

Manie Maritz's New Centre of Activities.

"Die Nuwe Tyd," a small weekly Afrikaans paper, published in Aberdeen, Cape (which incidentally has carried much anti-Semitic matter recently) publishes in its issue of 4th July a lengthy letter from General Maritz. He sets out the various passages from his book in respect of which he is to face a trial in South-West Africa, and also summarises Rabbi Hirsch's evidence at the preparatory hearing. He declares that it is obvious that the Rabbi is ill-informed about the doings of the Jewish people, and he therefore calls upon readers of the paper to furnish him (Maritz) with such of their experiences with Jews as will support the allegations in his book.

It would appear that Aberdeen and "Die Nuwe Tyd" are to provide a new centre for Maritz's activities. Thus "Die Burger" (3/7/39) reports that a meeting was held in Aberdeen on the 28th June attended by 130 persons representing all political parties, at which General Maritz was the main speaker and discussed the question of "national unity." A Provisional Committee was appointed to consider the matter and its findings are reported in "Die Burger" (10/7/39). This report states that a movement (called the Afrikanervolk) is to be created, based on 17 points agreed upon by the Committee. Point 1 reads: "The interests of the people and the State are holy and corruption and treason must be punished by death." Other points deal with nationalisation of mineral wealth, suppression of large trusts, confiscation of all land held by large companies (subject to compensation). All will be welcome to join the movement "except Jews and Asiatics."

General Maritz was appointed organiser and empowered to organise a "Peoples' Congress." Mr. J. C. Terreblanche was elected Chairman, and Mr. H. Postma (editor of "Die Nuwe Tyd") Secretary. This paper will be the mouthpiece of the movement.

CZECH CHILDREN FORGET NAZI TERROR IN KENTISH FIELDS.

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"I feel that the house which was the home of Lord Balfour must mean something to the Jewish race," he said. "I have not done any great or generous thing. Through straitened circumstances I was faced with the prospect of seeing that home which meant so much to me and to my family falling into disrepair and fulfilling no useful work. I was depressed but could see no solution myself. It is to Lady Traprain to whom you must turn as the originator of that idea of offering it as a training farm.

"Now the place is being occupied and made use of. There are about 150 children there, two-thirds of whom are boys. They are a charming, delightful and helpful lot of children. They have met with nothing but praise from everyone who has come into contact with them.

"The place has been built up again, and I have the satisfaction of seeing my home turned into something useful. This is of mutual benefit. I have been able to offer something to the Jewish race; something which, to my mind they have amply repaid."

Oudtshoorn Young Israel Week.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

Nearly 200 Young Zionists gathered at Oudtshoorn for the 7th Annual Young Israel Week, and first Winter School. The celebrations commenced with a special service at the Queen's Street Synagogue at which Mr. Immelman officiated. After the service a banquet in honour of the visitors took place at the Templar's Hall. Mr. B. Arenstein, head of the Week, was in the chair and officially welcomed the visitors. Mr. S. Weinstein then delivered a short but inspiring address. The Cape Zionist Youth Executive was represented by Mr. B. Goldin, who spoke on behalf of the visitors and promised their full cooperation in local arrangements. Telegrams were read out and these included one from Colonel Kisch and one from the Youth Council.

The Winter School lectures, which were not compulsory, nevertheless attracted a large attendance on each occasion. Mr. B. Goldin spoke on the "Political Aspect of the Jewish Problem" and tried to prove that we are primarily endeavouring to solve a political problem and not a cultural or religious problem. Mr. Immelman addressed the Winter School on "Biblical facts and Legends" and this proved instructive and interesting. Mr. L. Lichtenstein was in the chair. The third Winter School lecture was delivered by Mrs. E. Maissel, who spoke on "Practical Zionism in the Galuth." Mr. C. Reitstein was in the chair. After each lecture many questions were asked by members of the audience to which the respective speakers replied.

One of the most successful functions held was the Eretz Israel Evening. After Mr. Weinstein spoke briefly on our achievements in Palestine, two interesting films illustrating Jewish progress were screened. The films aroused so much enthusiasm that the large audience present spontaneously burst into the singing of Hebrew songs which continued throughout the showing of the films. An interesting display of various Palestinian products attracted many customers.

