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Rabbi Silver to Visit South Africa In June DR. LOWY DISCUSSES PROBLEMS CONFRONTING S.A. ZIONISM

RABBI HILLEL SILVER, the famous American Zionist leader and one of the leading personalities in World Jewry to-day, is expected to arrive in Johannesburg early in June to participate in the Jewish National Fund Jubilee celebrations, which will be held on a country-wide scale. He will stay for some three weeks in the Union and will visit the main centres. This information was given to a conference of Jewish pressmen, held at the S.A. Zionist Federation Offices, Johannesburg, by Dr. S. Lowy, of the Jewish National Fund head office, who is at present on an extended visit to the Union.

Dr. Lowy, who during the last few months has visited small and large centres of the Jewish community throughout the country, had high praise for South African Jewry. Assimilation had not made any substantial inroads here, he said, and the community represented a homogeneous whole.

"But there is a danger of losing this homogeneity," he stressed. "You have to watch after the education of the community. They are tired of 'pep' talks and pamphlet propaganda. They want cultural stimulus. Some of the

country places seldom have a visitor except at campaigns. You must feed your community with real and vital material."

Turning to the "party non-party" controversy at present raging in S.A. Zionism, Dr. Lowy said that without entering into the pros and cons of the problem, he found that most people did not know the differences between the various parties; even party people were often ignorant of what their parties stood for. On many occasions he had to give short addresses on the subject.

He felt that if parties had a claim, at least they should inform their supporters what they stood for.

Of Jewish education in the country, Dr. Lowy said that he found the position was improving.

He emphasised that greater stress should be laid on Chalutzit among the youth. Many were interested in settling professionally in Israel.

Speaking of the I.U.A., Dr. Lowy said that this fund-raising machine was a powerful instrument in assisting Israel. "The Zionist Movement has to be made aware, however, that in order to keep this machine working, the spirit of the community has to be stimulated.

"We have to put something into the community if we expect returns, and this is the problem which the Zionist Movement faces here," he said.

30th March, 1951.

רבי אבא הלל סילווער קומט קיין ד. אפריקע

לכבוד פיערונגען פון 50-יאריקן יובל פון קרן קימת לישראל
זאגט דר. סאלאמאן ליי פאר אידישע פרעסע-פארשטייער

רבי אבא הלל סילווער, פארזיצער פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין אמעריקע און בארימטער רעדנער, קומט קיין ד. אפריקע אין יוני לכבוד די פיערונגען אין ד. אפריקע פון 50-יאריקן יוביליי פון קרן קימת לישראל.



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יונגט ווילן עולה זיין קיין ישראל.

רוינדיק וועגן די גראנדיזע פלע-נער פון קרן קימת, איז ער, ערב זיין 50-יאריקן יוביליי, דערמאנט דר. לוי באזונדערס די גרויסע ארבעט פון גאטמאליידן דעם חולה באדן און ענ-לעכע גרויסע פלענער.

ער דרוקט אויס אנערקענונג פאר די פרויען-ציוניסטן אין ד. אפריקע „א דאנק וועמען דער קרן קימת איז אזא כח דא אין לאנד“.

דר. לאווי איז שטארק באוויקסט געווארן פון דער ציוניסטיש-פערא-גאטישער ארבעט אין קייפטאון און דער שיינער צענדעמאניע פון איבער-געבן א „הלל ירושלים“ צו די קי-נער וואס האבן זיך אויסגעצייכנט אין קרן קימת ארבעט.

דר. לאווי פארט אפ די טעג קיין גאדזיע און וועט זיך נאך צוריק-קערן אין לאנד פאר זיין צוריקקערן קיין ישראל.

א טעלעגראמע פון אונזער ישראל קארעספאנדענט זאגט, אז רבי סיל-ווער וועט באזוכן ישראל אין מאי-קיין ד. אפריקע וועט ער ווארשיינלעך פליען דירעקט פון זיין באזוך אין יס-ראל.

די נייע וועג רבי סילווער'ס קומען קיין ד. אפריקע האט איבערגעגעבן פאר דער אידישער פרעסע דר. סאלא-מאן לוי (לאווי), „שליח פון קהל“ אין ירושלים.

דר. לוי וועלכער האט זיך גארוואס צוריקגעקערט פון א באזוך אין פיל-גרעסערע און קלענערע שטעט איבערן לאנד, האט פאר די פרעסע-פארשטייער זיך געטיילט מיט זיינע איינדרוקן און דערפארונגען, נאכדעם ווי ער האט שוין געהאלטן 80 רעדעס אויף זיין איצטיקן באזוך.

אין יעדן שטאט און שטעטל האט דר. לוי געפונען, אז דער עולם איז שטארק פאראינטערעסירט אין אי-פאראציע. דער עולם איז מיד פון פראפאגאנדע-רעדעס, ער וויל דער-הויבן ווערן אין קולטורעלן זיין.

דר. לוי האלט, אז דעם עולם דארף געוויזן ווערן אינפארמאטיוו פילמען, פיעסן, מוזיקאלישע פראגראמען א.א.וו.

דר. לוי האט אפגעגעבן א סך צייט פאר די פראבלעמען פון הערצואונג אין ד. אפריקע. ער זעט דא א פארהע-סערונג, עס זיינען אבער אויסגארונטט גוויסטיק טאג-שוילן.

די יונגט, זאגט דר. לוי, מאכט דורך א גרויסן קרויס, דער יונגט מאטע-ריאל אין ד. אפריקע איז א גלענצע-דער, די יונגט איז גלייט צו שטיין אין דינסט פון סאלא. מען דארף זי אבער דערמאניקן.

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Dr. Hillel Silver May Launch J.N.F. Jubilee Celebrations In S.A.

At a press conference held before his departure to Israel, Dr. S. Lowy, who has been visiting South Africa on behalf of the J.N.F., disclosed that there was every likelihood that Dr. Hillel Silver, veteran American Zionist leader, would be visiting the Union to inaugurate the Jubilee celebrations of the Jewish National Fund in June.

Dr. Lowy, who visited more centres in South Africa than any

other emissary from Israel, said that the "human material" in South Africa was different from that in any other community he had yet met. Jewish feelings were definitely stronger and the Jews tended to stick together much more than in America, for example, and the process of assimilation was not as quick as in other countries. He felt that the strength of the South African Jewish community lay in its homogeneity and its Zionism, which was much more deeply rooted than in any other Anglo-Saxon country.

Dr. Lowy was impressed by the large proportion of youth, especially in the professions, who were showing a keen interest in migrating to Israel.

About the I.U.A. Dr. Lowy had this to say: It was definitely a powerful force, but the difficulty lay in the question of how to keep up the spirit. He suggested that South African Jews should undertake to support some institution in Israel. They would in a sense, adopt it and see that it received all the necessary assistance. By having something concrete to work for, Dr. Lowy felt that local Jewry would be given an impetus.

Dr. Lowy said he had found that the J.N.F. had some very warm supporters, but most of the praise was due to the women who were keeping the J.N.F. alive in this country.

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RABBI SILVER'S SOUTH AFRICAN VISIT

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ON THE MOVE

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.

SEVERAL Israel ministers and other prominent world Jewish figures are at present on visits overseas.

Word has been received that Rabbi Hillel Silver will leave for South Africa on June 21 for a three week's visit in connection with the J.N.F. Jubilee.

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, left Israel by air on Thursday for the United States, after which she will visit Buenos Aires.

MR. GERI

Mr. Yaacov Geri, Israel Minister of Trade and Industry, arrived in New York on Sunday. He is one of the first of Israel's Cabinet Ministers who are to visit the United States in connection with the flotation of the Israel Government's 500 million dollar bond issue. He will report on economic development in Israel and is to visit at least twenty of the major American cities. While in the United States, Mr. Geri will also consult with leaders of the United Jewish Appeal.

MOSHE SHAPIRO

Mr. Moshe Shapito, Israel Minister of the Interior and Immigration, arrived in New York yesterday.

DR. JOSEPH

Dr. Dov Joseph, Israel Minister of Communications, has also arrived in the U.S.

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A message from London says that the Marchioness of Reading, President of the World Jewish Congress British Section, sailed on board the "Queen Elizabeth" for New York. She will be the guest of honour at the ceremony of dedicating the Stephen Wise Congress House of the American Jewish Congress next month.

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JUBILEE TREE DRIVE

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Rabbi Silver Leaves Monday For Israel

NEW YORK, Thursday. — Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will leave for Israel on Monday, April 23rd, for a four-week stay as the honoured guest of the General Zionists there, it was announced here. The last time Dr. Silver visited Israel was two and a half years ago. From Israel he will proceed on his visit to South Africa.

RABBI SILVER TO SPEAK AT CITY HALL PLATE DINNER

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ANTIQUITIES REVEALED ON J.N.F. LAND.

During the course of daily work, remains of Palestine's past have come to light. Among the recent finds announced by the Government Department of Antiquities were several on land reacquired for the Jewish people by the J.N.F. The existence of the ancient Roman highway to Jerusalem was dramatically verified by findings near Jerusalem and at Shaar Hagai (formerly known by its Arab name of Bab el Wad).

Down in the Negev, a trench for water pipes being laid by Mekorot Water Company uncovered remains of ancient buildings, and pottery of various periods; from the Early Bronze Age (3rd millennium B.C.E.) to the Persian period (6th to 4th centuries B.C.E.).

News

FOOD AND FRAME HOUSES FROM SWEDEN

In Sweden the J.N.F. has concluded an agreement for the purchase, on a credit basis, of goods amounting to 30,000,000 crowns (about \$6,000,000) from the large export firm, G. L. Beijer, in Stockholm, on terms of 3½ per cent. interest, repayable within five years. This grantor of the loan has already received bids from various suppliers totalling over \$3,000,000, and a Beijer representative will shortly go to Israel to make final arrangements for the delivery of the goods, which include food (fish and dairy products) and about 6,000 prefabricated wooden houses for new immigrants.

Dr. Weiss also succeeded in overcoming delays in the implementation of the 300,000,000 Belgian franc (about \$6,000,000) credit in November, 1950, by three Belgian banks. The difficulties arose from the greatly increased general demand for goods and the panic buying by American importers.

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FOREIGN CREDITS FOR J.N.F. SPEED ISRAEL DEVELOPMENT.

Equipment to double cement production will soon reach Israel following recent negotiations by Dr. Josef Weiss, Director of the Financial Department of the J.N.F., with three leading Swiss industrialists. The equipment will be delivered on a four and a half year credit basis.

With the credit assured, Dr. Weiss signed contracts amounting to 3,100,000 Swiss francs, with two large industrial firms in Switzerland to supply the mechanical equipment needed to expand the Nesher works near Haifa and to equip a new cement plant which will be erected near Ramle.

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SOUTH AFRICAN Jewry will shortly welcome Rabbi Hillel Silver, who is coming to the Union to launch the major Jubilee celebrations of the J.N.F. In Israel, where he was recently granted the freedom of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Silver has called for an intensification of the Zionist Organisation's activities to counter the renewed efforts of anti-Zionists in western chancelleries. As Mr. A. Abrahams points out below, Rabbi Silver's recent revelations and warnings in Israel about the internal and external dangers facing Zionism bear out all the Revisionist Movement's previously disregarded warnings. The question now is—

By A. ABRAHAMS

RABBI SILVER'S visit to Israel, the circumstances of his arrival and what he has had to say since, are worth enlarging upon. They serve as a vivid illustration not only of the ethics of the regime, but also the general attitude of those in power to those it regards as its opposition. We of the Revisionist Organisation are entitled, more than any others, to deal with this particular aspect of Jewish national life. No other movement has been so victimised by the fact of being in opposition and no other taint of character in the dominating regime is likely to prove more dangerous, if not actually fatal, to the Jewish future.

Whatever one may say of Rabbi Hillel Silver, it cannot be denied that he has played a meritorious and particularly effective part in the culmination of Jewish Statehood. Over a period of years he dominated the Zionist political scene in America, actively competing with Wise for Jewish leadership in the New World, and finally ousting him as the champion of the larger demands of the Movement.

It is true that Rabbi Silver never over-stepped the mark in the sense of aligning himself with the revolutionary side of Zionism, although it is gratifying to be able to say that he stood against those who openly maligned it or were prepared publicly to condemn it.

It is true that he vacillated, compromised, and occasionally took the easier path. But it is also true that, at the decisive moment, he contributed out of all proportion to the American Government's decision in the matter of recognition, exploiting his own position in the Republican Party for influencing the Democrats in support of Israel at the right moment.

Whatever the facts of the inner conflict in American Zionism since the rise of the State, one would have expected Silver to be regarded as a figure in the Movement, to be honoured as such, to be received by the State with no less respect than a man like Mr. Berl Locker, a personality like Mr. Montor, or one like Mr. Henry Morgenthau.

These three names are mentioned not without reason. None of them was on the scene in Israel during the period of the struggle. They were all Diaspora leaders. But it is possible in any way to compare their contributions with those of Rabbi Silver within the limits of "respectable" Zionist policy, inside which Silver was no less "respectable" than any of them. Yet the first was made the Chairman of the Zionist Executive, the second the leader of Israel Appeals in America, and the third a kind of official angel and statesman on behalf of America. All of these have been honoured without stint. The last two were officially invited and officially received, being accorded receptions at Lydda airfield, sometimes with bands playing, and graced by representatives of the President and the Prime Minister, when they themselves did not turn up to meet them.

A DANGER OVERNIGHT

FAR different was the case of Silver. Once he had done his job his exalted position in America became a danger overnight. He had uttered heresies which looked like disagreement with the Ben Gurion regime. He had to be removed.

Thereupon all the machinery and all the pressure of the State and the Zionist Organisation in combination were brought to bear against him. There was no room for opposition. Opposition had to be crushed. The President of Israel, the Chairman of the Zionist Executive, and many others were mobilised. Weizmann, Ben Gurion, Locker and Goldmann—these were the four battering rams. And so it came to pass that Silver voluntarily withdrew from the scene.

This was the period when the regime in Israel had decided to destroy the Zionist Organisation. Silver was regarded as one of the buttresses, and he had to be shifted. His sin was that he had opposed,

he had disagreed, had offered other views. There was no room for such in the Jewish National Movement. We, of the Revisionist Organisation had experienced this same treatment for a quarter of a century, but never before had so "respectable" a leader as Silver become first the target and then the victim.

Of course, when all this was in progress, it was we who first reported it, commented upon it and condemned it. We correctly interpreted it as a move, not so much against Silver, as against the Zionist Organisation in general. Of course, our reports were denied.

We were accused of causing mischief, of malicious invention, and of playing the game of disruption. In London, I had the pleasure on different occasions of questioning both Locker and Goldmann at Press conferences about it. Both of them, accustomed to use the rather childish art of comic stories for countering an issue, tried to clown the questions away.



RABBI HILLEL SILVER

down as a leader of an Opposition, and as such there was no place for him. Moreover, his own political party which looked like resolving into nothingness at the first

Will Rabbi Silver Step Into The Breach?

They dismissed the "rumours." There was nothing in it.

DARK INTRIGUE

NOW comes Silver himself to substantiate what is shown to be a dark intrigue, a veritable conspiracy. It is true that Silver himself is more than a little to blame, but not to the extent that it can excuse or justify the conspirators. Like other American Zionist leaders, he caught cold feet when the State came into being. He was terrified at the idea of a Zionist Organisation with political functions and was apprehensive of the possible suspicion of dual loyalty. He gave the impression that he was not at all happy about the continuance of the Zionist Organisation with its old authority and functions.

It was this that rendered him vulnerable to the intriguers and conspirators. After all, in a movement which was no longer political or authoritative, what difference could there be between Silver and Montor, or Silver and Morgenthau. There was, of course, the difference that Silver was still a Zionist, though a frightened one, but Montor and Morgenthau would never be interested enough to join in the struggle against the Israel regime if such looked like betraying principles.

However, times changed. The very intriguers and conspirators began to realise soon that the extinction of the Zionist Organisation might prove but the precursor to the decline of the State. They began trying to turn the wheel back. They started talking of a Charter for the Organisation, of confirming it in some of its old rights and competencies.

NO WELCOME

AT this stage comes Silver to Israel. He arrives without any invitation. No welcome telegram was sent to him to New York. No welcoming officials meet him at the airport. Neither the President of the State nor its Prime Minister knows him any longer. There is no official reception at the presidential palace for him, the man who fought the final political battle at Washington when the State came into being. He had been marked

was. He utters a warning that our enemies in the State Department are once again active with no one to oppose them.

The non-political Montors and Morgenthaus are not the stuff to fight the State Department or oppose the President. Already it has become dangerously easy for Whitehall, the Quai D'Orsay and the Capitol to agree together, as is already seen in the case of the Huleh issue. Silver now virtually confesses the old error against which we alone warned him: that the surrender of Zionism's political activities may bring down the State and enable its enemies to crush it with ease.

STERN WARNING

FOR Zionists of all trends this serves as a stern warning. As so often before, it was our reading of the developments and our predictions that have been proved true. It was we who openly declared that the first Israel government was a parochial affair, a single-party affair that was bent on reducing the Jewish National Movement to Levantine proportions and to give it a Levantine figure on the world's stage. We warned that the Diaspora was being cut away from the State, and that the danger was more to the State than to the Diaspora. Unfortunately, as

become a firm and sustained opposition; that it should be associated with an economic and political programme—political in the Diaspora, and economic in Israel; that should be the outcome of his revelations and his confessions. The ground has already been prepared by the Israel State itself for the rise of a new and powerful coalition between parties in State and Organisation for sweeping away all that stands in the path of full redemption and complete fulfilment.

