

S. African Students in Palestine.

That the South African students who have gone to Palestine to undergo a year's intensive course of training, have settled down to hard work and are very happy in their new surroundings is made evident in reports received from Mr. Moshe Reinhold, headmaster of the course. These reports are sent by Mr. Reinhold once a fortnight and so far two of these reports have reached the S.A. Zionist Federation. In his first report Mr. Reinhold gives interesting details of the daily routine of the students who are quartered in Ayanoth.

There are two Hebrew lessons daily (from 8 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.). For this purpose the group is divided into three classes. The elementary class, consisting of nine students, started from the very beginning. The second class, consisting of eleven students, is making a thorough revision so that the foundation for more advanced studies may be laid. The advanced class consists of eight students. The Hebrew lessons comprise, in addition to language lessons, instruction in the Bible, Mishna, modern Hebrew literature and reading of Hebrew newspapers.

The daily Hebrew classes are followed by two lectures which last from 10 a.m. till noon. During April these lectures dealt with the geography of Palestine, the historical connection of the Jewish people with its land and the institutions of the Zionist Movement and the Yishuv. The first lectures on the Arab problem were also given.

In the afternoon, from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. there is private study. This is carried out in the classrooms in the presence of the various teachers. The students are very keen and they all work to the best of their abilities.

In the evening, activities vary. A well-known teacher comes once a week from Tel-Aviv and gives instructions in Hebrew songs. During the fortnight before Pesach special attention was paid to Pesach songs. There is a musical evening in Ayanoth and those interested in music are invited to attend.

One evening the students were visited by one of the Jewish parachutists who had jumped into Yugoslavia and had gone from there into Hungary. He spoke about the Jewish resistance movement in those countries.

On Saturdays "Oneg Shabbat" are held. The first of the series was dedicated to the "Shabbat" and the institution "Oneg Shabbat" as started by Bialik.

In addition to all these activities regular trips to various parts of the country are arranged. The first of these covered the district of Ayanoth itself, Rehovoth and Hulda.

"CITIZENS OF AYANOTH."

The students are on excellent terms with the people of Ayanoth, and to quote Mr. Reinhold, are well on the way to becoming "citizens of Ayanoth," and from the very first adopted the Ayanoth principle, "Serve Yourself," helping with their own washing, accumulated during their journey and their stay in Jerusalem.

A happy welcome party in their honour was held on the first evening of their arrival in Ayanoth. They were "introduced" by Miss Ada Fishman and Miss Freda Rabinowitz replied in Hebrew on behalf of the group. The hora and other Palestinian folk-dances followed the more official part of the evening.

In his second report, Mr. Reinhold describes how the students spent Pesach in Eretz Israel. They all participated in the seder held at Ayanoth and took an active part in the proceedings. They recited verses from the Bible and excerpts from the Haggada.

As they had been taught quite a number of the Pesach melodies during their singing lessons, they were able to participate fully and thus felt themselves an integral part of the community. The festive atmosphere and the excitement of the first Pesach in Eretz Israel helped to overcome the slight feeling of home-sickness which was natural, as for nearly everyone this was the first seder away from home and family. The students took part in all the religious services, some of them officiating as Chazonim, etc.

The following evening was dedicated to "Messibath Ha'omer" and was organised by the students themselves. It was performed entirely in Hebrew and it was followed by a "South African Haggada," dealing with the exodus from South Africa, and there was plenty of good humour and laughter.

The Pesach weekend was spent at Kvutzat Yavneh, a Kvutza of Hapoel Hamizrachi Kibbutz-organisation. The object of this trip was to acquaint the students with the religious, collective settlements.

The second Tiyul (trip) of the month, under the expert guidance of Dr. Vilnai, took the students to the Jordan Valley, where five days were spent. They visited Tiberias, Degania, Afikim, Ein Geb and various other settlements in the vicinity and learnt of their history and their problems. The beauty of the scenery, boating on lake Tiberias and swimming made the trip a memorable occasion.

Youth Sea Outing.

The Palestine Maritime League in co-operation with the Cape Zionist Youth and the Habonim spent a most enjoyable day on Sunday. It was unusual and different from the customary functions.

Over 120 members of the Youth had a taste of the sea (in some cases the sea had a taste of them). In motor launches they were taken out on the bay in hourly excursions, during the morning and afternoon. They let their voices ring to the sound of Hebrew maritime songs. It was a thrilling event for them.

At a luncheon at the Zionist Hall, Mr. Arthur Berezowski welcomed them on behalf of the Palestine Maritime League and stressed the importance of the Youth interesting themselves in maritime activities.

Mr. Colin Traub traced the development of the Palestine Maritime League and mentioned the ambitious aim of the Youth Committee to start a maritime "Hachshara" in Cape Town.

Thanks are also due to Mr. Bennie Miller for the fine way in which the sea trips were organised.

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Social & Personal.

Mr. Lazar Braudo, veteran South African Zionist, arrived in Johannesburg from Palestine last week.

