

SOUND ECONOMIC POSITION OF THE YISHUV

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Summary

THE power of initiative and the vitality of Jewish enterprise in Palestine has survived the long ordeal of the last three years. The expansion of existing undertakings, and penetration into new branches of economic life have continued unimpeded. New ventures have been embarked upon and new conquests achieved, and these have acted as stimuli to the will and resolve of the Jewish people not to slacken in the work of reconstruction and upbuilding in spite of the severe difficulties of these years.

The outstanding achievements may be summarised as follows:

- (1) 50,000 Jewish immigrants, of which at least 45,000 have been economically absorbed.
- (2) The establishment of 30 settlements.
- (3) Increased agricultural production and sales.
- (4) The construction of Tel-Aviv port, and the growing maritime activity.
- (5) The creation of new industries and the increasing industrial export.
- (6) The construction of new roads.
- (7) The maintenance of general economic activity on a level not far below the peak level of 1935.

Transvaal Hebrew Teachers' Association

The inaugural general meeting of the Transvaal branch of the South African Hebrew Teachers' Association took place on Sunday, the 5th inst., at the Doornfontein Talmud Torah. A large and representative gathering of teachers was present.

Mr. W. Rybko (in the chair) outlined in his opening remarks the future work of the Association. Mr. R. Laks reported on the first S.A. Hebrew Teachers' Conference. The newly-adopted constitution and workers' constitution were submitted to the meeting and approved.

Mr. M. Ben Moshe, hon. secretary of the Johannesburg Hebrew Teachers' Association, reported on the activities of the Association for the past six months and Rabbi I. Rom submitted the financial report. The reports were discussed and duly adopted.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. W. Rybko; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Laks; hon. secretary, Mr. M. Ben Moshe; treasurer, Rabbi I. Rom. Committee: Messrs. L. Zadikoff, Schwartz (Witbank), and Winik.

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PRETORIA JEWISH WOMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

THE Pretoria Jewish Women's Benevolent Society has for the last fifteen years done a great deal for the unfortunate patients at the Pretoria Mental Hospital. The last Sunday afternoon of every month is devoted to giving the Jewish patients a treat. There are between forty and fifty Jewish patients, and the cost of these treats is therefore considerable. Sometimes the treats are donated by individual businessmen, but in five out of six cases the cost is borne by the Society's own funds.

Visits are also paid to the Institution, and kosher food is often brought to the patients.

But there is not more than one out of ten patients who actually has relatives in Pretoria who subscribe to the cost of these monthly treats. Most of them come from other parts of the country, mainly Johannesburg, which contributes nothing towards the expenses. The Society therefore appeals to the Jewish people of Johannesburg to subscribe to the fund. Five guineas will give all the patients a splendid treat.

The address of the Honorary Secretary is c/o Atlas Dry Cleaners, Pretoria.

SOME FINE BOXING.

IN anticipation of a good evening's boxing entertainment, the City Hall in Johannesburg was crowded on Saturday night last when the Transvaal National Sporting Club staged an attractive tournament.

The chief item was the return heavy-weight boxing match between the present holder, Tommy Bensch, and Dave Carstens, the contender. It was not a thrilling encounter but on the whole, a creditable one, both fighters doing their level best. Unfortunately, Carstens could not stand the heavy hitting of his young opponent too well, and Bensch appeared to be over-trained.

The sensation of the evening was Alec Haman's whipping of Teddy Braun, the National welterweight champion, in spite of conceding twenty pounds in weight. Haman gave a brilliant exhibition of fast two-handed punching. It is hoped that this brilliant boxer will soon be seen again in a South African ring against a worthy opponent.

Union of Jewish Women (Bethlehem Branch)

The first meeting this year of the above organisation took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 8th inst., at the residence of Mrs. H. Goldberg. Mrs. H. Goldberg presided.

After certain business matters had been dealt with, Mrs. Goldberg made an appeal on behalf of suffering Jewry in Eastern Europe, and a resolution was passed that the Union should direct its main activities for the present to the raising of funds for the Austrian and Polish Relief Fund.

Mrs. Goldberg then presented her report of the interim meeting, held in Bloemfontein in December last. She dealt ably with the various matters discussed and resolutions adopted.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairlady by Mrs. H. Tobias.

Histadruth "Hashomer-Hatzair"

A most successful function, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the world movement of Hashomer-Hatzair, took place at the Coronation Hall, on Sunday, the 5th inst., at 8 p.m.

The programme included a "Mifkad Haken" (Parade), addresses by Mr. N. Skikne, J. Batnitzky (editor "S.A. Jewish Newspaper"), and Nechama

MESHULLOCHIM

THE Central Meshullochim of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies again wishes to remind the Public that all authorised collectors should be in possession of a letter of authority issued by the above Committee, as well as permission from the Provincial Committees of the Board when collecting in those Provinces. All authorised collectors are supplied with receipt books by the above Committee.

The attention of the Public is also drawn to the fact that the permission granted to MR. D. STERNHELL, who is collecting on behalf of the Alumah Yeshivah, has expired.

Members of the Public should always examine all letters of authority to satisfy themselves that the period, for which permission to collect was granted, has not expired.

Further information is obtainable from the Secretary, P.O. Box 1538, Johannesburg.

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