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And what does Silver tell us when he gets to Israel? He publicly unfolds the whole sorry story of the conspiracy against him. He tells how the non-Zionists were organised to displace and remove him. He tells how measures were taken for bringing about the decline of the Organisation and replacing it with something non-political in the sense that it would raise and give money without claim to any voice or any right to interfere. It is now seen that all the denials of Weizmann, Ben Gurion, Locker and Goldmann had no substance and no foundation. What we, the Revisionist Movement, and the Zionist correspondents had told the world at that time now turns out to be true to the very hilt. It confirms to the letter our charge that an organised effort was made to remove the Zionist Organisation from the scene.

Silver's revelations have also been accompanied with a confession, as important as his revelations. Not sufficient emphasis seems to have been laid on this confession.

A WARNING

COMING from the United States, where he is in close touch with political events and trends, Silver has warned the Jewish people that the Zionist Organisation must be retained in its full power and prestige at least for a generation to come. He sees the State too weak to stand by itself politically or economically. Since the virtual withdrawal of the Organisation from the political scene the enemies of Zionism in the Chancelleries of the world have reared out their heads again. They have found the old watchfulness and vigilance no longer where it once

RABBI SILVER TO INAUGURATE S.A. J.N.F. JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Plate Dinner, Tree Drive, J.N.F. Shabbath, Stage Presentation To Highlight Festivities

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER and Mrs. Silver will be the guests of honour at a plate dinner to be held at the Johannesburg City Hall on Monday, June 25, to mark the inauguration of the South African celebrations of the Jewish National Fund's Jubilee year. Rabbi Silver's three-week visit will highlight the South African celebrations which will extend over June and July. A special Jubilee Tree Drive will take place, a J.N.F. Shabbath will be declared and an ambitious stage presentation, "Israel, My People" will be held at the City Hall, Johannesburg, as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

Rabbi Silver, who is making his first visit to South Africa, is today perhaps the best-known of the leading American Zionists. An orator of unusual gift, he was the Chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for many years, and his contribution to the development of the Zionist movement the world over, can be assessed only by the future historian. As representative of the powerful American Jewry, Rabbi Silver has visited many parts of the world, including Israel, and in coming here, during these times of Zionist crisis, shows the depth of his Zionist conception.

ELOQUENT ADVOCATE

Throughout the many years of his active Zionist life Rabbi Silver has always extolled the ideals of the Keren Kayemeth as the moral basis for Zionist work in Israel. He is one of those who, even in the turmoil of the last few years, has refused to abandon these ideals and remains an eloquent advocate of the principles of social justice upon which the Keren Kayemeth, no less than the entire Zionist movement depends. It is to be hoped that his presence here will introduce into the South African discussions on the J.N.F., that element of stability and permanency without which the J.N.F. and Zionism cannot long survive.

JUBILEE TREE DRIVE

The South African Jubilee Committee of the J.N.F. has decided to set aside a special Tree Month from the middle of June till the middle of July. In Johannesburg the Women's Zionist League will undertake its house to house canvass on June 24th for our special Jubilee Forest, and societies throughout the country are asked to make a special effort on that day.

SPECIAL J.N.F. SHABBATH

It is the intention of the Committee to declare Shabbath June 23rd a special J.N.F. Shabbath, and it is hoped that Congregations and



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their Ministers will co-operate fully with this scheme.

On Friday, June 22nd. Ministers of Jewish congregations throughout of the country will remind their congregants of the eternal values of the Keren Kayemeth, no less than of its remarkable achievements during the first fifty years of its existence.

"ISRAEL, MY PEOPLE"

As has been stated earlier, the pageant originally planned to take place in Johannesburg on April 25th has been postponed for technical reasons. Instead, an ambitious stage presentation "Israel, My People" will take place in the City Hall, Johannesburg on the 18th 19th and 21st of July, concluding the J.N.F. Jubilee celebrations. Mrs. Taubie Kushlik, the well-known producer, and Mr. Yaacov Orland of the Head Office of the Keren Kayemeth, are co-operating in this project and an early announcement regarding the nature of the stage presentation may be expected.



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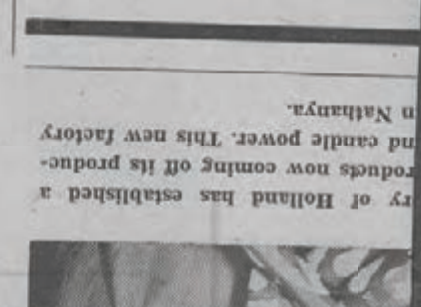
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A topical cartoon from Israel (at of whose Cabinet is overseas at the moment). "Don't worry," his colleagues are saying to Dr. Rosen, the Minister of Justice (who has not yet visited the U.S.A.), "your turn will also come." This cartoon is from "Yazma."



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THE Israel Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. E. D. Goltein, and the Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor C. F. Beckett, M.P.C., will be among the distinguished guests at the J.N.F. Jubilee Banquet in honour of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver on Monday, June 25. The banquet will take place in the City Hall, Johannesburg, and Mr. Justice Leopold Greenberg, President of the S.A. Jubilee Committee for the Jewish National Fund, has been invited to preside.

Rabbi Silver is at present spending a few weeks in the United States after his recent visit to Israel. He is expected to arrive in South Africa on Sunday, June 24.

Preparations for his visit are well under way and special emphasis is being placed upon meetings with youth groups in the leading centres of the Union, where an all-out effort will be made to restore the J.N.F. to its rightful place in Zionist life and activity.

TREE DRIVE TO BE LAUNCHED ON JUNE 24th

Co-incidentally with the inauguration of the Jubilee celebrations, the J.N.F. will launch their greatest South African Tree Drive on Sunday, June 24. The target is for 100,000 trees—one tree for every Jew in the Union — and early indications are that the drive will form the nucleus of a Jubilee Forest in Israel, marking South Africa's tribute to the Jewish National Fund's 50 years of achievement.

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A comprehensive itinerary has been drawn up for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who will arrive here on June 24 in connection with the Jubilee celebrations. He is scheduled to visit the Rhodesias in addition to the main centres of the Union.

The Jubilee banquet, which Rabbi Silver will address at the Johannesburg City Hall on June 25th, and which will be attended by the Mayor, Cdr. C. F. Beckett, M.P.C., and leaders of the Jewish community, is being regarded as the social event of the season. The banquet committee reports heavy bookings.

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Rabbi Silver to Visit Cape Town for J.N.F. Jubilee Celebrations

Banquet in City Hall in His Honour

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therefore be celebrated by the whole Jewish community. The visit of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Mrs. Silver to South Africa during the celebrations further highlights this important Jubilee and plans are being finalised for the arrangement of his visit to Cape Town at the beginning of July. Rabbi and Mrs. Silver will be the guests of honour at a Banquet which will take place in the City Hall, Cape Town, on Thursday, 5th July, and his programme also includes a Mass Rally in Cape Town and a Country Rally at Paarl.

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A fine programme of Israeli music has been planned for the banquet.

There will also be a JNF jubilee banquet in Pretoria at the Jewish Memorial Hall, on Tuesday, July 2 under the patronage of Mr. and Mrs. Goltein. Tickets are available at the Pretoria Zionist Council office, Phone 25-715.

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There can be no doubt that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who is shortly to visit Cape Town in connection with the Jubilee of the Jewish National Fund, is one of the foremost voices in Zionism. An outstanding orator, he has set a new standard for Jewish States and elsewhere; his books on Judaism and Jewish history add brilliant prose to profound thought and his leadership in civic and philanthropic matters, not less than in Jewish and Zionist affairs, shows that he brings to bear upon all problems, in addition to a clear mind, a rich background of Jewish philosophical and spiritual tradition. To him was given the historic opportunity of stating the Zionist case before the United Nations at Flushing Meadows in 1947. Cape Town Jewry will be given the unique experience of hearing Rabbi Hillel Silver at a banquet to be held in his honour on Thursday, 5th July, at the City Hall. This function promises to be the most outstanding event of the year. Many have recognised it as that, and the booking for the function is proceeding very briskly. The public are urged to book their seats now to avoid disappointment. The function will highlight the J.N.F. Jubilee celebrations in the Western Province and tickets for the banquet are £5 5s. per plate. There will be no campaign for the J.N.F. but it is felt that Cape Town Jewry will wish to give a substantial Golden Jubilee "Gift" to the greatest of Jewish national institutions through the plate dinner.

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RABBI SILVER

South African Jewry extends a most cordial greeting to the leading figure in American Zionism, Rabbi Hillel Silver, who is arriving here during the week-end as the guest of honour for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the J.N.F. A happier choice could not have been made. He takes an honoured place amongst the celebrated national leaders who have visited our shores, and we may be sure that his presence will act as an inspiration to the movement here.

While there may be different viewpoints as to the role that world Zionism will play in the future, no one will dispute that without the drive and energy of the Zionist movement we could not have won our independence. American Zionism, drawing on the most powerful community in the world, played a signal role in this dramatic victory — and it did so under the splendid leadership of Rabbi Silver. His militance and courage, displayed at a time when things hung in the balance and when lesser people wavered before the immensity of the tasks, will be permanently recorded in the annals of Jewish heroism and striving.

If the truth may be said, the world Zionist movement has lost some of its verve during the last few years. It was inevitable, in a way, for the focus of national endeavour is to-day inside the boundaries of Israel. With this shift of emphasis, world Zionism has experienced some difficulty in finding its bearings. Our course through the difficult and unpredictable years has still to be clearly charted. But we may be sure that success will attend our efforts while we have men of the calibre of Rabbi Silver to guide and instruct us. Whatever the reorientations that changing circumstances may impose on us, this much is certain—the young State of Israel, beset with a multitude of problems, economic and political, has need of world Jewry. And it is for the Zionist movement to stand in the vanguard of this crusade on behalf of Israel.

Here in South Africa, as in all the different parts of the world, the movement has been languishing because of the vagueness of Zionist policy since Israel gained its independence. Rifts and divisions have sprung up in our midst which are a symptom of the general malaise. We must bring this unhealthy state of affairs to an end, if we are going to render maximum aid to Israel. Rabbi Silver's prestige stands so high that we feel he could employ it to restore unity to our ranks, so that we can once again play that part in Zionist effort which won us so many laurels in the past.

Rabbi Silver's presence in our midst could not have been better timed than on this auspicious occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the J.N.F. A thrill of pride courses through the Jew at the thought of what this tiny seed planted fifty years ago has burgeoned into. At this moment it is meet that we should bow our heads in reverence to the memory of those pioneers who poured all their life and their strength into the arid and neglected wastes in order that the nation might live. Without their sacrifices, we could not have reached the grand climax of three years ago.

Wherever Jews lived, suffered and struggled — from the klein shtetlich to the sky-scrapers of New York and Buenos Aires — the J.N.F. blue and white box has been a symbol of our will to survive as a people. And that was why before the Sabbath was ushered in with the blessings of the candles in the klein shtetlich, the Jewish mother, surrounded by meagreness and want, would place a coin in the J.N.F. box — a beam of light that shone through the gloom of racial oppression. It was more than charity — it was the magic gossamer thread that bound us to the age-old dreams and hopes of a people. The J.N.F. box stood in the grocery shop, in the school, on the mantelpiece, its ubiquity making us Jew-conscious and reminding us of our duties and obligations to our nation. And through it they rose above fell circumstance and found a meaning for their lives.

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee, the J.N.F. has launched a Tree Drive. Let us use our greater opportunities to make a resounding success of the J.N.F. Tree Drive, and prove that we are a living and vital part of the people of Israel.

MARCH IN HONOUR OF RABBI SILVER

Mr. Solly Aronowsky, the well-known South African conductor and violinist, has composed a special march in honour of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who is due to arrive in this country next week. The march will be performed for the first time at the Jewish National Fund's Jubilee banquet at the City Hall, Johannesburg, on Monday, June 25th, at which Rabbi Silver will be the guest of honour.

GREAT WELCOME FOR RABBI SILVER Due To Arrive On Sunday

Rabbi Silver, a great figure in contemporary Jewry, is expected to arrive at Palmietfontein on Sunday, on an important Zionist mission (see also pages 4 and 12).

22nd June, 1951

WHEN RABBI SILVER SWAYED THE UNITED NATIONS

Memories Of An Historic Week At Lake Success

By LEON FELDBERG

(*Editor of the "S.A. Jewish Times"*)

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER'S impending arrival in Johannesburg this week-end recalls vividly to my mind the historic occasion on which I met this towering personality in American Jewry at Lake Success three years ago. "Towering," by the way, is the right word to describe him: he stands head and shoulders above others in physical stature as well as in personality and leadership—a great big burly man who fills the doorway when he enters a room.

It was on that fateful day of April, 1948, when he delivered his historic speech to the United Nations, that I met him. I was visiting America to cover for the "S.A. Jewish Times" that unforgettable session of the United Nations when the fate of Israel was decided. In Palestine, as it still then was, the Arabs were attacking the Yishuv, and the surrounding states were massing for invasion. At UNO, the fate of the Yishuv literally hung in the balance. The forces working against the proclamation of Israel were strong.

At this historic moment it fell to the lot of Rabbi Silver to address that august assembly of delegates from all over the world, many of them opposed to Zionist aims, and trying to convert others to their viewpoint. I sat in the press gallery with correspondents of famous newspapers as Rabbi spoke.

His speech was the most eloquent I have ever heard, and it left a profound impression on everybody there. Even the leader of the Arab League, the Syrian, El Khoury, arguing against the Jewish case, was so impressed by the speech that he publicly congratulated Rabbi Silver on his eloquence.

His Voice Rang Out

The gist of Rabbi Silver's speech was that in effect the Jewish State was already in existence, and that it could not be abolished by resolution. His voice rang out through the great hall. He did not mince words, nor hesitate to raise his voice in passionate eloquence and bang the table with conviction. He and Sharett, who spoke before him, turned the scales of history that day and won a verdict on the side of justice.

I met Rabbi Silver in the United Nations lobby immediately after his speech, and although the debate was still going on, he already expressed himself as optimistic about the outcome. He was convinced that the trusteeship proposal then before the United Nations would not be passed, and he told me that his optimism flowed not only from his faith in the decent public opinion of the world, but mostly from the strength of the Yishuv and Haganah, which was greater than that of the Jews in the outside world. He expressed the hope that the South African Government would join with Australia, New Zealand, and other Dominions in support of the Jewish State. We can be proud to recall that this is what South Africa did do.

Interest in South Africa

He questioned me about South African Jewry, in which he expressed a lively interest. I made the suggestion to him that he would be doing us a great honour, and could be of great help to us, if he would pay a visit to our country. I told him that already South Africa had been visited by outstanding Zionist leaders, from Wolfsohn and Shmarya Levin to Sokolow and Weizmann. He smiled and said he would be happy to come whenever he was invited. He said he had always thought highly of South African Jewry and its remarkable achievements, and he was eager to see this community.

Fateful Days

Fateful days followed while UNO carried on the debate. Sharett was called to a meeting with the U.S. State Department, where he was asked to urge the Jewish Agency to postpone the question of declaring the Jewish State. He replied that neither he nor American Jewry could decide that question, but only the Jews of the Yishuv, and he flew back to Tel Aviv with the grave message that had been given him. Notwithstanding that message, the Jewish

the Jewish State was solemnly proclaimed, and it was Rabbi Silver's voice that represented American Jewish opinion then, and not those who had urged delay.

Unforgettable Scenes

I shall never forget the scenes in New York that week-end. People were singing and dancing through the streets, all night long. The climax came when Rabbi Silver addressed the great mass meeting at Madison Square after the proclamation of the State. Tens of thousands of people flocked to the Square, and thousands had to be turned away. Rabbi Silver was dynamic. His great voice rolled out like thunder through a storm. He turned that day in New York into the greatest festive occasion we have ever had.

And now, in a day or two, he will be with us. I am sure that he will make a tremendous impression here and inspire South African Zionism as few have done before.



Rabbi Silver (right) being interviewed by Mr. Feldberg on the occasion mentioned in this article.

of the top figures in American Zionism took place, unknown to Rabbi Silver, at the Pierre Hotel in New York. Among those present were Rabbi Stephen Wise, Edmund Kaufmann, Louis Lipsky, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and about fifty others. They came to a decision to oppose Rabbi Silver's policy, and sent an urgent secret cable to Ben Gurion, appealing to him, in the face of the forces ranged against us, to delay the proclamation of the State.

But on that Friday of May 14, when the British Mandate ended

Whether one agrees with his party views or not, the fact remains that he is one of the greatest Jewish leaders in the world today, and even his opponents look up to him with respect. His visit here will undoubtedly be an outstanding event, and he will help to galvanise our community.

SOME FACTS ABOUT RABBI SILVER

Abba Hillel Silver was born in Neinstadt, Lithuania, in 1893. . . . Went to U.S.A. with parents as a boy of 9 . . . Graduated from University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College . . . Saw service in France in World War I and was decorated by French Government . . . Upon return to U.S.A. in 1917, was called to spiritual leadership of Temple Tifereth Israel in Cleveland, Ohio, the largest Reform Congregation in the United States . . . Has been Chairman of American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, as well as President of the Zionist Organisation of America and National Co-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal . . . In general life, has made significant contributions to the planning of social legislation and has served on Government committees . . . Has written several volumes on Jewish history and religion.

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ד"ר אבא הלל סילווער, דא אין ד.
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באוועגונג.
די קומענדיקע וואך וועלן מיר
האבן די זכיה אים מקבל-פנים צו זיין
דא אין יאהאנעסבורג און אויך צו
דערנען פון אים.
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איז יעדער אקטיוויטעט וואס איז גע-
ווען פארבונדן מיט ארץ ישראל גע-
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נאכנישט געטאן געווארן אין דער
הינזיכט.

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דער אירישער היים צו זיין נאציא-
נאלער היים.