The programme for the week also included a Herzl-Bialik Memorial Evening in the Hebrew Hall. Mr. B. Goldin delivered an address on the life and significance of Dr. Herzl and Mr. C. Reitstein read a paper on the greatness of Bialik. Mr. Immelman beautifully intoned the Haskarah.

Other interesting functions included a Dance and Fancy Dress Ball at the Drill Hall, a visit to the Cango Caves which was followed by dancing at the Cango Caves Hotel, a visit to Mossel Bay and a trip to the Athlone Castle in a tug. A full day was spent at the Wilderness. The Bio-Vaudeville was well arranged and enjoyed by all present. Amongst those who assisted in making the evening a success were Miss S. Sopher, who rendered Hebrew songs and Mr. B. Vinekour whose playing of the violin was greatly enjoyed. A very interesting and mainly humorous Living Newspaper Evening attracted a

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Obituary.

Mr. HARRY LEVENTOSH.

The death took place in Oudtshoorn on Sunday of Mr. Harry Leventosh, a lecturer at the Cape Town Technical College and a well-known member of the Community.

The late Mr. Leventosh was a man of sterling character and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He will be very much missed by a large circle of friends.

The sincerest sympathy is extended to his wife, mother, sisters and brothers in their sad bereavement.

Palestine Symphony Orchestra Society (S.A.)

COMMITTEE FORMED IN CAPE TOWN.

A meeting of people interested in the formation of a Society in Cape Town to support the Palestine Orchestra was held in the Zionist Hall on Thursday afternoon, July 13th. Mrs. Isidore Cohen presided, and apologised for the absence of Colonel Kisch, due to the delayed arrival of the Durban plane. Among those present were Mesdames Taubes, Machanik, Lever, Rostowsky, Glaser, Shagam, Cohen, Sieff, Ackerman, Bloch, Sloman, Movsovic, Immerman, and Drs. A. E. Davis and Immerman, and Messrs. Stern, Sagorsky and Seresman.

Mrs. Immerman read out a speech of Colonel Kisch's, delivered in Johannesburg, giving information about the Palestine Orchestra, and Mrs. Shagam, of Muizenberg, who had heard the Orchestra, spoke enthusiastically about it.

Mrs. I. Cohen asked if all present would come on the Committee of the Society to be formed. This was agreed to, and the Committee was constituted as follows:—

Hon. President: Mr. Ellie Marx,
Chairman: Mrs. Isidore Cohen.
Vice-Chairmen: Mrs. Sloman, Mrs. S. Newman and Dr. A. E. Davis.
Hon. Treasurer: Dr. M. D. Immerman.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. R. Immerman.

Besides those present, messages were received from Mrs. M. Alexander, Mrs. J. Herbstein and Mrs. D. Getz, agreeing to join the Committee. Mrs. Sloman moved that the Committee form itself into the Palestine Symphony Orchestra Society, and Mr. Sagorsky that the executive be empowered to draw up a Constitution for the Society. Both these resolutions were duly seconded and carried. Mrs. Max Cohen suggested that a pamphlet be drawn up from extracts of Colonel Kisch's speech, and Mrs. C. Bloch said that canvassers should be given copies.

Colonel Kisch arrived before the meeting had broken up, and answered questions about the Orchestra, and what membership entailed. He offered several constructive suggestions, which were warmly welcomed, and the meeting then closed.

Our Children's Circle.

My Dear Little Cousins,

When the Roman soldiers captured Jerusalem one of them threw a burning torch into the Temple. In a short time the beautiful building was in ruins. The Jews whom the Romans had not killed in battle, stood by in chains; they cried aloud in their sorrow as they saw their Temple disappearing before their eyes.

But Jochanan ben Zaccai did not weep. When those about him mourned and said: "The light of Israel has gone out for ever," he only smiled.

Jochanan ben Zaccai was one of the wisest of all the wise rabbis of Palestine. When he knew that the city of Jerusalem would surely be captured by the Romans, he had himself taken secretly to the Roman general Vespasian. He bowed low before the great soldier and recited the old Jewish prayer which is always pronounced when one greets a king or emperor.

