fuse, about 18 inches in length, had been used. Another piece of fuse, of the same length, was found a few feet away.

The explosion was heard more than a mile away. Only half an hour previously a service had been held at the Synagogue. Interestingly enough, in a sermon delivered by him on Friday night last, the Minister, the Rev. Dr. A. Lichtigfeld, spoke of the bombing of churches overseas and expressed the conviction that "houses of worship may be destroyed, but the

spirit manifested in them will live on."

On the following morning a Government Inspector of Explosives examined the Synagogue.

A representative of the "Zionist Record," in a talk with Mr. L. Saffer, Chairman of the Germiston Hebrew Congregation, learnt that the actual damage done to the Synagogue was slight—not more than £50 worth in all.

"We are not greatly concerned about the matter," said Mr. Saffer, "although, of course, we are arranging to have a guard at the Synagogue and the lights will in future be kept burning all night. It is certainly not our intention to diminish our activities in any way. Services will be held daily as hithertofore."

FURTHER excitement was caused in Germiston by another small bomb outrage, which occurred on the following night when a grocery store owned by two Greek brothers was dynamited. The method employed at the Germiston Synagogue on the previous evening was again used.

The "Zionist Record" representative has also learnt from Police Headquarters in Germiston that thorough investigations are being made into these outrages. It will be recalled that some fifteen months ago a man, in whose possession was found a home-made bomb, was arrested in Germiston and was later sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment. He appealed against the conviction, but the sentence was upheld in a higher court.

MR. GEORGE HEARD TO LECTURE

East Rand Zionist Youth Mass Meeting

An interesting evening is being arranged by the East Rand Zionist Youth in the near future, for Mr. George Heard will be the guest speaker at a mass meeting to be held under their auspices at the Boksburg North Talmud Torah, on Sunday night, 4th May, at 8.15 p.m. He will take as his subject "New Social Orders Without Tears."

Mr. Heard, who is on the staff of the "Sunday Times," is well known both as a lecturer and a journalist, and this meeting, to which all interested are cordially invited, should draw a very large audience.

Histadruth Ivrit

A function on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of Rabbi Jehuda Halevi was held by the above organisation on Sunday, the 13th April, at the Coronation Hall. There was a large attendance, over which Mr. Blumenthal presided.

Rabbi A. M. Gervis analysed the "Kusri" and Halevi's philosophical approach to Judaism and Mr. W. Rybko spoke on the life and poetry of Halevi. Mrs. S. Bloch recited some of Halevi's poems.

A CONVERSAZIONE.

A Hebrew conversazione, held on Tuesday, 8th instant, at the Carlton Hotel, was well attended. Mr. M. Burgin presided and Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik spoke on "A Jewish National Library in South Africa."

RABBI WEILER TO ADDRESS JOHANNESBURG ZIONISTS

Meeting on 4th May

A public meeting, under the auspices of the Combined Zionist Societies of Johannesburg, will be held on Sunday, 4th May, at 8.15 p.m., at Coronation Hall. Rabbi M. C. Weiler, who recently returned from an extended visit to Palestine, will deliver a lecture on the present position in that country. The meeting is bound to be of outstanding interest and the public are cordially invited to attend.

"Public Deb. No. 1" at 20th Century

First-rate entertainment is provided in Elsa Maxwell's "Public Deb. No. 1," the picture now showing at the Twentieth Century. Produced by Darryl F. Zanuck and headed by Brenda Joyce and George Murphy, the cast includes Elsa Maxwell, Mischa Auer, Charlie Ruggles, Ralph Bellamy, Maxie Rosenbloom and many others.

Established as one of the screen's most versatile light comedians and dancers, George Murphy has a role which permits him to display both talents. Brenda Joyce, who made her debut in Louis Bromfield's "The Rains Came," and was seen in "Maryland," gives her finest performance to date as "Public Deb. No. 1." Elsa Maxwell is much in evidence in the film, in which, incidentally, she throws her most unusual part to date, and Mischa Auer is excruciatingly funny as the Russian butler who causes all the trouble. The story is by Tunberg and Don Ettlinger, Gene Markey is Associate Producer and Nicholas Castle and Geneva Sawyer staged the dances.

FINAL PERFORMANCE OF YOUNG MIZRACHI ANNUAL CONCERT

The final performance of their Annual Concert is being presented by the Young Mizrachi on Sunday, 27th April, at the Coronation Hall. When this concert was first produced on 23rd March, it proved a tremendous success.

The two main Yiddish items — Maurice Schwartz's "A Chazan a Shikkur," performed by H. S. Liebgott, and Sholem Aleichem's "Dos Tepel," recited by Esther Biderman, took the house by storm at the first performance. Messrs. Cohen and Levinsky (Chaverim Polon and Biderman) describe their experiences at a wedding in a brilliantly humorous duologue. "Dos Talesil," a musical scene featuring some Yiddish melodies of the past and "Chai Chalutzim" in which are sung melodies of the new Eretz Israel, are attractive items. There are two one-act plays—Hamashiach, in Hebrew, adapted for the stage from David Frischman's poem, by Y. Marshak, and "Hope and Remorse" in English based on Aliyah.

The programme is rich in humour, songs and clever character portrayals, and should satisfy an English, Hebrew or Yiddish-speaking audience.

Those interested in Jewish stage-art, should avail themselves of this final opportunity of seeing the concert.

Middelburg (Transvaal)

Mrs. N. Brozin, non. secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £1 17s. 6d., being subscriptions collections from local members, collected by Mrs. H. Birman.

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