אלע אנדערע פייערונגען אין צו-
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צוועלף נאציאנאל-פאנר-וועלדער אין
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מר. סאלי אראנאווסקי, דער גוט-
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וועט זיין דער ער-גאסט.

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רבי אבא הלל סילווער

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FRIDAY, June 22, 1951

Welcome To Rabbi Silver

IN the galaxy of great Jews who have visited South Africa, the star of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver is certain to be among the brightest. The Community awaits his arrival on Sunday with delight and expectation. Rabbi Silver comes to us trailing clouds of achievement. He has given fire and zest and vigour to the Zionist movement in America, whose most towering figure he is; and his words have been eagerly read and scanned wherever Jewish communities live and have their being.

Rabbi Silver comes to South Africa with two advantages of recent origin. He has recently visited Israel where he was given a great reception. What he saw there will enable him all the better to say what he has to say about the purpose of his visit to this country—the launching in South Africa of the J.N.F. Jubilee celebrations of the Keren Kayemeth L'Israel.

It is certain, too, that Rabbi Silver's views will be sought on the big Zionist questions of the day—for instance over the challenging issues posed by Mr. Ben Gurion in his recent Waldorf-Astoria speech.

We are certain that Rabbi Silver's views will bring clarity to many problems that now seem confusing. For several reasons, then, he is a most welcome visitor and the community joins in hearty greetings to him.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

-- Towering Figure Of U.S. Zionism

IN THE MIDDLE OF BEN GURION MONTH DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER RETURNED TO NEW YORK AFTER HAVING SPENT A BUSY PERIOD IN ISRAEL. THE JEWS OF NEW YORK HAD JUST ATTENDED A SERIES OF MASS MEETINGS AND CELEBRATIONS—PERHAPS THE GREATEST ZIONIST MASS GATHERINGS EVER RECORDED IN THE HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT.

First there had been the Ben Gurion parade in the streets and avenues of New York, the mayoral reception, the numerous banquets, the intensive Bond Drive campaigning, meetings of leaders, of

By C. GERSHATER

workers, of officials, conferences in high tension. On May 10, 25,000 people attended the Independence Day celebrations organised by the Bond Drive at Madison Square Garden; three days later another 20,000 people came to the same Madison Square Garden for the celebrations organised by the Zionist Organisation of America. That week too the newspapers were full of announcements and reports of more meetings and functions in various suburbs of New York—celebrations arranged by parties, by synagogues, by district branches of the Z.O.A., of Hadassah, of the United Jewish Appeal. Half a dozen of Israeli cabinet ministers had been addressing Zionist meetings and it seemed as if every meeting-goer in New York was utterly exhausted by the middle of the month when Dr. Silver returned from his trip to Israel.

A comparatively small hall was therefore hired for the report of his impressions. Yet the Hotel New Yorker Hall was crowded to capacity long before Dr. Silver was due to give his address. Two thousand people were inside, another 3,000 were left out, or remained to hear the speech through loudspeakers in the corridors.

It spoke volumes for the popularity of Dr. Silver in the U.S.A. He remains the outstanding figure in American Zionism. A man of courage, a powerful personality, he is known to all as one of America's most brilliant orators, the man with the silver tongue. But he is not a mere orator. Behind his oratory there is a record of close on 50 years of Zionist service.

He started his Zionist "career" at the age of 10. He is not, as is generally imagined, the assimilated Reform Rabbi who turned to Zionism when it became a popular cause. His Zionist ideal is in his blood, so to speak. He was nine years old when his father, a Talmudist and a Maskil, brought him to New York from the little Lithuanian town of Neinstadt.

East Side Beginnings

They lived on the East Side and young Abba Hillel and his brother, Maxwell, joined the Voloshener Yeshiva, a primary school where the pupils were taught secular subjects as supplementary to the orthodox education which was the main curriculum of the school. The boy of 10 immediately organised a Hebrew-speaking club at the school. This was about the year 1904, at the time Herzl died, and it is believed that the Club of the Silver boys was the first Zionist youth organisation in the United States. The old fashioned teachers of the school did not like the new-fangled ideas of modern Hebrew speech, but the father, Reb Moshe Silver, himself a

March Composed For Dr. Silver

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Hebrew teacher, stood by the side of the boys. Maxwell, the bigger of the two, was the first president. Then came the turn of Abba Hillel.

The club was steeped in the traditions of the East Side. The boys studied Zionism, learned all about Jewish life and its problems in an atmosphere where everyone was enjoined to forget the past and assimilate it in the new America. Goldfaden, the famous playwright, wrote a Hebrew operetta "David at War" specially for these youngsters. The Educational Alliance refused to give their hall for the performance and the boys threatened to go to the Yiddish press for support. After they got the hall they set out to attend "landsleit" society meetings to sell the tickets, and there young Silver probably delivered his first speeches outside his own circle. Gradually the club grew (it was known as the Dr. Herzl

Dr. Silver Here On Sunday

DR. Abba Hillel Silver, America's most outstanding Zionist, arrives at Palmietfontein on Sunday. In the week that follows he will span the African sub-continent. His arduous programme opens on Monday, June 25, when he will address several meetings.

The highlight of Monday's programme will be the JNF Jubilee banquet in the Johan-

nesburg City Hall. On Tuesday he will address a banquet in Pretoria, on Wednesday he will be in Bulawayo, on Thursday in Salisbury and on Friday he will be back in Johannesburg.

What manner of man is this towering figure of American Zionism? In this article Mr. C. Gershater, editor of the Zionist Record, offers a glimpse of a powerful and forceful personality.



Club). It had branches in Harlem, New Jersey and other places.

"A Cradle"

That little boys' club on the East Side was not without significance for the future of American Zionism. It seems to have been the cradle of some of the leading public figures of American Jewry. Emanuel Neumann, theoretician of American Zionism, was one of its members. So was Brent Mark, who later became editor of a daily newspaper, and Israel Chipkin, the prominent educationalist, and Dr. Reuben Holland, the famous physician, and Reuben Grossman, first American-born Hebrew poet, and George Sokolsky, the columnist of the New York Sun.

The little East Side club, unknown at the time to anybody excepting the irate presidents of the Educational Alliance whose American patriotism was shocked by the introduction of a foreign language into the social activities of the school, became the nursery of great talents, and these can be no doubt that the young hopefuls, all little boys in their teens, were inspired by the dynamic force and by the ambition of their equally young presidents, the Silver brothers.

Before long Abba Hillel Silver entered the University of Cincinnati and simultaneously the Hebrew Union College, Seminary for Reform Rabbis. Zionism at the time was quite taboo among a large majority of the Reform Rabbinate. Dr. Kaufman Kohler, the president of the Union College, looked askance at Zionist activities but young Silver maintained his loyalty to the Zionist cause. After having served as Rabbi at Wheeling, West Virginia, he was called to officiate at the Cleveland Temple, largest Reform congregation in the United States. His predecessor had been a vehement anti-Zionist and an American writer recalls that "there was some alarm expressed when the authorities of the Temple found that they had given a contract to a Zionist Rabbi. Dr. Silver, how-

ever, offered to release them from their contract if they desired. They did not desire."

"Reforming" The Temple

With his dynamic personality Dr. Silver combined in himself the attributes of a great Zionist worker and a great communal builder. Immediately on his arrival in Cleveland he began to "reform" his Temple. He introduced more Sefer Torahs Sabbath services instead of Sunday services, more educational activity, more social welfare work. Before long Dr. Silver became a notable personality among the civic and philanthropic authorities of Cleveland.

He sponsored the first unemployment insurance law in Ohio, was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union, took a keen and active interest in child labour legislation, spoke up from platforms against every kind of injustice. His fame spread throughout the United States.

His Zionist interests grew from year to year. He occupied, until he became president, numerous offices in the Zionist Organisation of America, and helped to build it into a powerful national organisation.

Dr. Silver is a great fighter. The battles which he fought against the White Paper from public platforms in the U.S.A. and behind the scenes at Washington are well known. It was he who together with Samuel Untermyer, organised the anti-Nazi boycott in the U.S., and fought for it both within and without the community. In Zionism, too, he has had his fair share of battle, but he always knew how to subordinate his own personality to the needs of the cause. When he visited Israel recently he refused to be drawn into the various controversies which have been circling around his person and his relations with Ben Gurion.

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RABBI SILVER

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His main object in visiting Israel was to fight for the maintenance of an independent Zionist movement. "If the forthcoming World Zionist Congress is not left free to decide its own policy," he said, "it will not be worth convening." Thirty thousand people came out to greet him in Israel, and it is doubtful whether any other Jewish personality in the Diaspora excites so much attention in Israel as Dr. Silver. His friends idolise him and look upon him as the future head of the World Zionist movement. His opponents respect him and recognise his contribution towards the up-building of American Zionism.

Today American Jewry's attachment to the Zionist cause and to Israel is taken for granted, yet anyone who has studied the American scene will know the difficult road which U.S. Zionism has had to traverse—the fight against the assimilated Yehudim, the fierce battles against the Left Wing radicals, the even greater struggle against the seething melting pot, the vigorous onslaughts against complacency. All these great wars were fought with success by men like Silver. It was they who turned American Jewry into the greatest reservoir of strength for the Jewish state.

At 57 Dr. Silver is as hard working and as energetic as ever. He does not neglect his communal duties and is ever conscious of his tasks as a Rabbi. When asked at a press conference in Tel Aviv why he did not settle in Israel, he said that he thought there was no shortage of Rabbis in Israel, but there was a lot to do for Rabbis in Cleveland. Yet in the midst of these duties he manages to be in constant touch with New York Zionist leadership, to attend conferences and meetings, to go out on a visit to Israel and, so shortly after that, to go again on a Zionist mission to South Africa. Speaking of his mission to this country he said:

"I am looking forward with keen pleasure to my visit to South Africa. I have not been there before, and I am eager to become acquainted with the community about which I have read so much and about whose contribution to the cause of the rebuilding of Israel I have heard such gratifying accounts. During my recent visit to Israel I came in contact with quite a number of South African Zionists and learned firsthand of the work which is being done in Israel by the South African Jewish community. I am eager also to bring to the South African Jewish community a message about the vital work which is now being done in Israel by the Jewish National Fund, work which I had an opportunity to observe closely during my recent visit."

Dr. Silver is probably the first leading American Zionist to visit this country. He will undoubtedly be heartily welcomed everywhere.

22nd June, 1951.

MR. BEN GURION DEFINES TASK OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT

Rabbi Silver Welcomes Message to Z.O.A. Convention as Complete Reversal of Previous Statement

Atlantic City.

Mr. Ben Gurion sent a message to the 54th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organisation of America defining the tasks of the Zionist Movement as the upbuilding of the State and its security, the fulfilment of the plan for the ingathering of the exiles, the expansion of the pioneering movement and Hebrew culture. He said that Israel had created the possibility for full realisation of the Zionist vision, but they still had a long way to go, and the continuous effort of the entire Jewish people, directed by the Zionist idea, was still needed to reach the final goal.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver welcomed the statement as evidence of a complete reversal of the position which Mr. Ben Gurion expressed at a meeting of Zionist leaders in New York and which created consternation in Zionist ranks all over the world.

Pres. Truman sent a message expressing the hope that Israel would lead the way toward freedom of opportunity in the Middle East and said that a prosperous Middle East was essential to the stable order they all sought.

Paying tribute to the role of the Zionist Organisation of America in the creation of the State of Israel and in safeguarding its future existence, three members of President Truman's Cabinet—Oscar Chapman, Secretary of the Interior, Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, and Charles Sawyer, Secretary of Commerce—voiced confidence that Israel will overcome its economic difficulties with the help of America.

The Secretary of the Interior, Oscar Chapman, expressing his appreciation "as an American, for the great work the Z.O.A. has done on behalf of the State of Israel," declared: "Israel's achievements in the few short years of its existence has been an inspiration to the troubled world. Its accomplishments in establishing the new nation on the firm foundation of democracy merits the acclaim and whole-hearted support of all men of good will." The Secretary of the Interior further voiced confidence that the Z.O.A.'s efforts will not diminish in the years to come. "Your aid to Israel will result in strengthening the cause of freedom throughout the world."

From the Secretary of Agriculture,

Charles F. Brannan came the message that the United States and other democratic nations of the world "look with deep interest and sympathy upon the magnificent efforts the new State of Israel is making to solve not only the heavy problem inherent in the birth of a nation, but in addition, to provide a homeland for hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees from other countries." Secretary Brannan emphasised the fact that "within recent months the United States and Israel Governments have concluded a Point Four general agreement under which American experts will co-operate with Israel personnel in programmes of economic development."

While listing Israel's economic accomplishments in the last three years, the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Charles Sawyer, however, asserted that Israel is still confronted with difficult tasks before it can establish itself as a "productive economic member in the family of free nations." The Cabinet official said that "the new nation had progressed steadily from dependence on emergency relief to an interim programme of large scale public works," and in recent months

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Cape Town Eagerly Awaiting Arrival of Rabbi Silver

Banquet at City Hall on 5th July

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, the renowned Zionist leader, who is due to arrive in Johannesburg on Sunday with Mrs. Silver, will spend a few days in Cape Town and will participate in the Jewish National Fund Jubilee celebrations here.

The highlight of his brief visit to Cape Town will be the Plate Dinner at the City Hall on Thursday night, 5th July. It has been a long time since Cape Town has so eagerly looked forward to an event as this coming Plate Dinner, and booking has been very heavy.

With regard to the reservation of seats, it will be a question of "first come, first served," and those who have not, as yet, booked are advised to do so immediately at the Western Province Zionist Council Offices, 3rd Floor, Burleigh House, 24, Barrack Street.

The committee in charge of the celebrations will be meeting shortly to finalise arrangements and they are confident that the Jewish National Fund Jubilee banquet will be one of the most outstanding functions to be held in Cape Town.

June, 1951.

The Jubilee Dinner

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Keren Kayemeth, the instrument of resettlement of the Jews on their soil, is being celebrated by Jewish communities throughout the world. The celebrations are taking various forms but, as is wholly fitting, the efforts of those in whose hands the arrangements are, are being largely directed towards the practical recognition of the role that the Jewish National Fund has played in the life of the Jewish people and the tasks that still lie ahead of it for the complete redemption of the land of the Jewish people.

We should commemorate this historic occasion not only in words and tribute but also in a tangible form, and it is to this end that the "Plate Dinner," at which Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will be the guest of honour, has been arranged for 5th July. This function provides Cape Town Jewry with the opportunity of hearing one of the great orators and outstanding personalities of the Zionist Movement and, at the same time, of demonstrating their support, in a very practical way, of the Keren Kayemeth and its work. We trust, therefore, that Peninsula Jewry will seize this opportunity and make the Dinner the success it deserves to be.

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A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

SOUTH AFRICAN Jews have been privileged to welcome in their midst many leading personalities of the Zionist movement, and within a few days we shall have the opportunity of greeting one of the most distinguished contemporary Zionist leaders—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, leader of American Zionism, who comes here in connection with the J.N.F. Jubilee celebrations.

The respect and esteem in which Rabbi Silver is held by Jews throughout the world, his courageous fight against petty Zionism and the British Mandatory Government for Palestine, his association with those who opposed partition in 1937, his contribution to the political struggle at UNO before November 29th, 1947, and his recognition of, and support for, the Irgun's fight for liberation have marked him as a dangerous character in the eyes of Ben Gurion.

This may, of course, only be a passing phase and the possibility of an alliance between Mapai and the General Zionists after the next Knesset elections should not be excluded. They are the traditional partners of the past and were jointly responsible for many of the disastrous events and policies before the State's emergence and in the early days of its existence.

At the moment, however, Silver is not one of the "favoured ones" and his criticism of the regime and policy in Israel have led him into open conflict with Ben Gurion and Mapai, who have made every effort to oust him from his position and to eliminate his powerful influence over American and World Jewry.

In fact, only a few days ago Ben Gurion was reported to have said that he would "never agree that Rabbi Silver should become President of the Zionist Organisation." This Statement is only a symptom of the overall Mapai plan to reduce the Zionist movement to a meaningless and lifeless institution—which would not question or criticise their actions—and the indifference to last week's Congress Elections in Israel is an indication of the success that they have already achieved.

There were occasions in the past when we thought that Rabbi Silver might have gone further in his stand, but then again, he shone as a brilliant exception amongst his colleagues of the Jewish Agency leadership in the days of the heroic Irgun struggle—refusing to share in the servile condemnations of their valiant actions and the campaign of insult and vilification launched against those patriots. On the contrary it may be said that Silver's frank and fearless utterances in America, were often the echo of the Irgun's actions in Palestine.

Since the State came into being, Rabbi Silver has helped to counteract the practise of distorting history, which has been popularised by Mr. Ben Gurion in Israel, who seeks to deny the role played by the Irgun—and incidentally, also Rabbi Silver's part—in the struggle for Freedom. On the occasion of Mr. Begin's visit to the U.S.A., Rabbi Silver gave it, as his considered opinion that "the Irgun will go down in History as a factor without which the State of Israel would not have come into being."

In welcoming Rabbi Silver to South Africa, we express the hope that he will arouse South African Zionists to the dangers facing the movement, that he will not refrain from being outspokenly critical of conditions in Israel—as we have been at all times—for we believe that it is necessary to tell the Jews of the world the truth for the sake of Israel and the Jewish people.