"But I am not an emperor," said Vespasian, wondering at his words.

At that moment, a messenger, dust-covered and weary, rode in to the camp, flung himself before Vespasian and hailed him as emperor. He had ridden all the way from Rome to tell Vespasian that the people there had chosen him for their ruler.

Then Vespasian wanted to reward Jochanan ben Zaccai, who, he believed, had been wise enough to foretell his good fortune. "I will grant you anything you ask," he said to the rabbi, "but I will not spare the city of Jerusalem."

"But you will surely spare the little town of Jabneh," answered Jochanan, "and allow the Jewish scholars to visit me there in peace and safety?"

Vespasian knew there was no fort at Jabneh; he knew also that the leading Jewish soldiers were either dead or bound with chains. So he was glad to grant the rabbi what he asked.

Jochanan went to Jabneh and opened a little school there. In time, the wisest and best of the Jewish scholars came to him that they might all study the Torah together. As they studied the word of God, they stopped grieving so much for the loss of their Temple.

"The Light of Israel did not cease to burn when the Temple was destroyed," said the rabbi, "for the Torah is also a light. As long as we study it and teach it to our children, no one, not even the strong Romans, can hurt the Jewish people."

That is the way Rabbi Jochanan ben Zaccai saved the Jewish people. For when the Temple was taken from them, he carried the torch of learning to Jabneh, preserving the Torah which is the most precious treasure of the Jewish people to this very day.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Miriam Markman.—Thank you very much for your interesting letter and poem. Please write again soon.

Jack Meyerowitz.—Welcome to the Circle. Thank you very much for your letter. I hope you will write often.

Yours Loving
COUSIN HELEN.

RUINS.

Ruined are the Roman arches,
And the Roman people sleep.
No one of their blood remaining
For their ancient power to weep.

And the Greeks so proud in beauty
Silent as their statues lie,
All their grace and all their glory
Live in alien memory.

But the deathless blood of Israel
Like an everlasting fire
Burns through ruin and through wreckage,
Falling only to mount higher.

"Oh Jerusalem, if ever
We forget thee—" once we wept,
They are dust who mocked the promise,
We have lived to see it kept.

SULAMITH ISH KISHOR.

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spoke on behalf of the Committee and Mr. B. Goldin congratulated the Oudtshoorn Society on a successful week on behalf of the Cape Executive.

The Oudtshoorn Sixth Young Israel Week was in all a most successful undertaking and all those responsible may feel proud of the fruits of their efforts. It succeeded in bringing many young Zionists together to spend a happy holiday in a true Zionist spirit.

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very large audience. Among those who contributed articles were Messrs. Wilk, Walt, Vinekour, Lichtenstein, Rietstein, Batzofin, Noiek, Mendelson and Goldin. Mr. M. Mann acted as editor and read an interesting editorial on Zionist Youth.

The Hebrew Hall was crowded to overflowing on Friday night for the One Shabbat. Mr. Walt read the Haftorah of the week in Hebrew and Mr. Abe Tooch in English. Misses Sopher and Gutstein entertained the gathering with Hebrew songs. Mr. Weinstein then introduced Mrs. Maissel who delivered a short address on the present position in Zionism.

On Saturday a special Hebrew session was held under the chairmanship of Miss Sopher and all the discussion took place in Hebrew. On Tuesday a camp fire was held to mark the conclusion of the programme for the Youth Week. Mr. Rietstein acted as Master of Ceremonies. The occasion was utilised for the presentation of the Lichtenstein Cup to the Oudtshoorn Junior Zionist Society by Mr. D. Lazarow and Miss H. Keyser, who officiated on behalf of the Cape Executive. Miss E. Batzofin, the vice-chairlady, accepted the cup on behalf of the Society.

On Thursday a large gathering was present at the Central Hotel for the presentation of small gifts of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Mann, who acted as chaperone, Mr. Immelman and Mr. B. Arenstein, Head of the Week. Mr. S. Weinstein

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