Mr. M. J. Spitz left Johannesburg last week by air for Italy where he is proceeding on a mission on behalf of the S.A. Jewish War Appeal.

Mr. A. M. Melamet, Secretary of the Cape Committee of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, has been appointed a Commissioner of Oaths for the District of the Cape.

The marriage of Joyce Moss-Morris, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moss-Morris, of Durban, and Major Max Schumacher, R.E., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schumacher, of Palestine (formerly Port Elizabeth) took place at the St. Andrews Street Synagogue, Durban, on Friday, 24th May.

The engagement is announced between Linkel, youngest daughter of Mrs. E. R. and the late Mr. L. Rabinowitz, of Sea Point (formerly of Port Nolloth), and Woolfie, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Emdin, of Cape Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yankelowitz are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Miss Sallie Kussel, Organizing Secretary of the Union of Jewish Women, paid a visit to the Worcester Branch of the U.J.W. on Thursday, 16th May, and addressed a well-attended meeting at the Zionist Hall. Mrs. Lipman, the chairman, presided, and introduced Miss Kussel, who delivered a most inspiring address, enlightening the women on the functioning of the Union in South Africa, and its expansion since its inauguration. She also stressed the dual part Jewish women had to play both as good Jewesses and good citizens of South Africa. Mrs. S. Brown proposed a vote of thanks.

New York.

Prof. Albert Einstein has received an honorary doctor's degree from the Negro University at Lincoln, Pennsylvania, it was announced here.

United Zionist - Revisionist Party.

MR. A. REMBA

Editor of the Palestine Revisionist daily "Hamashkif" and General Secretary of the World Betar, is now visiting South Africa, and will address

CAPE TOWN JEWRY

at a

PUBLIC MEETING

in the

ODEON THEATRE

Sea Point,

on

SUNDAY, 2nd JUNE,

Adv. R. KOTLOWITZ and

Dr. I. LIFSHITZ

will also speak.

Subject: "Revisionism—The Only Solution."

Mr. J. B. PINN will be in the chair.

Mothers' Day at Oranjia.

The Editor,
S.A. Jewish Chronicle.

Sir,

I would like to pay a tribute to those women who were not too busy to spare one hour at Oranjia on "Mothers' Day" to give a loving personal glance at the orphaned children who must have looked forward to their Community Mothers sharing their afternoon.

The splendid display of physical culture and dancing, and the fine first edition of the Oranjia Magazine was the result of the voluntary work of a trio of young mothers who have given service of a kind that will be of benefit to the minds and bodies of the youngsters throughout their lives. Their work, and that of a handful of other women who take a real interest in the orphanage, is beyond praise. One hopes that the joy given to the orphans will be translated by Providence into blessings in their own lives.

On looking round last Monday at the comparatively small number of women present, it was obvious that the mothers of our Community are not conspicuously observing the traditionally Jewish spirit of "Rachmones" in the orphans in our midst, that spirit which our forbears cherished and of which they could well be proud.

Most of us are working for the orphans in Europe, who are not placed in a beautiful, well-run Home like Oranjia, but is it not a fact that much of our time is still frittered away.

"Man does not live by bread alone." The loving act of occasionally visiting our bereft youngsters on the Home Front I am certain would intensify the urge of our womenfolk to bring greater succour to those still in bondage.

"A JEWISH MOTHER."

Forthcoming Events.

United Zionist Party.—Rabbi Israel Abrahams and Mr. S. M. Levin, who has recently returned from Eretz Israel, will address a public meeting of Cape Town Jewry at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 2nd June at 8.15 p.m. The subject will be "Congress Elections—Why General Zionism must triumph." All welcome.

United Hebrew Schools.—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 2nd June, at 10.30 a.m. in the Rose and Woolf Harris Hall, of the Talmud Torah, 103, Hope Street, Cape Town. Members are invited to be present.

Histadruth Ivrit.—An Oneg Shabbat will be held at the Zionist Hall on Friday, May 31st, at 8.15 p.m. Mr. P. Neaman of Eretz Israel will speak on "Justice in World Affairs." Community singing—refreshments. All Hebrew-speaking people are welcome.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Association.—The next monthly meeting of the Vredehoek branch will take place on Monday, 3rd June, at 2.30 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. J. Reinhold, "Newlands," Vredehoek Avenue, Gardens. All welcome.

Massadah Association of Rondebosch.—On Monday night, 3rd June, the Massadah Association of Rondebosch will be holding a Pre-Election Symposium. All four Parties will be represented—United Zionist, Mizrahi, Zionist Socialist and Revisionist—by their representative prominent speakers. The meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pincus, La Hinch, Milner Road, Rondebosch, Jerusalem.

The Iraq Petroleum Company has at present on its payroll 1,595 employees, including 330 on the office staff. Of the manual workers only 25 are Jews, whilst there are 50 Jewish officials, most of them engaged in specialised work.