RABBI SILVER ARRIVING ON SUNDAY

Will Visit Principal Centres Of Union And Rhodesia

ON Sunday afternoon, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, accompanied by Mrs. Silver, will arrive in the Union for a brief visit in connection with the South African Jubilee Celebrations of the J.N.F. A crowded programme has been arranged for him, including visits to the principal centres of the Union and Rhodesia. Rabbi Silver will also address a meeting of the South African Zionist Council which is to be held on Saturday evening, the 14th, and Sunday, the 15th of July. He will meet the Executive of the S.A. Zionist Federation on Monday and will be the guest of honour at the J.N.F. Jubilee dinner on Monday evening. His Worship, the Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor C.F. Beckett, is tendering a luncheon in Rabbi Silver's honour on Tuesday, June 26.

Rabbi Silver was born in Nienstadt, Lithuania. He emigrated to the United States with his parents, as a lad of nine, and soon proved himself to be a proficient scholar. He studied at the University of Cincinnati, where he received his

Council, and it was in this capacity that he put the Zionist case before the Assembly of the United Nations in 1947.

As President of the Zionist Organisation of America he piloted that body through some of its most difficult years. He has held the position of National co-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, in addition to serving as the National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, which combines the fund-raising efforts of the Palestine Foundation Fund with the Jewish National Fund.

A man of outstanding energy, Rabbi Silver has been a member of over 30 committees and boards devoted to Jewish, Zionist and Civic interests, among them the Near East Relief Committee and the Executive Board of the Larger Regional Government of Cleveland. So broad, in fact, are his civic activities that John Gunther, writing of Dr. Silver in his book "Inside U.S.A.," refers to him as "the first citizen of Cleveland."



RABBI HILLEL SILVER

B.A. degree in 1915, and graduated from the Hebrew Union College as a qualified Rabbi in the same year.

Following his graduation, he rendered special war service with the armed forces in France and was subsequently decorated by the French Government with the medal of the Officier de L'Instruction Publique.

Since 1917 Rabbi Silver has made his home in Cleveland, Ohio, whence he received a call to become spiritual leader of the "Tifereth Israel," then the largest Reform Congregation in the United States.

Rabbi Silver is married and has two sons.

Acknowledged one of the foremost orators of the day, Rabbi Silver, both as speaker and spiritual leader, has done much to elevate the platform of Jewish leadership.

SOCIAL LEGISLATION

In the field of planning social legislation in the United States, Rabbi Silver has made a significant contribution and was the first to sponsor the unemployment law in Ohio. President Hoover had placed him on the National Committee to Alleviate Unemployment, and Rabbi Silver followed this project up with intensive work on unemployment relief among both White and Negro in his State. As a member of the American Civil Liberties Union he has also evinced a particular interest in legislation affecting child labour.

Rabbi Silver served as Chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Israel. In addition he was Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency

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Eminent Rabbi to Visit Rand

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi of the largest Jewish Reform congregation in America and an outstanding orator, will arrive in Johannesburg on Sunday on a brief visit to the Union.

Rabbi Silver was appointed Chairman of the Israel Corporation of America in 1949. He is also Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and of the American Zionist Emergency Council; and is Vice-President of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Silver is the author of a number of religious works.



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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

U.S. RABBI'S TRIBUTE TO SMUTS

"THE notable support of the late General Smuts remains one of the important chapters in the history of the World Zionist Movement," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, a prominent leader of the movement, said when he arrived in Johannesburg last night from the United States.

Dr. Silver is Rabbi of the largest Jewish Reform Congregation in America, and has helped in the planning of modern social legislation there.

His advocacy of the Jewish case before the United Nations Assembly in 1947 largely helped to secure a favourable decision on the independence of the State of Israel.

Dr. Silver told the "Rand Daily Mail" that the World Zionist Movement was very grateful to South Africa for its support when the issue of the establishment of the State of Israel was discussed by the United Nations.

"I am happy that the United States still shows great interest in Israel, and am sure that it will continue to give its support in the future," he said.

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DR. SILVER GETS ROUSING WELCOME IN SOUTH AFRICA; MAYOR OF JOHANNESBURG TENDERS OFFICIAL RECEPTION.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on his arrival in South Africa was accorded the most enthusiastic welcome ever given a Zionist leader from abroad in this country. The Mayor of Johannesburg tendered an official reception for the American Zionist leader.

In his tour of the major South African Jewish communities, Dr. Silver will address meetings of the Jewish National Fund and the Zionist Organisation. In a speech delivered at a 50th Anniversary dinner of the Jewish National Fund, he said, "Israel is still surrounded by enemies dreaming of a second round - and rearming for it. The position of Jerusalem is still not defined, and the United Nations is evading the question."

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Rabbi's tribute to Israeli people

"Israel shows what a nation inspired by an ideal can do," said Dr. A. H. Silver, Rabbi of the largest Jewish Reform Congregation in America, at a Press conference in Johannesburg to-day.

Dr. Silver, who was in Israel four weeks ago, said that he had a tremendous admiration for the people who, with the problem of absorbing 600,000 immigrants and under semi-military mobilisation, were facing a period of austerity and hard work to establish their country and were doing a magnificent job.

Rabbi Says Israel Faces Economic Crisis

THE great development of Israel is due to the determined and unflinching efforts of the Jewish National Fund, Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver said at the Golden Jubilee Banquet of the fund in Johannesburg last night.

Dr. Silver is visiting South Africa from America and recently he made a tour of Israel.

He paid a tribute to South African Jewry for their contribution to the J.N.F. Their unswerving loyalty and unbounded generosity had contributed largely towards the establishment of the State of Israel.

SMUTS TRIBUTE

"I would also like to pay a tribute to that great South African, General Smuts, who at U.N.O. helped pave the way for the formation of the State of Israel. We in America admired him for his great qualities as a leader and world statesman."

Dr. Silver said that a tremendous amount of work was being done in Israel.

Large - scale irrigation schemes were in operation and a new scheme was being launched for the reclaiming of about 15,000 acres of land which was marshy and malaria-ridden. In the past year 7,000,000 trees had been planted.

There were many difficulties still to be overcome, however, and the continued support of all Jews was needed.

"The enemies of Israel are gathering on all sides," said Dr. Silver, "and we must help the country to be strong enough to resist. The people are determined, and will fight to preserve their independence."

FEAR ECONOMIC BREAKDOWN

"They do not lack courage or determination, but what they fear most is an economic breakdown, which would give their enemies the chance they are waiting for. "It is up to us to see that breakdown never occurs."

Mr. Justice Greenberg presided. Other speakers were the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Claude Beckett, M.P.C., Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C., Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, Mr. I. A. Maisels, K.C., President of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, and Mr. E. G. Goitein, Minister Plenipotentiary for Israel.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, een van die mees vooraanstaande Sioniste in die wêreld, en Rabbi van die grootste Joodse hervormingsgemeente in Amerika, het gister op 'n perskonferensie in Johannesburg verklaar dat Israel na volle ontwikkeling van sy nywerhede en landbou tussen 4,000,000 en 5,000,000 mense sal kan onderhou.

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Beroemde Leier Van Jodedom In Stad Onthaal

'N GEESDRIFTIGE aantal Jode het Maandagaand in die stadsaal 'n banket bygewoon ter ere van dr. Abba Hillel Silver (in die middel op ons foto), een van die beroemdste leiers van die Amerikaanse Jodedom. Dr. Silver is rabbyn van die grootste gemeente in Amerika en is na Suid-Afrika uitgenooi ter geleentheid van die 50e verjaardag van die Joodse Nasionale Fonds.

In 'n indrukwekkende rede het dr. Silver Suid-Afrika geloof vir die bystand wat hy aan Israel gegee het tydens die totstandkoming van die staat en sy versekerdheid

uitgespreek dat die Unie se houding onveranderd sal bly. Dr. Silver het verklaar dat die Fonds die grootste aankoopstelsel in die wêreld is wat nie staatsondersteuning ontvang nie.

„Elke rewolusie is in wese maar die herontdekking van ou beginsels,” het dr. Silver verklaar en die idees van die



Fonds teruggevoer tot die optrede van Jeremia wat grond buitekant Jerusalem gekoop het.

Die ander persone op ons foto is mev. E. D. Goitein,

eggenote van die gevolmagtigde minister en buitengewone gesant van Israel en regter Leopold Greenberg, wat as voorsitter opgetree het.

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RABBI SILVER VERSUS BEN GURION

From the Press interview given by Rabbi Silver, appearing elsewhere in this issue, it is apparent that all is not well in the relations between the Israel Government and the world Zionist movement. We are living through a period of great change, and a certain amount of grating in the machinery is understandable. For all that, we feel that whatever the transition that has to be made, this should be done without asperity or rancour. Israel and world Zionism need each other. It would be disastrous if the contention between the two camps were allowed to get out of hand, as it appears to be doing, to judge by the farewell address of Ben Gurion in New York, and Rabbi Silver's Press interview before us.

The note of anger pervading Rabbi Silver's interview is understandable. He would be less than human if he did not resent the manner in which the Zionist movement, which played a signal role in the fight for our independence, is now being relegated to a subordinate place. We can well sympathise with Rabbi Silver when he says that "within the Zionist Organisation of America, all sections to-day feel a sense of outrage at the way the movement is being treated." For all that, we must curb our sentiments, for we are moving through perilous days when hard realities have to be faced. And one of these realities is that the focus of Jewish endeavour has since the winning of our independence shifted to within the borders of Israel, away from the Diaspora. If we may borrow from philosophical idiom, the rise of the State of Israel is not just one point of many in the evolution of the Jewish race; it represents a qualitative change, calling for sharp reorientation of policy. As we have said, it should be effected as smoothly as possible, and with the least dislocation. But it has to be done, for all that. We would ascribe the somewhat harsh tone of Ben Gurion's address, not to any lack of gratitude towards American Zionism, or bad manners, but to the singular importance of the issues at hand.

Rabbi Silver's charge is, in fact, that Ben Gurion was biting the hand that fed him. It is a very serious charge. In defence of Ben Gurion, it has to be said that it falls away, since Israel has opened its doors wide so that any Jew can enter the country and immediately enjoy the full rights of any other Israeli citizen. Rabbi Silver could become the Prime Minister of Israel, if this should be the wish of the people, but only on the condition that he went to live in Israel.

Despite Rabbi Silver's assertion that all the talk about political interference in the affairs of Israel is nothing more than a red herring, we still believe that it is a salient issue, and very real indeed. Strangely enough, Rabbi Silver sees this question of political interference through an inverted perspective. In accordance with his policy of Hafradah, members of the Government should not at the same time be members of the Jewish Agency Executive, as the world would accuse the Zionist movement of being run from Israel. He would overcome this difficulty by getting Israel to give the Zionist Organisation a Charter. Rabbi Silver seems to endow the Charter with magical qualities. To the world at large, this Charter would signify that the Zionist Organisation is deriving its authority from Israel, and the charge of Israel interference in world Zionism would be made irrespective of whether members of the Israel Government sit on the Agency Executive or not.

But what is more important, is that Rabbi Silver sees the danger of Israel's political interference in world Zionism, and glosses over as a phantom the more real danger of world Zionist interference in the political affairs of Israel. What is the purport of Rabbi Silver's Press interview? It is a protest at the way all power has been taken away from the world Zionist movement. And he wants to re-establish it through Israel granting it a Charter. But power is not abstract, or a toy to play with. Presumably, Rabbi Silver would like to use this power to act as a political-corrective to Israel. This, we state most emphatically, would be highly dangerous, and is not to be countenanced.

Neither do we approve of the principle of a Charter from Israel. The Zionist movement will grow and flourish, to the extent that it is able to mobilise world Jewry to help Israel through its many difficulties. It can only be achieved through the exertions of the Zionists themselves, and not through a Charter giving sovereign authority to the Zionist movement, which is being advocated by Rabbi Silver. This would be tantamount to setting up a Government in the Diaspora. Such a dual governmental process would jeopardise the position of both Israel and world Jewry. If the Zionist movement is to function most effectively, it must remove those fences which shut it off from a large section of Jewry. To-day, the struggle within Jewry is no longer whether we should fight for our State or not. That issue is now obsolete. The Zionists must act as the vanguard in the crusade to aid Israel; it dare not constitute itself as the whole army by trying to set up the artificial demarcation of Zionist and non-Zionist within Jewry.

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MAYORAL RECEPTION TO RABBI SILVER

Councillor Beckett's Tribute To Jewish Achievements

A GLOWING tribute to Jewish achievements was paid by the Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor C. F. Beckett, when he extended a civic welcome to Rabbi Hillel Silver at a Mayoral luncheon held at the Mayor's Chambers, Johannesburg City Hall, in honour of the distinguished visiting Zionist leader on Tuesday. The luncheon was attended by city councillors and leading personalities. The Mayor provided a strictly Kosher meal for the occasion and called on Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler to offer grace.

It was not often, said the Mayor, that he had the privilege of welcoming so distinguished a guest. "You, sir," he said to Rabbi Silver, "have been credited with three great accomplishments—as a fighter, a worker and a leader. We feel honoured that you have won these attributes in both the spiritual and the temporal spheres. We think with gratification of the progress of the great work of Zionism which you have so signally assisted to the triumph of the Jewish State. We can join in your rejoicing on this fiftieth anniversary of the Jewish National Fund.

"Fifty years ago world Jewry certainly had little on which to base its faith that there would ever be an Israel State or nation. Now that State and nation exist again. Never in history, I think, has anything as splendid in achievement been brought to fruition. When you started off, the world sat by on the sidelines and watched. I know the difficulties and frustrations you have had to contend with over the past 50 years. The battle has been won. The world that looked on with incredulity when you began is now prepared to applaud the magnitude of your achievement. As a non-Jewish Zionist I pray that the things you have worked for so long will all be brought to fruition through the labours of the Zionist Organisation and the support which world Jewry accords them."

Rabbi Silver Replies

Rabbi Silver, in reply, expressed his deep appreciation of the honour accorded him at this civic welcome and said that the City of Johannesburg was fortunate in having as its administrative head a man of such goodwill and tolerance as the Mayor.

"If there is any hope for this troubled world of ours, it lies with people like you who hold true to the basic spiritual conception of life and who can see that the source of all proper adjustments in life must lie in the moral and ethical code common to all men of goodwill and especially to those privileged to share in the Judeo-Christian tradition," he said.

Rabbi Silver said he found many parallels between South Africa, and his own home country of America, and Israel. In all three lands there was the same spirit of pioneering and faith in the future. Johannesburg especially had much that was common to America and Israel. "The growth of your city from a town of tents to a great metropolitan community reminds me so much of many of our cities in America; and so, too, in Israel we see a country rapidly rising from a community of tents and huts and transforming itself, by its spirit, its will and initiative into a country which will be a credit to humanity.

"I don't think that the little State of Israel will ever rival the great countries of the world in terms of material progress. I don't think there is even any widespread desire there for such rivalry. But I like to think that that little country will again come to hold an honoured place in the world in terms of social justice, in terms of the great ideals of humanity, of culture, and of civilisation. We created the great spiritual treasures of mankind in the past, and I am persuaded that Israel will make a similar contribution again and will prove worthy of the confidence which mankind has reposed in it," he declared.

RABBI SILVER TO PREACH AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver who, in addition to being the outstanding figure in American Zionism today, is also the Rabbi of the largest Jewish Reform Congregation in the U.S.A., will preach the sermon at the Sabbath Eve service of the Johannesburg United Jewish Reform Congregation on Friday, 29th June.

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Rabbi Silver Receives Stormy Ovation At J.N.F. Jubilee Banquet

Warns That Its Battle-Days Are Not Yet Over

IN sculptured sentences, charged with poetry, Rabbi Hillel Silver, guest at the Jubilee J.N.F. celebration, held at the City Hall on Monday night, told the story of the renaissance of our people. Effective presence, beautiful rhythm of phrase, and wealth of imagery have rightly earned for Rabbi Silver the reputation of being one of the great orators of this age. Those who were fortunate enough to be in the audience will not readily forget a rich and rewarding experience. Sheer eloquence could not have created such a profound impression; no master of words and phrases could have so inspired and galvanised, if it were not that behind these words there was a soul totally merged with the aspirations and destiny of his people. And the ovation Rabbi Silver received at the end of his address was not just the acclaim of a great speaker, but it was also a heartfelt tribute to a great Jew who occupied a key position during the most critical and stormy period of our history, and neither wavered nor flinched in the face of the overwhelming dangers that everywhere beset us.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Greenberg presided. Mr. S. M. Kuper, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and Mr. I. A. Maisels, President of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, brought greetings from their organisations. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor C. F. Beckett, welcomed Rabbi Silver on behalf of the citizens of Johannesburg, and the Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. E. D. Goitein, brought a message of goodwill from Israel.

At the commencement of his address Rabbi Silver spoke with deep feeling of General Smuts, whose services to the cause of Zionism would remain for ever engraved in the annals of our people, and he thanked those at the head of affairs in South Africa who at UNO had helped in the rebirth of Israel. He then paid a glowing tribute to the Jews of South Africa, who through their unfailing loyalty and exemplary generosity had played a notable part in the re-establishment of the State of Israel.

"I first learned of the J.N.F. as a boy living in the East Side of New York, and began my Zionist career selling the white and blue stamp at meetings and in the Synagogues," went on Rabbi Silver. "It was a star-studded dream of my childhood. But the stars that shone so brightly in my youth have accompanied me through all my years. At one time, the J.N.F. stamp was the symbol of a people's hope; to-day it is the authentic symbol of a sovereign State occupying an honoured place in the comity of the nations. It is the emblem of Israel. Behind the stamp there is an invincible idea."

"Stateless and landless, it was not enough for the Jew to fight for freedom in the abstract sense; we had to acquire land and soil from which to launch our fight for independence, and on which to regenerate a people whose lives had been blighted by centuries of exile. The soil has become the central theme of our national renaissance. Through the J.N.F., the masses of the Jewish people are participating in the work of redeeming our people."

