

GENERAL SMUTS RECEIVES ALBERT MEDAL

London, Thursday.

THE Albert Medal of the Royal Society of Arts has this year been awarded to General Smuts. The medal, which was struck to reward distinguished merit in promoting art, manufactures and commerce, was awarded to President Roosevelt last year.

General Smuts is given the medal as a "statesman, soldier, scientist and philosopher," which is the inscription on the medal.

"SURINAM AND A SURNAME"

From Miss E. MILLIN (Robertson)
To the Editor of the "Zionist Record."

Sir,—In a recent issue of your journal I noticed an article entitled "Surinam and a Surname" in which you tell the romantic story of a famous Zager Jew, who made a fortune in a foreign country and left hundreds of beneficiaries in various parts of the world.

The article stated that the writer would be interested to know if there was anyone who could tell him something about the descendants of this famous personality. He added that it was believed that the story of the Surinam fortune inspired many young Jews to go to South Africa and America, and that there were many more Zager Jews in those countries to-day than in Zager itself.

I am sure that the writer will be interested to learn that my mother happens to be a direct descendant of that old man, Naphtali Ben Isaac Hachon. Up to a few years prior to the death of my grandfather, he still drew money from the estate at Surinam. There is an attorney here who did all the work for him in connection with Surinam.

My mother's grandfather came from Zager, and he then went to live in Shavel. My mother remembers him telling her all about the old fellow. My grandfather lived in Robertson, and there are many Surinamers who spell their name Surinamer.

Yours, etc.,

E. Millin.

Kirkwood

At the annual general meeting of the Kirkwood Zionist Society held recently, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. D. Tabachowitz; vice-chairman, Mr. L. Aronson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Becker; committee, Mesdames Colman, Becker, Lewis, F. Aires and Mr. Colman.

BIENNIAL CONGRESS OF S.A. JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES

To be Held in Johannesburg in
August

It is announced by the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies that in agreement with the Provincial Committees of the Board, the forthcoming Fourteenth Biennial Congress, which is to be held on 2nd and 3rd August, is to take place in Johannesburg.

PORT ELIZABETH WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE

The above League was "At Home" to the Jewish community on Sunday, the 10th inst., at the Emmanuel Hall. The programme took the form of a "living newspaper" and proved most interesting and enjoyable.

Mrs. Dubb, the Chairlady, extended a welcome to the gathering. Mr. S. Berg acted as "Editor" of the "living newspaper," and those who participated were Messrs. L. L. Cooper, Laz Rubin and N. E. Rosenberg and Mesdames S. Berg, L. Dubb and J. Elias.

Mr. I. Goss delivered two illuminating book reviews and Miss Zartz rendered a Yiddish song which was much appreciated. Tea was served by the hostesses, Mesdames S. M. Kaplan, H. Edelson, M. Butlion and Heideman.

Zionist Youth to Broadcast Hebrew Songs

The Durban Zionist Youth choir will contribute Hebrew songs to a Shevuoth programme to be presented by Reva Blumenfeld this (Friday) afternoon at 5.30 from the Durban station.

The programme promises to be of outstanding interest and all members of the public and particularly of Zionist Youth Societies are urged to tune in for the broadcast.

Delmas

Mrs. M. Levinson, local representative of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution £1 18s., being subscriptions collection from local members.

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GOODWILL WEEK OBSERVED

Functions In Johannesburg And Cape Town

Goodwill Week has just been observed in Cape Town. It was inaugurated on Sunday, 17th May, when Sir Herbert Stanley presided over a Citizen Meeting in the Town Hall. Prayers were offered by Bishop Lavis, Rev. F. J. B. Malan and the Rev. G. Nicolson.

A MASSED non-European choir from St. Paul's School took part in the service and addresses were delivered by Professor A. C. Cilliers, Rabbi Israel Abrahams and Dr. S. H. Skaife. On Monday, the 18th inst., the Society of Jews and Christians of Cape Town held a Symposium.

At the Rondebosch Congregational Church Rabbi Abrahams addressed the Young People's Fellowship. Throughout the week the children in the Peninsula heard over the air goodwill talks as part of the regular broadcast to schools. The broadcast programme was opened on Monday by his Hon. the Administrator of the Transvaal, who, speaking in Afrikaans, laid emphasis on each child's ability to co-operate actively in making goodwill an actuality. His message was followed in English by that of Capt. F. A. Joubert, the Administrator of the Cape, who said:

"In South Africa we are not a united nation. There is much suspicion and much distrust between the different sections of our South African population. It will be our proud task and duty to build up a finer, happier world."

Cinema rallies for over 9,000 child-

ren, both European and non-European, were another feature of Goodwill Week in the Cape.

IN connection with Goodwill Week, Dr. James Dexter Taylor addressed the League of Nations Union in Johannesburg on the History of the Goodwill Movement. "What is required to-day," urged Dr. Taylor, "is not only the spirit of goodwill, but its practical application." In refuting current allegations against the Jewish War Effort, Dr. Taylor gave some facts to contradict the anti-Semitic talk often heard about the part played by Jews in the war.

There were from 7,500 to 8,000 Jews in the Union's armed forces, 8 per cent. of the Jewish population, the percentage in the Army for the rest of the population being between 8 per cent. and 9 per cent., very much the same. Nearly 5,000 Jews are in the combatant forces, and 3,000 are now in the north. Jews have gained 13 awards for bravery, including two Military Medals.

Mr. I. Glyn Thomas, Registrar of the University of the Witwatersrand, addressed a Goodwill Luncheon at the Rand Women's Club.

Another function of interest held in Johannesburg in connection with Goodwill Week was a Symposium on Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Fear, and Freedom from Want, arranged by the National Council of Women, where the speakers were Dr. J. Bruce Gardiner, Dr. H. Sonnabend and Advocate A. Fischer.