

Opportunities for School-Leaving Youths.

When the schools closed in mid-December hundreds of boys and girls were thrown on to the labour market in search of employment. In order that these youths may not drift into blind-alley occupations but choose careers that offer them the best chance of future success and contentment, the South African Jewish Board of Deputies has set up a Vocational Guidance Bureau, which is functioning specifically to advise and assist boys and girls in regard to the choice of their life work.

Realising that the future of South Africa lies in industrial expansion, the Bureau strongly advocates juveniles to make skilled trade their future occupations.

It has been stressed over and over again that South Africa at present, and in the future, will be able to absorb an ever-increasing number of tradesmen, and by devoting themselves to skilled work, youths will not only choose the best occupation for themselves, but will indirectly aid South Africa's war effort and the industrial development of the country.

The Vocational Guidance Bureau is eager that all school-leaving boys and girls should register at its office, where they will be interviewed with a view to ascertaining their individual ambitions, tastes, abilities and education, in order to place them into the most suitable positions.

The Bureau will not only help applicants to determine what trade to choose, but wherever possible will also assist them in becoming apprenticed. The work of the Bureau is being performed entirely free of charge and applicants are under no obligation whatever.

A number of vacancies are open for apprentices in various technical occupations, and there is also scope for enrolment in the Government Training Schemes as technicians.

Apply: S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, 1, Westminster House, 122, Longmarket Street, Cape Town. Phone 2-5066.

Lionel Bowman in a Beethoven Concerto.

Lionel Bowman will be the soloist at the Symphony Concert on Thursday next when he will play the Beethoven Piano Concerto No 4 in G Major.

Cape Town music lovers will look forward with immense interest to a welcome reappearance of Lionel Bowman after his outstanding performance of the Liszt E Flat Piano Concerto.

MR. LEIB JAFFE PASSES THROUGH CAPE TOWN.

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and University Library; and the School of Agriculture at Rehovoth. The latter was run in conjunction with the Jewish Agency's Agricultural Experiment Station financed out of Keren Hayesod funds. The Hebrew Technion at Haifa, too, had reported great progress, and this year 51 new engineers had graduated.

Jews in the Army.

The Yishuv was responding marvelously to the requests for military service, went on Mr. Jaffe. There were now some six thousand young Jews in British Army khaki and Royal Air Force blue, and it was made known in Jerusalem before his departure that Palestinians were serving in the R.A.F. in Greece. Others were in the Western Desert. Two full Jewish infantry companies had been raised and another was about to be completed. They were part of The Buffs, a British regiment. Many Jews were in the Royal Engineers, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Ordinance Corps, and the other British service units.

The needs of the Jewish Agency had increased tremendously owing to the war, said Mr. Jaffe. The war economy of Palestine must be strengthened and new settlements consolidated. The bulk of European Jewry were unable to assist, and Jewry in countries not affected directly by the war must remedy the deficiency.

It was not a case, as in the last war, of providing relief for the hungry and distressed in Eretz-Israel. The Yishuv took care of its own. The chief question now was to facilitate in the redemption of wide elements of the Diaspora and to provide for the days to come. Eretz-Israel was the sole hope for world Jewry, great masses of which were now plunged in despair.

Though owing to the great victories in the Western Desert, the threat which had been hanging over Palestine ever since they entered the war, had been removed, the Yishuv must still be on guard and be prepared for all emergencies.

He was pleased, said Mr. Jaffe, that the last Keren Hayesod Campaign conducted by the late Mr. Dov Hos, Dr. Michael Traub and Mrs. Hadassa Samuel had been so great a success. He hoped the United S.A. Jewish War Appeal would also meet with a generous response for the need was great and urgent. By maintaining the Homeland Front, the Yishuv and free Jewry were offering something precious and durable not only to posterity, but also to the minds and spirit of their millions of brethren temporarily cut off from contact with the Jewish people.

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Victorious Aussies.

During the visit of Australian and New Zealand troops to Cape Town some months ago I came into contact with a large number of Jewish men who had come over to take their part in the great struggle for freedom in which the Empire is engaged. They were a keen crowd and looking forward to trying their strength with the enemy. Well, they have had their chance, for in North Africa, where they have been operating, the Australians have been the spearhead of the attack which led to the fall of Sidi Barrani, Sollum and now Bardia. With their well-known dash the men from "down under" have created military history. Australian Jewry will share in the glory reflected by the deeds of their brave boys. When the Italians have been cleared from the top end of Africa, there will be more jobs awaiting the Aussies, and I am sure they will acquit themselves as did their fathers during 1914/18 in France, Gallipoli, Egypt and elsewhere. Jewish Soldiers in the South African Army salute their comrades-in-arms from the Antipodes.

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Canadian Jewry's War Effort.

From Canada comes news of the great war effort by the Jews of that Dominion. Young Canadian Jews are well represented in the various branches of the Canadian Army and Navy. The first divisions that were sent from Canada to England contained many Jewish boys. Wherever one goes, Jews in uniform are to be seen. Many Jewish families have two and three sons who have joined the forces. The air force has proved to be a popular branch of the service, and Jewish boys in large numbers are receiving training at the schools opened by the Government throughout the country. I am told that among the Jews in the Canadian army are many who came from the United States, as they felt it their duty as Americans and Jews to take a share in the fight with Hitler. The Jewish population everywhere is doing its duty towards the war effort. The Jewish Congress has centralised and consolidated all Jewish patriotic activities. Committees of the Congress in various cities are actively engaged in helping the Jewish soldiers. The young men who join up are made to feel that the Jewish population has every respect and affection for them.

CONSECRATION.

GLASER.—The consecration of the tombstones of the late Chaim David and Chaya Simcha Glaser, beloved parents of Genia, will take place at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, 12th inst., at Woltemade No. 3, Eighth Gate. Relatives and friends requested kindly to attend.

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