They Created

"The pioneers, who poured their life-blood into the arid and forbidding wastes of Palestine, did not wait for success or the prospect of success. They created it. The J.N.F. represents the patience and endurance of a people, prepared to struggle towards the ultimate goal through lean and unrewarding years. They fought on, undismayed, in the face of political disturbance and economic crisis, and the J.N.F. became the greatest non-Governmental land-purchasing agency in the world."

Rabbi Silver then spoke of the monumental achievements of the J.N.F. in forestry and agriculture.

Malaria-ridden regions had been cleared, and transformed into healthy land on which human beings could now be settled. The seven million trees planted in a country, denuded of its fertility through centuries of neglect, had completely transformed the landscape. The Negev, vast and forbidding, had been reclaimed for human habitation.

"No campaign surpasses the J.N.F. in popular appeal," declared Rabbi Silver, "for it embodies the essential genius and social vision of a people. That is why it stands above partisan ideology, and serves the needs of a whole nation."

Rabbi Silver warned against the Sabbath mood of celebration that had overcome large sections of Jewry. It was understandable after all the frightful exertions to achieve victory. But an eternal Sabbath could only remain the dream of a distant future, in the face of the perilous times through which the world is moving and the burdensome tasks ahead.

Unprecedented Problems

"Israel must become strong, stable and secure. Everywhere it is surrounded by truculent, unreconciled enemies yearning for a second round. The U.N. is still evading a final decision on Jerusalem. There is a tremendous military budget to raise. Economic problems have become staggering with the large-scale immigration initiated since Independence Day. Let us not recoil from our tasks. Let us give all we can of patience, loyalty and self-sacrifice to sustain this tiny people grappling with unprecedented problems."

"Their battle-days are not over. Girdled as they are by an array of hostile Arab armies, and with the Great Powers switching policy as international tension mounts, they must remain constantly on the alert, and we must be ever-ready to spring to their aid in any contingency that may arise. What we have helped to build, let us make secure through a glorious comradeship of the enduring fellowship of labour till peace and security are abidingly theirs."

Visit to Israel

Rabbi Silver then described the thrill he experienced as he recently set foot on the soil of Israel. Despite the hard and rugged things he had seen, it had been a Yom Tov for him during every moment of his stay there, as he watched another exciting act in this grand drama of Israel—one of the most exciting in the history of the world.

"Give them half a chance, and the world will be astounded at their prodigious conquests. In the face of heartbreaking circumstance and hopeless odds they fought on. They rose above hardships and suffering to higher

levels of achievement. What made this possible? Ein breire—no alternative—is the explanation often advanced. But it is too negative and facile an explanation. For it takes no account of the amazing dynamism and ebullience of spirit being manifested on all sides. The indomitable urge that animated Joshua before the ramparts of Canaan is driving Israel forward to master the seemingly unconquerable heights.

"They could have settled down to a comfortable existence—who could have dared deny it to them after all their privations; they need not have complicated their lives by allowing in an inrush of impoverished immigrants. But they have a sense of loyalty to their nation, and they only regarded themselves as the vanguard of a great people resolved to build a civilisation."

"The whole country is throbbing with life. The Yemenite Jew, sitting on top of an American bulldozer and ploughing his way through all obstacles, is the symbol of Zionist sweep, combining with the most advanced tech-



Rabbi Silver addressing the J.N.F. Jubilee Banquet at the City Hall.

nique, to lay the foundation for the growth of a people. There are difficulties—economic, political and spiritual. There is no need to gloss over them, or to imagine they don't exist. But with patience and the right leadership, these will be eliminated, and the nation will go forward unitedly."

Independence Day

Rabbi Silver described the celebration of Independence Day in Israel, which he witnessed during his stay there. He was taken to a spot where 36 urns containing the ashes of Jews from the Nazi concentration camps were kept to remind us of the martyrdom of our people, and the via dolorosa we had to tread before our exile came to an end.

And he was also taken to Mount Herzl, where the remains of our immortal leader are interred. "In the presence of the leading figures of the land, the flag of the new State was raised. A bonfire was lit, and all at once a chain of bonfires began to illumine the neighbouring hills, the flames shooting upwards to a sky massed with stars. Ecstatically, they danced through the streets of every city and village. They have every right to celebrate, for they have built well and soundly on ten thousands defeated hopes. They are proving a blessing not only to themselves, but to countless generations to come."

"Out of this tiny country will once again come light and learning to startle the world," concluded Rabbi Silver. "We have given to the world men of unexampled intellectual stature in the past; we will do so again. The next few years will be critical. Give them the help they require, and they will come through strengthened. They have fought and won through sacrifice, and through sacrifice they will defend what they have won."

Gratulatory Messages

Mr. Justice Greenberg, in welcoming Rabbi Silver, spoke of his



Rabbi and Mrs. Silver on their arrival at Palmietfontein airport on Sunday night, where a guard of honour was arranged by the Bnei Zion.

notable achievements in many fields of human endeavour. The celebration of the J.N.F. Golden Jubilee was of special significance to him, said Justice Greenberg. During his recent stay in Israel, his visit to the settlements had outweighed other disappointments. While the effervescent activity of Tel Aviv and the stateliness of Jerusalem were admirable he felt that only through the land would the Jew shed the undesirable consequences of persecution and the ghetto. The Keren Kayemeth was responsible for the advances made on this front.

Mr. S. M. Kuper, in bringing greetings to Rabbi Silver, also tributed Mr. Janower, who was present, for the part he had played in J.N.F. work since its inception.

He was specially beholden to Rabbi Silver for accepting the invitation to come to South Africa after his strenuous stay in Israel. He felt sure that "this legendary figure in Zionism" would prove an inspiration to the Zionist movement.

Mr. I. A. Maisels welcomed Rabbi Silver as a pre-eminent leader in the Zionist movement, saying that in South Africa the Board of Deputies had always co-operated with Zionism on the closest terms. They would continue to look to American Jewry for guidance and inspiration.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor C. F. Beckett, expressed appreciation of the friendship always shown him by the Jewish people. He believed that the pioneering role of the Jews in Israel was worthy of the highest praise. The vision and foresight they had displayed had borne fruit, and Israel to-day stood firmly. A job had been well and unostentatiously done over many years.

Mr. E. D. Goitein, in a happily worded address full of scintillating humour, noted that, while the J.N.F. was celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, the love of the land was already an outstanding Jewish characteristic since the days of Jeremiah.

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ישראל געזאנדטער י. ד. גויטיין נעמט אויף רבי און מרס. סילווער

רבי און מרס. סילווער זינען דינסטאג איינט אויפגענומען געווארן אין פרגטאריע פון ישראל געזאנדטן אין ד. אפריקע, מר. י. ד. גויטיין און מרס. גויטיין. פון רעכטס: מרס. סילווער, מר. גויטיין, רבי סילווער און מרס. גויטיין.

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הגם רבי דר. אבא הלל סילווער, אמעריקאנער ציזן - מנהיג, קעמפער און אראטאג, איז ערשט 5 טעג מיט אונדז, האבן ציונים טישע טוער אין יאהאנעסבורג שוין געהאט די פריוויליגיע צו זען און הערן אונדזער גרויסן גאסט ביי מערערע געלעגנהייטן.

זינט רבי סילווער איז אנגעקומען לעצטן זונטאג, צוזאמען מיט מרס. סילווער, אויף דער איינלאדונג פון קרן קימת לישראל צו בא-טייליקן זיך אין די „גאלדערנע יוביליי-פיערונגען פון נאציאנאל פאנד אין ד. אפריקע, האט ער באנייטערט טויזנטער מענטשן מיט זיין גרויסער אראטאגרישער קראפט, אומדערמולנדיג ענער גיט און דינאמישער פערזענלעכקייט.

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באנקעט. נעכטן, דאנערשטאג אונט, איז רבי סילווער געווען דער ער-גאסט פון די אידן אין סאלסבורי. היינט, פרייטאג אונט, דערט רבי סילווער אין „טעמפל ישראל“ מיטוואך אונט, דעם 11טן יולי, וועט רבי סילווער רידן אויף א מאסנטייג פון יאהאנעסבורגער אידן אין שטאט זאל.

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יוביליי-באנקעט

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Shocked By Ben Gurion's Attitude, Rabbi Silver Tells S.A. Press

Outspoken Comment On Current Zionist Problems

ISRAEL PARTIES AND CONGRESS: ABSTAINING GROUPS MUST GET REPRESENTATION

In a forthright, down-to-earth interview in Johannesburg this week, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver answered some of the key questions troubling the minds of South African Jewry on current Zionist problems, and definitely stated the position he will take up as chairman of the American delegation to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. The occasion was a conference with representatives of the South African Jewish Press, following his arrival on the Rand this week, accompanied by Mrs. Silver, to head the South African celebrations of the Jubilee of the Jewish National Fund.

During the last couple of years, said Rabbi Silver, much thought had been directed to basic problems of the Zionist movement and the question of how Diaspora Jewry could best be organised to help Israel.

"My general views are probably well known to you. I shall present them at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, which I hope WILL take place—at SOME time."

"I am definitely of the conviction that neither the political nor the economic functions of the World Zionist Movement have been accomplished fully or have reached the stage where a smaller or weaker World Zionist Organisation is called for. On the contrary, both for the sake of the Diaspora and of Israel, we need a continued strong Zionist organisation."

"Would be Catastrophic"

"Politically, the State of Israel is in existence due to the efforts of the World Zionist Movement. But the position of the State is far from being either politically or economically secure. It is a young State, surrounded by unreconciled enemies, and it needs every possible support which organised Jewry and the democracies of the world can give it. Any withdrawal or diminution of effort on the part of world Jewry would be catastrophic to the State of Israel."

"This does not mean that we in the Diaspora want to interfere in the political affairs of the State of Israel. That is a red herring that is being spread around. The political affairs of Israel are her own business, and none of ours."

"But we must still give Israel all the support that can be mobilised in the Diaspora, and in this work organised Zionism must continue to take the lead."

"There is only one existing body that can be charged with maintaining the standpoint of priority in all things for Israel, and that is the World Zionist Organisation."

Need for Charter

"From this contention follows my second contention—that to carry out this task, the World Zionist Organisation must have authority, prestige and a definite status. It can only be given that by the

Government of Israel. If the Israel Government gives it the necessary recognition as the principle organisation of Diaspora Jewry in matters connected with Israel—and does not bypass it as it has done time and again—then the World Zionist Movement will continue to render great service to the Jewish State. If not—if the Zionist Organisation is to be treated by the Israel Government as merely one of a number of organisations—then the Zionist Movement will in time disintegrate. People leave an organ-

the world 'Zionism' on his visit to the U.S.A., except in his farewell speech to American Zionists, when he said what you have already read in your Jewish newspapers here—that the Zionists cannot speak for American Jewry and that they should confine themselves to education and Chaiutziuth. What do you think was the effect of that on organised Zionism in America?"

"Did not Mr. Ben Gurion subsequently withdraw that statement in his message to the Z.O.A. Convention?" Rabbi Silver was asked.

"He seemed to have done so," the Rabbi replied. "I saw the message he sent to the Z.O.A., and the contrast was so sharp that I did publicly suggest it was a reversal of his position."

In reply to comment that there was no categorical reversal in the message, Rabbi Silver said: "I'm interested in the welfare of Israel, not in looking for points. If the Prime Minister of Israel seems to want to change his ground on so important a matter, I am interested to help him along. That is why I welcomed the message as a reversal, instead of criticising it for what it may have omitted to say."

Meaning of Hafradah

Asked how he supported the contention ascribed to him, that there should be complete separation between the State of Israel and world



Rabbi Silver in a typical pose. Next to him is Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C., Chairman of the South African Zionist Federation.

isation that has no authority. The youth will walk away from us. And that will be a serious loss to Israel."

"In the work of Zionism to-day," Rabbi Silver affirmed, "there are two partners—the Government of Israel and the World Zionist Movement. Each should have its own sphere of work and independence. One should not interfere with the other; both should learn to co-operate fully. I know that this is a difficult position to achieve, but it can be achieved with patience and goodwill. If, however, there is to be a feeling of competition between the Israel Government and the Zionist Organisation, we will get nowhere. Then the Zionist Movement will come out of the forthcoming Congress even more defeated than it feels at the moment."

Ben Gurion's Attitude

Asked to elaborate in what sense the movement abroad felt "defeated," Rabbi Silver said:

"Within the Zionist Organisation of America, all sections to-day feel a sense of outrage at the way the movement is being treated. Take Ben Gurion's visit as an example. One would have expected—and indeed, we did expect—that he would express some word of appreciation for what has been done by American Zionists for the State of Israel. After all, it was a tremendous job that was done. Tens of thousands worked to bring about the State of Israel. But Ben Gurion uttered not a word of appreciation of that work. The Israel Prime Minister even failed to mention

Jewry, Rabbi Silver replied: "I never urged that. It would in any case be meaningless. How can you separate Israel from world Jewry? At the Actions Committee meeting I attended, what I urged was Hafradah—that is, that members of the Government of Israel should not at the same time be members of the Jewish Agency Executive. Any such alignment can only lead us into great difficulties in the Diaspora and raise the bogey of dual loyalties all over again. Our enemies would say: 'You see who is running Zionism in the U.S.A. Commissars in Moscow are running policies in the U.S.A., and commissars in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv are running Zionism in America. That is a position we cannot allow. That is why Hafradah is absolutely essential.'"

Asked whether some such feeling might not arise in any case, Rabbi Silver emphatically stated: "No. Not if the Government of Israel gives the Zionist Organisation the Charter that is required. And the man who first proposed that Charter was Ben Gurion himself—though unfortunately at a time when he was still a member of the Jewish Agency Executive."

American Non-Zionists

Questioned more closely on the American position, Rabbi Silver described the Jewish set-up there. He said there had always been a strong group of non-Zionists, represented by the American Jewish Committee. There had also always been a large group of drifters. American Zionism had tried to

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swing the masses to support Zionist objectives, and in doing so had to fight the non-Zionists and the drifters. In the years 1945-1948 it achieved the position where it was generally recognised as the voice of American Jewry in matters connected with Israel. Even the American Jewish Committee and other non-Zionist bodies supported it in this regard.

"We hoped to maintain that position after 1948—and we could have done so if we had received the support of the Government of Israel. But once contrary indications had been given—and quickly snatched up by non-Zionists—naturally, Zionist stock began to slump."

Support Exaggerated

Asked about the support of the American Jewish Committee, Rabbi Silver opined that this body had received more recognition from the Government of Israel than its work really merited.

"But would the non-Zionists have given their financial support without such recognition?"

"How did they give their financial support before the State was established?" Rabbi Silver replied.

"Did they?"

"They certainly did. The United Palestine Appeal was established before the State came into existence. It was only some two years ago, under the inspiration of Mr. Montor—who received his inspiration from other sources—that a movement was started to bring non-Zionists into the U.P.A., resulting in the establishment of the United Jewish Appeal. The only result of this has been that the non-Zionists have increased their strength. Israel has gained nothing, and Zionism has lost ground. The United Jewish Appeal includes 150 local charities in America—and, of course, they are now interested that it should continue in that form because of what they—not Israel—can get out of it. The contention that such arrangements 'broaden' support and swell funds for Israel is a delusion."

Asked what was his reaction to Ben Gurion's recent statement in America, that a Zionist meant specifically one who went with his family to settle in Israel, and only that, Rabbi Silver replied:

"I don't think that was ever a definition of Zionism—and I don't see why we need a new one at this time. A Zionist has always been one who is interested in helping towards the upbuilding of a Jewish State in Israel. It was never part of Zionist propaganda or the Zionist credo that a Zionist must necessarily settle in Israel. I am not called upon to accept a new definition of Zionism from Ben Gurion. There was an adequate definition of Zionism before Ben Gurion."

Israel Parties and Congress

Several questions were put to Rabbi Silver about the position in Israel consequent upon the abstention of the General Zionists and the Mizrahi from the Israel Congress elections. He made it clear, in reply, that he did not propose to give a party point of view. "I came here as a guest of the Jewish National Fund on a non-partisan mission," he said. "I am glad to share my views on the World Zionist Organisation with you, because they affect all Zionists. I do not, however, wish to be put in the position of a champion of any one point of view. So on this subject I will merely say that it is inconceivable that a World Zionist Congress can be held without the participation of the Israel General Zionists and Mizrahi. Some form of representation will have to be found for them. There might be some difficulty in regard to a formula, and it may be advisable to wait for the results of the Knesset elections and use them as a basis."

Parties in Diaspora

On the subject of parties within Diaspora Zionism, Rabbi Silver said he did not agree that this involved the difficulties one questioner postulated. If Zionist parties were to be dissolved in the Diaspora, the suggestion to that effect must come from Israel. But no such suggestion had come from any party in Israel to date. It was perfectly legitimate, within the framework of a democratic movement, that those interested in, say, a socialist or religious State, should have organisations in the Diaspora to represent their view. The view that had not been formerly represented on an organised basis was that of the General Zionists, to which the Zionist Organisation of America subscribed. When the Confederation of General Zionists had been formed, the Z.O.A. was asked to join. They did so. They never approved the subsequent break-away of the Progressives, and the resolution adopted by the recent Z.O.A. Convention was merely a reaffirmation of the Z.O.A.'s position.

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Congress: Search for a New Road

WITH the boycott of the Congress elections in Israel by the General Zionists and Mizrahi it is difficult to assess the incomplete results of the voting published last week. Polling was very low, amounting to little more than 40 per cent. and indicating general lack of interest in Congress.

In the meantime there are doubts whether the Zionist Organisation of America which has definitely identified itself with the General Zionists of Israel will be able to attend the Congress if their Israeli comrades do not attend. Mr. Browdy, the president of the Z.O.A., is reported to have stated that he would not attend if the General Zionists of Israel are not present. Dr. Goldman, on the other hand, was quoted in London as saying that the American Zionists would definitely come to Congress. Dr. Silver in a press interview this week suggested that some form of compromise might be found, enabling the abstaining bodies to be present at the Congress. This is indeed the course which should be followed.

For many reasons the forthcoming Congress cannot be regarded as representative of the Zionist movement as it stands today. In many important communities, including the U.S.A., no elections were held at all. Delegates were appointed mainly on the basis of a previous election fought on entirely different issues. There are also many complaints about the double vote enjoyed by the shekel-holders in Israel. In the past when Congress was regarded as the so-called parliament of the Yishuv, and the Zionist executive as its government, there was certainly much justification for a system whereby the Yishuv was given a representation which was proportionally double the shekel-holding community in all other parts of the world. Those in the Yishuv were more directly and more vitally concerned with affairs of Zionism than the Zionists in the diaspora. Today, however, the situation has changed. Israel has its own parliament dealing with the political, social and economic affairs of its citizens. The Zionist Organisation is no longer concerned directly with the government of the country. In fact, a good case could be made out to show that in the management of the Zionist movement the diaspora Zionist is much more concerned than the Israeli Zionist.

There can be no doubt that the overall picture as we see it on the eve of Congress is one of dislocation, if not chaos. Fortunately this dislocation was not caused by any calamity, but by the happy event of the rise of the Jewish State. The movement had to adjust itself to an entirely new set of conditions. It had to reform its organisational system. It had to evolve not only new tasks and new duties, but perhaps even a new philosophy. At the same time, as a result of the arrangement whereby members of the Israel Cabinet could no longer serve on the Zionist executive, Zionism has lost in practice many of its most notable heads and leaders. It remained disorganised and leaderless.

Under these circumstances the forthcoming Congress must be regarded as a "constituent assembly" of a new and different overall body. It must be an assembly of reformation, refusing to cling to past and established notions and traditions and devising new methods, new ways and a new system.

There is still some uncertainty regarding the date of Congress, but whatever the date it is the duty of all Zionist bodies in all parts of the world to begin immediately on preparations for the Congress by devising such reforms as may be necessary for the future of the movement.

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RABBI SILVER AT SERVICE

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will be addressing the United Jewish Congregation at the Temple Israel on Friday, June 29, at 6 p.m.

This Week's News: Rabbi Silver in S.A.: Ben Gurion Speech Revelations: The Elections

THE reverberations of Ben Gurion's farewell speech in New York grow louder. This issue of the Zionist Record is full of the echoes of that now much-discussed speech. With the presence in South Africa of Rabbi Hillel Silver, outstanding Zionist leader of American Jewry, this

became inevitable. Since Ben Gurion made that speech, a question mark has become the symbol of all Zionist thought. At stake is the relationship between Israel and Jews outside Israel, between the Zionists of Israel and the potential Zionists outside.

"I have no final answers to all these problems," said Rabbi

Silver in the first address he made in South Africa. A man of lucid thought, he said that Time, the passage of the days and years, are an essential element in the disentangling of present confusions. So he contented himself with cautious statement. He does not accept Ben Gurion's new definition of a Zionist as only one who settles in Israel. He offers his own (see page 7).

Page 5 of this issue of the Zionist Record contains what is probably the first full inside story of Ben Gurion's Waldorf Astoria speech that has yet appeared in any Jewish newspaper. It is written by Mr. C. Gershtater, editor of the Zionist Record, who was present at the meeting. Mr. Gershtater discloses many new and revealing facts about that speech and corrects many false impressions derived from attenuated news cables.

The approach of the Knesset elections in Israel has produced the fantastic position that twenty-one party lists are to contest the Knesset's 120 seats. It is possible that a few will be weeded out, but the problem of a multiplicity of splinter parties and, therefore, of an eventual coalition government, seems certain. (Story on this page).

For South Africans the big news is that S.A. born cabinet minister, Geri, is not standing for re-election. Rabbi Maimon is also not a candidate.

The Knesset is at present discussing a Bill known as the Equal Rights for Women Bill. In a land of so many strains and traditions,

with its Jewish elements so diverse in the cultural practices surrounding the institutions of marriage, the Government has walked warily. Bigamy for Jews and Christians has been made an offence, but in other respects regarding marriage arrangements, the religious courts have been left with their authority. (Late story on this page, and early cable story on page 3).

Twenty years ago Mr. Norman Lourie established the Habonim movement in South Africa. It started as a quiet little scout movement and developed into one of the most virile of Jewish youth organisations in this country. From its ranks came men who served South Africa well in war and who later settled in Israel. They were fighters in Israel, too. Out of its ranks, too, came men who today play a prominent role in the affairs of Israel. In the next two weeks the Habonim movement will celebrate its 20th birthday. Mr. Norman Lourie is expected from Israel this weekend to participate in the celebrations. (Story on page 8; special article on Moshav Habonim, with pictures, page 10.)

Rapt City Hall Audience Hears Silver on Israel Reborn

Zionist Record Reporter

MORE than a thousand people hung on to the word-music of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver when he gave the main address at the golden jubilee banquet of the Jewish National Fund at the Johannesburg City Hall on Monday night. It was an audience of familiar faces, people who have listened to the Zionist message of several great speakers who have visited this country, an audience thus "hardened" to the Zionist theme. Yet they left the City Hall with a heightened awareness of the drama of Israel reborn and of the great role which the Jewish National Fund has played in the redemption of the Jewish people.

In a speech of sustained eloquence, three passages stood out. They were Rabbi Silver's description of the cavern of disaster on Mount Zion, his evocation of the "holiday of the spirit" which animates Israel, and his vivid word picture of the bearded Yemenite Jew mounted on an American bulldozer creating the powerful force that was bound to issue from "Jewish theology combined with Yankee technology."

The cavern of disaster came into the speech when Rabbi Silver sought a symbol for the past 2,000 years of wandering. In the cavern of disaster in Mount Zion are 31 urns containing the ashes and unremembered and unidentified dead from 31 concentration camps of Nazi Europe. There are six memorial lights—one light for each million.

"We will never forget the past," said Rabbi Silver, his theme being that the Jewish people had built "on ten thousand defeated hopes"; and that triumph was the reward of the Joshua-spirit that only marched forward and never yielded to dismay.

The chairman was Mr. Justice Greenberg. Brief addresses were also given by Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C., chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, Mr. I. A. Malsels K.C., president of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, Mr. C. F. Beckett M.P.C., Mayor of Johannesburg, and Mr. E. D. Goitein, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary for Israel.

Tribute To Smuts

Rabbi Silver said at the outset that one of the reasons he was happy to be in South Africa was because one of its great leaders and citizens had been General Smuts. His reputation had been world-wide and his services to the Zionist movement would forever remain inscribed in the annals of the Jewish people. He was also happy to acknowledge publicly



the thanks "of those of us who had the responsibility for presenting the case of reborn Israel" for the support given by the Government of South Africa. "I want to acknowledge our debt and appreciation. I am confident, knowing the spirit of this country, that this support will continue in the future."

Rabbi Silver went on to say that he was happy to be in a community which had earned high distinction and appreciation for its unfailing loyalty to all that was worthy and positive in Jewish life and for its exemplary generosity to Israel, not only in terms of money, but in terms of men, pioneers and fighters.

Rabbi Silver went on to say that he had eagerly accepted the invitation to visit the Jewish community of South Africa on behalf of the J.N.F. He had come to know the J.N.F. when he was a young boy on the East Side of New York. He had always been an energetic salesman of the blue and white JNF stamps, forever coaxing and enticing sluggish customers. When his sales netted a dollar or two he returned home aglow and triumphant. It was a star-studded world in which he lived.

"The stars of my youth accompanied me in later life and the music and the grace have remained," Rabbi Silver said. "There has been no sweeter recompense, I assure you. It took 50 years for that blue and white stamp—the sign of a people's hope and dream—to be acknowledged as an authentic symbol of a sovereign state."

A Comparison

"We had faith in that little blue and white stamp. Behind it was an invincible idea. The idea was made manifest at the first Zionist Congress though it only received official sanction at the fifth Congress in 1901."

Rabbi Silver compared the Jewish national struggle with that of other small peoples. Fifty years ago, other small peoples were also fighting for their independence, but at least they were fighting in their own land. The Jews were landless and stateless. They first had to get the land from which the campaign for political freedom could be launched. The land base for the Jewish political struggle had to be built, and the people themselves had to be re-built through the soil. That was the central theme of the Jewish national renaissance.

Rabbi Silver said this idea of renewal through the soil of Palestine went back to ancient precedents. All revolutions were restorations.

"Men move forward by going back to the insights and traditions from which they had de-toured," he said.

"Thus," Rabbi Silver said, "the

This striking picture of Rabbi Silver was taken by Zionist Record photographer, Henry Jacobs, at a banquet in Pretoria on Tuesday night, the day after the banquet in the Johannesburg City Hall. The gesture shown in the picture is characteristic.

Jewish National Fund was patterned after old designs and by the guidance of prophetic echoes. For its materialisation it needed the people. Only the people could redeem the land for the people. It has never been the privileged few who have saved the many. Our movement was always a mass movement. The rich—with a few notable exceptions—rejected the Zionist idea, resisted it, to the bitter end."

Rabbi Silver said it was the poor and persecuted men who had sailed to America and had transformed it. The analogy was true of Israel, too. Pioneers are moved by the inner urge or the outer spur. Others wait for the prospect of success. The J.N.F. did not wait for success. It created it. It plodded through the unrewarding years. In 1920 it owned only 225,000 dunams. In lean times the tendency should have been to curb land purchases. In actual fact the fund increased its purchases, braced by the will of the people. Today the J.N.F. was the greatest non-governmental land-owning agency in the world. It created towns, villages and settlements. Its contribution to the Jewish people was monumental.

The Huleh Marshes Project

Rabbi Silver then went on to discuss the draining of the malaria marshes of the Huleh—60,000 dunams of land on which human beings could be settled for creative life. In spite of the political maneuvering now going on to prevent Israel undertaking this project, it would go forth to completion.

Over 7,000,000 trees have been planted this year and trees meant to Israel what human beings meant. The wastes of the Negev were also being irrigated.

When Dr. Silver described his recent visit to Israel his first words were: "It is a going concern."

He said the people had few comforts and no luxuries, but they were not in search of these. What they wanted was more Jews to settle there. There were 110 maabarot. Life was hard and almost primitive, yet one did not commiserate with the newcomer. First, it had not been easier in the lands whence they had come, and secondly, the immigrants felt that they would be assisted by a people who were always thinking about them. They were home.

Rabbi Silver went on to say that Israel was surrounded by

unreconciled enemies. But the Israelis were resolved not to be taken unaware. They would never be driven into the sea. What they feared most was economic breakdown.

"In this struggle against economic defeat we Jews of the world can give Israel the economic weapons she needs. I left the country persuaded that they would solve their problems given time and patience."

Dr. Silver said that of the many institutions created by the movement since the days of Chovevei Zion none surpassed the vision and popularity of the J.N.F. There was always a Sabbath mood about its activities and in the grim work-a-day realities its ideals were never lost.

He did not know of any small people that was confronted simultaneously with so many problems, but "we must not recoil from the hard realities." Much skill, patience and self-sacrifice was demanded of all. The citizens of Israel were making sacrifices, but while there was not a man or woman in Israel who was relaxing he feared that Zionists abroad had begun too early to relax in their political and Zionist activities.

"Economic relaxation will undermine the economic life and also the potential security of the country," he said.

"What we helped to build we must now make secure."

His recent visit to Israel was a holiday of the spirit. At the time of the war the achievements of Israel could be explained away by the statement that the Israelis had no other alternative, but to fight. This was epitomised by the famous saying *ein brera*, but when one looked at what was going on today one could not explain it away by the saying that Israelis had no other choice. Today they did have the choice of closing the gates of the country to further immigration. Yet nowhere was such a proposition even contemplated. The people were determined to keep the gates open.

Dr. Silver referred in moving terms to the cavern of disaster on Mount Zion where he saw the urns of unidentified ashes from 31 concentration camps, and the six lights: one for each of the million Jews who perished. Our children must never forget it, he urged. "On the grave of 10,000 defeated hopes the people of Israel will build well, and will be a blessing not only to themselves, but to the entire world."

In the past great people who inhabited little countries had made the biggest contribution to human progress. This was exemplified by ancient Judea, Greece, Italy and England before it became an Empire. It was in keeping with the Talmudic explanation that Moses chose the smallest hill, Mount Sinai, and the humblest tree, a thorn bush, for the granting of the Torah.

If only we stood by the people of Israel they would achieve great things and would in turn be a gift to us and to the world, he concluded.

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Welcome to Rabbi Silver

South Africa has been fortunate in the quality of the emissaries of Zionism who have from time to time visited our shores. Our latest visitor, who will be in the Peninsula next week, is an outstanding figure even among the great ones of Zionism and is a personality whose arrival and acquaintanceship is awaited with eager anticipation for several reasons.

In the first place, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver is the representative, perhaps the foremost representative, of that great American Jewish community whose numbers, wealth and position perforce make it, outside Israel itself, the most important factor in the Zionist Movement, and we have not had the privilege of welcoming many of the leaders of American Zionism.

In the second place, Rabbi Silver's high rank and authority in Zionist councils allows him to speak with knowledge and insight on the problems that face the Jewish State and the Zionist Movement to-day. Perhaps as a result of his visit South African Zionism will see the road ahead in a clearer light.

In the third place, Rabbi Silver has but recently come from a visit to Israel, and this latest contact with the State and its people, his discussions of its problems and his observations of its heroic achievements, economic and otherwise, will inform his speeches and illumine the message he brings to the launching of the Jubilee celebrations of the Jewish National Fund.

Fourthly, but by no means last, we welcome Rabbi Silver for himself. We greet him as a man who has devoted his lifetime to the ideal of the Jewish State and whose dynamic personality and boundless energy has played so large a part in making American Jewry Zionist conscious, and so hastening the day of Israel's birth. His reputation as a brilliant orator has preceded him and we look forward to hearing in person a man whose utterances we have followed with such close attention in the press.

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Hillel Silver Arrives in S.A.



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Mrs. Silver arrived at Palmietfontein Aerodrome last Sunday and were met by leaders of the S.A. Zionist Federation. The above picture, taken at the airport, shows (left to right):

Mr. I. Dunsky, Mr. Y. Mar-shak, Mr. J. Daleski, Dr. S. L. V. Mr. Y. Gordon, Mrs. I. Gordon, Rabbi Silver, Mrs. Silver, Mr. S. M. Kuper and L. Tager.

A report of Rabbi Silver's first major function and also of a Press interview appear on Page 7.

On Tuesday Rabbi Silver was the guest of honour at a civic luncheon tendered by His Worship the Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor C. F. Beckett.

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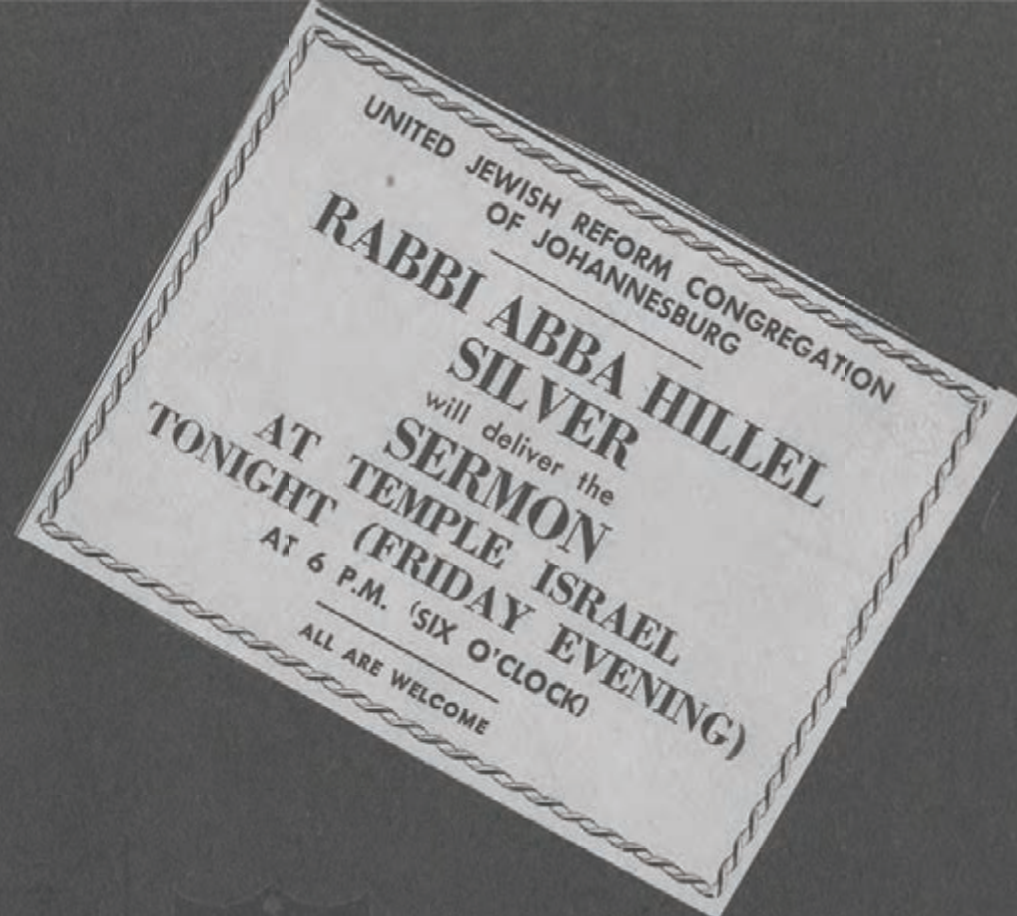
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Rabbi Silver speaking at the Banquet. Seated (right to left) are: Mr. E. D. Goitein, Mrs. Silver, and Justice Greenberg.

ISRAEL MUST RECOGNISE ZIONIST ORGANISATION AS SPOKESMAN OF WORLD JEWRY

Rabbi Silver Meets the Press

WHEN he met representatives of the Jewish Press, Rabbi Silver refused to be drawn into controversial questions, but preferred to deal with matters affecting all Zionists and with the future of the Zionist Organisation in relationship to the State of Israel. He did, however, comment on the address delivered by Ben Gurion to American Zionists on the last day of his visit to the United States.

"I have the conviction that neither the political nor economic functions of the World Zionist Movement have been fully accomplished and that we need a strong World Zionist Organisation to mobilise World Jewry to render the maximum support to Israel."

Politically, the State is in existence through the efforts of the World Zionist Movement, but the State is far from secure politically, and it therefore requires the continued efforts of World Jewry. The need for economic support is self-evident."

Rabbi Silver expressed the view that the political demobilisation of World Jewry would be catastrophic for Israel and cited examples of setbacks suffered by Israel because World Jewry had not exercised its political influence.

POLITICAL INFLUENCE

"When we stress the need for political influence of World Jewry, it does not mean that we want to meddle in the political affairs of Israel. That suggestion is a red herring which is being spread throughout the world," he stated.

Rabbi Silver said that the World Zionist Organisation must be given authority, status and prestige by the Government of Israel, who must recognise the Movement as the spokesman of World Jewry. "This was the case in the past when we assumed the right to speak for the genius and historic purpose of our ideal. At first we were a minority but progressively we won larger and larger numbers of Jews to our side," he said.

"When we spoke at the United Nations, we did so for a united World Jewry and few contested our rights," Rabbi Silver said that he could not understand why others—and in his own opinion they are non-existent groups—should now be asked to take over.

ZIONISTS AND NON-ZIONISTS

Only Zionists could be depended on to stay alert and mobilised for the single purpose. The natural trend amongst non-Zionists is now to return to their original parochial and local institutions and interests. "We must look decades ahead and, in order to sustain our efforts, there is only one body which can be charged with the responsibilities of organising World Jewry to give priority to all Israel's tasks—the World Zionist Organisation."

"If the Government of Israel will continue to by-pass the Zionist Organisation, or regard it as just one of many institutions in the field,

people will walk away from the Organisation, the youth will turn

After expressing his great pleasure at being in South Africa, Rabbi Silver paid tribute to the memory of General Smuts, saying that "his services to the Zionist Movement will forever be inscribed in the annals of our people." He also acknowledged publicly the substantial support received from the Government of South Africa at the time "when the case of reborn Israel was presented at the United Nations," and hoped that such support will be given in the future.

Rabbi Silver expressed his happiness at being in the midst of South African Jewry which has earned the deserved appreciation of World Jewry for its devotion and exemplary generosity in every respect. He also paid tribute to Abba Eban, Arthur Lourie and Mike Comay—all former South Africans who were playing a distinguished role in the service of Israel.



Soon after his arrival Rabbi Silver spoke to members of the Federation Executive and other leading Zionists. Right to left are Mr. S. M. Kuper, Rabbi Silver, Mrs. Silver, and Mr. J. Daleski.

from it and in time the Movement will disintegrate," said Rabbi Silver.

"There are two partners in the work of achieving the total Zionist programme," declared Rabbi Silver, "the State and the World Zionist Movement. Each requires its own sphere of influence, authority and independence. With goodwill and statesmanship a 'modus vivendi' can be achieved. If however a spirit of competition prevails then the situation is hopeless, we will get nowhere and the coming Congress will be of little moment and the Organisation may emerge more defeated than it feels to-day."

Turning to Ben Gurion's visit to the United States, Rabbi Silver said that the Zionists of America had expected that he would, at some stage of his visit, take the opportunity of expressing appreciation for the role they had played in establishing the State of Israel. "A word would have meant a great deal to the morale of the Zionist Movement, which made enormous efforts in all directions for many decades," he said.

Ben Gurion failed even to men-

before the State will be stable and secure."

Israel, he said, was surrounded by enemies who are preparing for a second round; the status of Jerusalem still remains undefined; the resources of Israel are being drained by the necessity of maintaining an army and the State's economic problems—due largely to the vast immigration, but also to other reasons of which he did not wish to speak on that occasion—were grave and dangerous.

"I know of no small problems which faced and tackled so many simultaneously," he stated.

"In Israel not a man nor woman is relaxing in effort because the State was established three years ago. In the Diaspora, however, there is a relaxation which is dangerous to the people. Political indifference in the days of politics shifts and manoeuvring and economic relaxation may undermine the political and economic structure of Israel. What we have helped build we must now make secure," declared Rabbi Silver.

Referring to his recent visit to Israel, Rabbi Silver said that he had seen "another act in one of the most exciting dramas performed on the stage of human history."

Rabbi Silver's Eulogy to the Men and Women of Israel

"GIVEN time, patience and the right kind of leadership, Israel will overcome its many and diverse problems," declared Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver in a brilliant oration, which was a powerful and striking eulogy to the men and women of Israel, and a tribute to the unprecedented tasks which are being performed in the young State.

Rabbi Silver was given a great ovation when he rose to address the Banquet at the Johannesburg City Hall, on Monday evening, in celebration of the Fiftieth Jubilee of the J.N.F.

"I have faith in that little country and its brave little people," declared Rabbi Silver, "but we must stand by them in the difficult, critical and trying years which they still have to live through. They will come through strengthened and ennobled, bearing gifts for us and for mankind."

were, however, the vanguard of a great civilisation."

He described Israel as "one great workshop" and said that although life was hard and there were few comforts and no luxuries, "Israel is a going concern." He recalled seeing an old, frail Yemenite operating a huge American bulldozer and recalled the thought which had occurred to him that "Yemenite philosophy and Yankee technology are an irresistible force."

"The people in Israel are resolved not to be taken unprepared, and while they are doing their utmost for peace, they will, if necessary, fight and they will win. They gained the land by sacrifice and by sacrifice they will hold it."

ECONOMIC BREAKDOWN

In Israel, he said, they fear an economic breakdown more than the military dangers. "We, the Jews outside of Israel, alone can give them the weapon to fight this peril." There are many problems facing Israel—problems of education and their school system, political partisanship, spiritual problems—which will be solved given time, patience and the right kind of leadership.

PAST AND FUTURE

Rabbi Silver movingly described his visit to Har Zion, where he had seen the cave of Disaster and Destruction, containing 31 urns of ashes in memory of the martyred dead of Europe and a memorial light of six branches representing the 6,000,000 who had been done to death. "That was the Galut," he proclaimed, "that was the past which had been brought to Israel so that we may never forget. Never must our children forget." That same day he had been present on Mount Herzl when great fires were kindled to mark the advent of Israel's Day of Independence. "Those fires are the future which must be built on the past."

Rabbi Silver said that every Zionist must be something of a mystic, and he felt that out of that little country, Israel, there will once again come forth great things which will startle the world. There is no spot on the world where there is such a concentration of intellectual forces and physical stimulation to an attuned people. "Do not imagine," he said, "that it is a great people with great territories which make the greatest contributions. History has shown that it is great people in little countries who have given the world their greatest values."

Rabbi Silver concluded his address with a striking peroration saying that Zionists have done marvellously to bring the State into being. "Carry on to build it and make it safe and secure," he said amidst a great ovation.

Justice Greenberg presided over the function, and in a few well-

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"I saw what the Jewish people can do—given half a chance—in the face of colossal forbidding and spirit-breaking circumstances. The people in Israel could have done what some 'realists' suggested to them. They need not have opened the door to immigration and could have remained satisfied with what they had already achieved. They

Rabbi Silver recalled his first association with the J.N.F. when, as a young lad, he offered the early stamps for sale in the East Side of New York. "The star-studded dream which shone so brightly in my youth accompanied me in later life. Behind the first stamps there was an invincible idea. Other people who had fought for freedom were at home and on their own soil, and their only problem was to free themselves from foreign domination. We needed land from which to launch the offensive for our liberation."

Rabbi Silver outlined some of the achievements of the J.N.F. in the past and describing it as the greatest non-Government land purchasing agency in the world, he spoke of its great role in the State to-day. "In spite of all the political difficulties and manoeuvrings, the Huleh drainage is going forth to completion," he declared.

MUCH WORK STILL TO BE DONE

"For many people the re-establishment of Israel seemed the full accomplishment of the tasks of Zionism," continued Rabbi Silver. "Much work is still to be done

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chosen words paid tribute to the speakers and to the distinguished guests of honour. He said that the presence of the Mayor of Johannesburg invested the gathering with the dignity which Rabbi Silver deserves. He described Rabbi Silver as a valiant fighter and referred briefly to his own recent visit to Israel. His impressions of the settlements and the land had filled him with deep satisfaction and outweighed some of the disappointment which he may have experienced.

ZIONIST WELCOME

Mr. S. M. Kuper, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, welcomed Rabbi and Mrs. Silver on behalf of the Zionists in this country. He also greeted many veterans of the S.A. Zionist Movement who were present at the function, and mentioned particularly Mr. Janover, whose name is indelibly associated with the J.N.F. in South Africa.

Speaking on behalf of the S.A. Board of Deputies, Mr. I. A. Maisels, President of the Board, gave the assurance that the efforts for Israel of South African Jewry in the future would be even greater than they had been in the past.

His Worship the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. C. F. Beckett, conveyed the greetings of the citizens of Johannesburg and chose particularly to honour the older generation whose efforts over many decades had enabled the youth of today to achieve so much success in Israel.

"Speech is Silver. Silence is Goitein," said Mr. E. D. Goitein, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary for the State of Israel in South Africa, when he associated himself with the J.N.F. celebrations and the welcome to Rabbi Silver.

He said that the J.N.F. is almost as old as the Jewish people.

A cable was read from the headquarters of the J.N.F. During the dinner which preceded the address, music was played by an orchestra under the direction of Mr. Solly Aronowsky. The orchestra performed a march composed by Mr. Aronowsky in honour of Rabbi Silver.

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tion the word "Zionism" in America and on the contrary said what he did, when he at last met Zionists.

DEFINITION OF A ZIONIST

When asked to comment on Ben Gurion's statement that a Zionist is only a person who settles in Israel, Rabbi Silver said: "I am not called on to accept Ben Gurion's definition of a Zionist. There were definitions before Ben Gurion's. A Zionist is one who is interested in the unbuilding of the Jewish State and that never committed one to go in person to settle in the country—although, of course, that is desirable. That was never a credo in the past and we require no new definitions to-day."

Commenting on the Congress elections in Israel, Rabbi Silver said that it was inconceivable that a Congress could be held without the General Zionists and Mizrachi of Israel and that it would be most embarrassing for American General Zionists to attend a Congress if their Israeli counterparts are not present. "Some formula will have to be found to remedy this situation and with goodwill on all sides it can be done. Perhaps the results of the Knesset elections in Israel might serve as a basis for a settlement."

Rabbi Silver declined to comment on the possibility of a Mass-General Zionist coalition in Israel after the forthcoming Knesset elections and also preferred not to deal with the causes for Israel's economic plight. He said that he reserved such matters for his addresses in America or when he had occasion to visit Israel.

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RABBI SILVER AT J.N.F. JUBILEE BANQUET IN JOHANNESBURG

Dangers and Tasks Facing Israel Stressed

Struggle and Achievements of J.N.F. Recalled

In the course of a brilliant address at the J.N.F. Jubilee Banquet in Johannesburg on Monday night, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver said: "When we proclaimed the State of Israel, many seemed to think that with this historic fact the Zionist task was completed and none would begrudge the rejoicing, but many mistook it for the perennial Sabbath. I am afraid such hopes must remain for the distant future. They are not for these perilous times in which we find ourselves, with burdensome tasks ahead. Much must be done by us before the young State of Israel is secure."

Rabbi Silver recalled in glowing terms the long struggle and achievements of the Jewish National Fund. He said: "The Fund relies on the masses of the Jewish people to redeem the land, not on the wealthy. A people must save itself or be unworthy of redemption."

"No ready-made garment fashioned in the East or in the West will suit the needs of Israel," said Rabbi Silver.

MANY PROBLEMS.

Israel had more problems than any other nation in the world, he said, and the garment to suit it had to be fashioned by Israel itself.

"Israel is still surrounded by enemies dreaming of a second round and rearming for it," he said. "Jerusalem's position is still undefined and there is no evading of the question. The resources of the State are drained by the dire needs of military expenditure. The clouds of a new world war loom ominously over the world. We have hopes at the moment that these may lift but the clouds are moving steadily. None of our difficulties can be easily resolved nor those of the Middle East at large. We must not recoil from these hard realities. We must not cover over the problems or apologise for them. They must be faced frankly without pride of opinion or dogmatism. There is no ready-made solution to Israel's difficulties."

HEROIC EFFORT.

Rabbi Silver said that Israeli citizens are making a heroic effort; they know that the battle is not over and are not relaxing. He feared that those outside had begun to relax politically and economically and were endangering Israel. Political relaxation on the part of world Jewry can only encourage dangerous political shifts by the Great Powers and can only endanger and undermine Israel. "We cannot allow what we helped to build up to be undone," said Rabbi Silver.

"A GREAT YOMTOV."

"My visit to Israel," said Rabbi Silver, "was a great Yomtov. I saw the most exciting drama ever enacted on the stage of human history but I also saw the dangers confronting the land. What Israel fears most is not the political front but an economic breakdown which might encourage the enemy."

In the struggle against economic defeat we alone, outside Israel, can supply the economic weapons. Our movement has always been the messenger of democracy. It was the port and vanguard of such movements. As other pioneering countries we have not awaited success but created it, plodding through the lean and hungry years.

THE J.N.F.

When the crisis came the J.N.F. did not withdraw but was determined to fulfil its historic mission and was braced by the will of the people. We recall proudly that the J.N.F. is the greatest non-Governmental institution in the world. Its contributions are monumental.

Referring to the Huleh, Rabbi Silver said: "I make bold to say that this project is going forth to completion."

TRIBUTE TO SOUTH AFRICA.

He paid a tribute to South Africa and its Jewish saying: "Your country reminds me in its youth and pioneering spirit of my own country and of your great leader, General Smuts, who was known throughout the world and whose services to our movement remain inscribed as one of the real 'Chasidei Umot Haolam'."

"I am happy also to acknowledge publicly the thanks of those of us who were at U.N. having the responsibility of presenting the Zionist case, for the substantial support of your Government. I am confident that the support will continue in the future as in the past."

There was a large and representative gathering present.

Mr. Justice L. Greenberg presided. The Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Claude Beckett, M.P.C., welcomed Rabbi Silver to the city.

The Israel Minister, Mr. E. D. Goitein, Mr. I. A. Maisels, K.C., President of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, and Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C., Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, extended greetings.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who will be the Guest of Honour at the Jewish National Fund Jubilee Banquet in the City Hall next Thursday night, is one of the outstanding figures in the Jewish world to-day.

Rabbi Silver was born in Nienstadt, Lithuania. He emigrated to the United States with his parents, as a lad of nine, and soon proved himself to be a proficient scholar. He studied at the University of Cincinnati where he received his B.A. degree in 1915, and graduated from the Hebrew Union college as a qualified Rabbi in the same year.

Following his graduation, he rendered special war service with the

of man and in God. Acknowledged one of the foremost orators of the day, Rabbi Silver, both as speaker and spiritual leader has done much to elevate the platform of Jewish leadership.

In the field of planning social legislation in the United States, Rabbi Silver has made a significant contribution, and was the first to sponsor the unemployment law in Ohio. President Hoover had placed him on the National Committee to Alleviate Unemployment, and Rabbi Silver followed this project up with intensive work on unemployment relief among both Whites and Negroes in his State. As a member of the American Civil Liberties Union he has also evinced a particular interest in legislation affecting child labour.

Rabbi Silver served as Chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Israel. In addition he was Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and it was in this capacity that he put the Zionist case before the Assembly of the United Nations in 1947.

As President of the Zionist Organisation of America he piloted that body through some of its most difficult years. He has held the position of National co-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, in addition to serving as the National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, which combines the fund-raising efforts of the Palestine Foundation Fund with the Jewish National Fund.

A man of outstanding energy, Rabbi Silver has been a member of over 30 committees and boards devoted to Jewish, Zionist and civic interests, among them the Near East Relief Committee and the Executive Board of the Larger Regional Government of Cleveland. So broad, in fact, are his civic activities that John Gunther, writing of Dr. Silver in his book "Inside U.S.A." refers to him as "the first citizen of Cleveland."

The author of several volumes on history and religion, and of numerous pamphlets and monographs, Rabbi Silver adds to sharp and probing prose, a rich background of Jewish philosophical and spiritual tradition.

He has come to South Africa after his triumphal visit to Israel where he last month made so profound an impression.



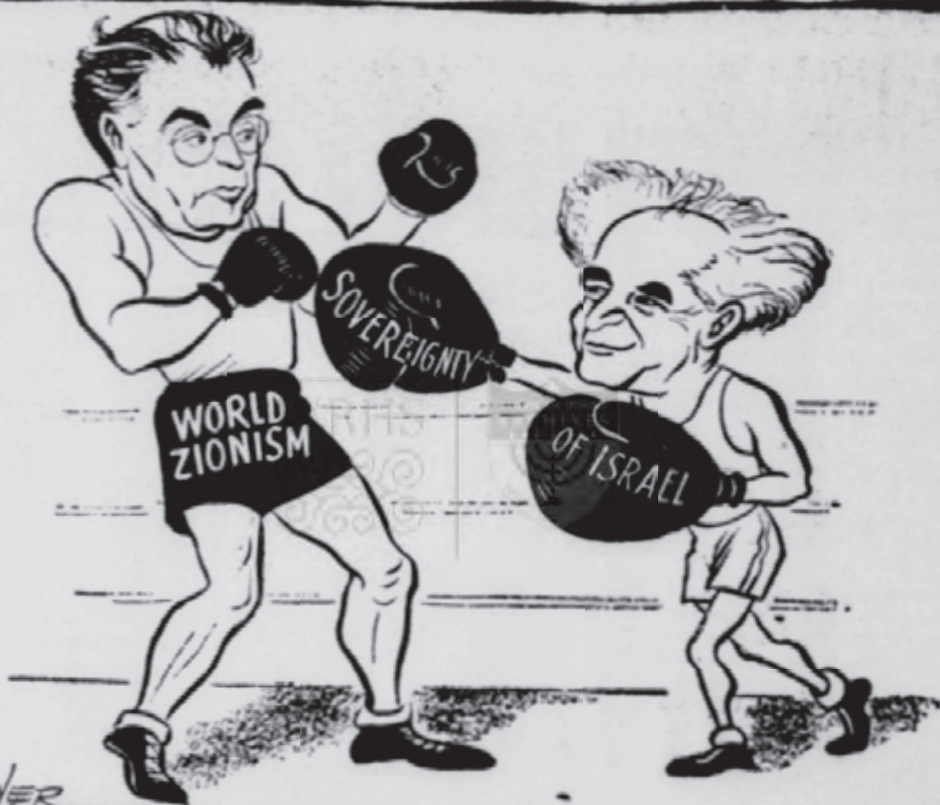
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

armed forces in France and was subsequently decorated by the French Government with the medal of the Officier de L'Instruction Publique.

Since 1917 Rabbi Silver has made his home in Cleveland, Ohio, whence he received a call to become spiritual leader of the "Tifereth Israel," then the largest Reform Congregation in the United States. Rabbi Silver is married and has two sons.

It is significant that despite the numerous calls upon his time, Rabbi Silver has made it a practice to be at his pulpit in Cleveland on the Sabbath whenever he is in the United States. He has never allowed his manifold Zionist and civic activities to interfere with his belief in the spirituality

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THE BIG FIGHT: SILVER vs. BEN GURION

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Rabbi Silver, accompanied by Mrs. Silver, seated with Madrichim who attended the Bnei Zion Seminar.

Rabbi Silver To Preach at Gardens Synagogue
We learn on enquiry from the S.A. Zionist Federation that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who is visiting Cape Town this week-end, has been invited to preach the sermon at the Sabbath service at the Gardens Synagogue on Saturday morning, 7th inst.

Rabbi Silver Says General Zionism Must Fight Party Spirit

Reviews Youth's Responsibilities In Address To Bnei Zion

"I AM very pleased to be among young people who are General Zionists," said Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, the distinguished visitor from the U.S.A., at the opening of the Bnei Zion Annual Seminar, on Saturday evening, June 30th, at the Coronation Hall, Johannesburg. Dr. Silver is the leading figure in General Zionism today, and received an enthusiastic ovation from the large number of Madrichim that were present.

The opening address was delivered by Mr. Israel Dunskey, Chairman of the United General Zionist Party in South Africa. Mr. I. Goss, Director of the S.A. Jewish Board of Education, Mr. H. Stutzen, Menahel of Bnei Zion, and Mr. Dov Senderowitz also addressed the Seminar, over which Segan Menahel Mervyn Isaacson presided.

Dr. Silver said that he was interested in General Zionism because he was interested in the totality of the Jewish people. We had to strive to be one people, and not a disorganised, fragmented group of people. At a time when every effort should be made to unify the people, there was a spirit of partisanship and other fragmentation in Israeli life and politics. Israel to-day was a vast melting pot of peoples from all parts of the world, who differed radically in their background and outlook on life.

It was unfortunate that in the face of this thorny problem, there was no unified system of education, as in the U.S.A. or South Africa. Children were being indoctrinated from their young years into party ideologies and brought up to feel and believe that their own point of view and ideas were more important than the unity of the nation.

TASKS OF GENERAL ZIONISM

General Zionists in Israel were those who fought against this trend. "We in the U.S.A. and you here are trying to back up this fight," said Dr. Silver. Israel needed the co-operation and goodwill of all Jews of the Diaspora, and private investors should be encouraged and not frightened away by meaningless slogans of "Social-

ism in our own day." General Zionism held a great promise for Israel, and at this important period in the history of Israel, General Zionism everywhere had an important task to perform.

The youth could serve Israel in two ways — as Chalutzim, and in propagating the Hebrew language. History had shown that any community that had not included Hebrew ultimately disappeared. It was only with the help of Hebrew that greater cultural and spiritual values could be created. Hebrew and Zionism always went together, and one could never think of the development of the Zionist movement without the great Hebrew poets and writers. The youth had to make greater efforts to cultivate the Hebrew language.

Dr. Silver wished the Seminar and the Bnei Zion movement success in their work and hoped that they would make a great contribution to Israel and to the survival and culture of the Jewish people.

Mr. Israel Dunskey outlined the programme of the United General Zionist Party and laid stress on the importance of Chalutzim. He said that General Zionism constituted a balanced approach in Zionist politics, and would give stability to Israel.

Mr. Dunskey deplored the trend, among some sections in South African Jewry, to undermine the prestige of the Youth movement. The youth were doing vital work which deserved greater encouragement.

Mr. Goss, in an impassioned address, appealed to the Madrichim to embark on a "crusade of Hebrewising the Golah." Hebrew was the basis of our cultural work.

The State of Israel would not be in a position to help the Golah unless the Golah could understand its language. The youth had to acquire the key to Israel, which was Hebrew.



6th July, 1951.

They Say in Town

THAT Rabbi Silver has electrified Zionist audiences in this country, and that those who have not heard him speak should make every effort to hear his next address.

THAT his presence in this country for a brief while and the message he brings must serve to revitalise the local Zionist movement in all its aspects.

THAT they look forward to the return of the Chief Rabbi, Professor Rabinowitz, and are keen to hear his impressions of Jewish life in the land "down under."

THAT the welfare of the Jewish deaf of the community has not received the attention it warrants, and that every effort should be given to the scheme to establish a suitable institution where these people will receive the care and attention they need.

THAT the squabble that flares up from time to time as regards the provincial "national" titles of our leading rabbis — this one claiming to be the chief of one thing, and that one claiming to be chief of another thing — is one of the really childish spots in our communal life.

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**Rabbi Silver To Address
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, the distinguished American Zionist leader, who is at present visiting South Africa, will be the guest speaker at the Johannesburg Zionist Luncheon Club on Friday next, the 13th inst. Rabbi Silver is an outstanding Diaspora figure in General Zionism, with which the Johannesburg Zionist Association is linked, and his address on this occasion should prove most illuminating. The luncheon will be held at the Carlton Hotel Banquet Room, commencing at 12.30 p.m. Owing to the great demand for seats, all who wish to attend are urged to make advance reservations with the Secretary, phone 33-9445.



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**BENONI WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE
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Rabbi Silver's Plane Forced Down: Car Dash To Durban

"GO-SLOW" STRIKE BRINGS UNEXPECTED TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES

6th July, 1951

WITH the charter plane, engaged to carry him from the Rand to Durban, forced down by unfavourable weather conditions, Rabbi Hillel Silver made an exciting car dash from Pietermaritzburg to the Natal seaport on Sunday in a last-minute effort to reach Durban in time to "make" the J.N.F. Jubilee Banquet he was scheduled to address there. He reached the hall just a few minutes before the banquet was due to begin.

Rabbi Silver's dramatic adventure occurred as a result of the effects which the S.A.P. "Go-Slow" strike is having on the schedule drawn up for his tour of South Africa. Dates were based on the regular Airways time-table; but with the cancellation of various flights due to the strike, the S.A. Zionist Federation had to charter a special plane to carry Rabbi and Mrs. Silver to provincial centres.

The plane left the Rand in good time on Sunday, with Mr. S. M. Kuper, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, accompanying Rabbi and Mrs. Silver. Over the Drakensberg, however, the weather began to get difficult, slowing down the flight. Weather conditions finally became such that the pilot was forced to ground the plane at Pietermaritzburg, with less than two hours to spare before the scheduled start of the Durban banquet. Precious time was consumed making hasty arrangements for a car, and then the visitors went sweeping round the mountain curves in the dash that carried them to Durban just in time to keep their appointment with the Jewish community there.

Calm and unruffled, in spite of the trying experience he had just had, Rabbi Silver delivered an outstanding oration and was cheered to the echo by the large and distinguished gathering.

Rabbi Silver was warmly welcomed to Durban by the leaders of the Jewish community, and Rabbi Harris Swift, in an impressive address, stressed the need of unity among Zionists the world over.

Rabbi and Mrs. Silver, accompanied by Mr. Kuper, left Durban by plane on Tuesday en route for East London and Cape Town.

GLOWING RECEPTION IN RHODESIA

Last week, Rhodesian Jewry gave Rabbi Silver an overwhelming reception, when he and Mrs. Silver visited Bulawayo and Salisbury.

At Bulawayo, the community packed the City Hall for the J.N.F. Jubilee Banquet on Wednesday night, the 27th June. Mr. Sammy Rabinovitz, Acting Chairman of the Rhodesian Zionist Council, presided and extended the community's greetings to Rabbi and Mrs. Silver.

Rabbi Silver delivered an outstanding oration, impressing the

centrality of the Jewish National Fund in Zionist work, and he received an ovation that continued for several minutes.

Other speakers at the banquet included Mr. L. Tager, Vice-Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who accompanied Rabbi and Mrs. Silver, Mr. A. E. Abrahamson, Mr. Barney Katz and Rev. Yesorsky. The Chairman proposed the toast of the King and Mr. C. I. Jacobs, Acting Chairman of the Rhodesian Board of Deputies, proposed the toast to the President of Israel.

CAPITAL GIVES RABBI SILVER A GREAT WELCOME

Enthusiasm At Pretoria J.N.F. Banquet

THE Jewish Memorial Hall, Pretoria, was the scene of a momentous gathering on Tuesday, June 26, when Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was the guest of honour at the Jubilee banquet of the Jewish National Fund. More than 400 of the community's leading members gave the visitor a glowing welcome and listened with rapt attention to an outstanding oration from him.

The hall was tastefully decorated, and after the Banquet Mr. H. Schewitz acted as toast master and proposed toasts to Israel, the King and the Union of South Africa. He then called on Mr. Raymond Hellmann, the Chairman of the Pretoria Zionist Council, to open the proceedings, and in a short, but very appropriate speech, Mr. Hellmann expressed the feelings of the community. He spoke on the importance of having the Minister Plenipotentiary of the State of Israel resident in Pretoria, the honour bestowed on the community in having Rabbi Silver address the Banquet, the importance of Rabbi Silver's work in the ranks of Zionism and of the importance of the Jewish National Fund.

Rabbi Dr. Neufeld welcomed Rabbi and Mrs. Silver and the Minister Plenipotentiary and Mrs. Goitein on behalf of the community.

Rabbi Silver received a great ovation when he rose to speak. In an inspiring address, he outlined to the audience the work of the Jewish National Fund, the reasons which prompted him to devote all his energy to the upbuilding of the State of Israel, and drew a comparison between the Jewish National struggle and that of other smaller peoples.

He spoke of the aspects of the Jewish National Fund which remained with him all his life, and the word picture portrayed by the speaker left an indelible impression on the minds of the audience.

The sustained applause, after the address, was eloquent testimony of the audience's appreciation, and prompted a Pretoria business man to make a substantial donation to the Israeli United Appeal and Hebrew University as a result.

The inspiring evening concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Levi, the Chairlady of the Pretoria Women's Zionist League.

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MELTING POT CAN'T AFFORD PARTISANSHIP, SAYS SILVER

"I am very pleased to be among the young people who are General Zionists," said Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, at the opening of the Bnei Zion annual seminar on Saturday evening, June 30, at the Coronation Hall. Dr. Silver received an enthusiastic ovation from the large number of madrichim present. The opening address was delivered by Mr. Israel Dunskey, chairman of the United General Zionist Party. Mr. I. Goss, Director of the S.A. Jewish Board of Education, Mr. H. Stutzen, Menahel of Bnei Zion and Mr. Dov Senderowitz also spoke. Segen Menahel, Mervyn Isaacson, presided.

Dr. Silver said he was interested in General Zionism because he was interested in the totality of the Jewish people. We had to strive to be one people, and not a disorganised and fragmented group. At a time when every effort should be made to unify the people, there was a spirit of partisanship and other fragmentation in Israeli life and politics.

Israel today was a vast melting pot of peoples from all parts of the world, who differed radically in their background and outlook on life. It was unfortunate that in the face of this thorny problem, there was no unified system of education as in the U.S.A. Children were being indoctrinated in the ideology of parties, and brought up to feel and believe that their own point of view and ideas were more important than the unity of the nation.

General Zionists in Israel were those who fought against this trend. "We in the U.S.A. and you here are trying to back up this fight," said Dr. Silver. General Zionism was neither anti-Socialist nor anti-Capitalist. All Jews, from whatever class, should be made welcome in Israel. Israel needed the co-operation and goodwill of all Jews of the Diaspora and private investors should be encouraged and not frightened away, by a meaningless slogan like "Socialism In Our Own Day." General Zionism held a greater promise for Israel, and at this important period in the history of Israel Zionists had an important task to perform.

CHALUTZIUT AND HEBREW

Dr. Silver said youth could serve Israel in two ways, as Chalutzim and in propagating the Hebrew language. History had shown that any Jewish community without Hebrew had ultimately disappeared. It was only with the help of Hebrew that greater cultural and spiritual values could be created. Hebrew and Zionism always went together and one could never think of the development of the Zionist movement without the great Hebrew poets and writers. The Youth had to make greater efforts to cultivate the Hebrew language.

Dr. Silver wished the Seminar and the Bnei Zion movement success in their work and hoped that they would make a great contribution to Israel and to the survival and culture of the Jewish people.

DUNSKY'S ADDRESS

Mr. Israel Dunskey, in opening the seminar, outlined the programme of the United General Zionist Party, which, together with other General Zionist groups, worked for the benefit of the whole Jewish people in Israel, and fought for a policy which would exclude politics from education, the army and the civil service.

Mr. Dunskey stated that while Israel required workers, it also

needed the co-operation of the middle classes. Most of the money collected by the Zionist Movement during the past fifty years, and the large sums collected today, came from the middle classes, who in this way play a large part in the upbuilding of the State of Israel. Centre Zionism constituted a balanced approach in Zionist politics.

General Zionism, Mr. Dunskey said, would give stability to Israel. Mr. Dunskey emphasised that parties were inevitable in politics, as democracy made allowances for freedom of thought and the party was merely a group of people who combined on certain essential ideological views. However, the General Zionist party believed that the party was a means to an end.

Mr. Dunskey, in welcoming the Seminar, emphasised the importance of information and knowledge. The youth had to know what they stood for. We had to raise ourselves up to a higher standard. There was a trend in South Africa to undermine the prestige of the Youth movement. It was only education and uplifting that could adequately answer this challenge to the Youth. The highest form of service, Mr. Dunskey declared, was chalutzit, which represented the peak of Zionist endeavour. He hoped that the United General Zionist Party youth would be in the vanguard of this practical effort.

HEBREW TRADITION AND TORAH

Mr. Goss appealed to the madrichim to embark on a crusade of Hebraising the Golah. Hebrew was the basis of our cultural work. While he believed that Zion was the focal point of all our endeavour, he regretted to note that there had been no spiritual awakening since the establish-

ment of the State of Israel. The State of Israel would not be in a position to benefit the Golah unless the Golah could understand its language. The Youth had to acquire the only key that fitted the Classics, and that is Hebrew. We had to try and bring Israel into the Golah. He looked to the Youth to be the vanguard of this spiritual reawakening. Herzl had provided the form, we now had to turn back to Achad Ha-Am who offered the content. We had to cease to be marginal men, with no loyalties. The problem of dual loyalties was a mere fantasy.

In conclusion Mr. Goss wished the seminar all success and expressed the hope that the Youth would contribute to the important tasks of Geulat Ha-Am. This could only be achieved through Hebrew, Tradition and Torah.

OTHER ADDRESSES

Mr. Harold Stutzen, Menahel of Bnei Zion (S.A.), referred to the Seminar as one of the most important activities of Bnei Zion, and hoped that through such activities, and in particular through the means of the annual camp the Movement would go from strength to strength.

Dov Senderowitz, Timorim Shallach, reminded the madrichim that the aims of the Youth movement was Aliyah and Chalutzit. This aspect has not been emphasised sufficiently in the past and he hoped that Bnei Zion would provide the follow-up to aliya to Israel, which was so necessary for Timorim and other settlements that would be established. He hoped that madrichim would provide the lead by establishing a chalutz chavurah among themselves. The greatest factor in education, he said, was example.

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SILVER'S SERMON

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver delivered an eloquent sermon at the Reform Congregation Temple Israel, last Friday night, on the theme "What Effect Will the Establishment of the State of Israel have on World Jews and on Judaism?"

Among the large crowd at the Temple of both congregants and those who came specially to hear Rabbi Silver were: the Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor C. F. Beckett, the Consul for Israel, Mr. Y. Gaulan and Mrs. Gaulan, the American Consul-General, Mr. S. B. Redecker, Dr. Lowy of the Jewish National Fund, Mr. Trope of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and representatives of the Jewish Board of Deputies and other communal and civic organisations.

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Silver In Bulawayo

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(Reports of other functions attended by Rabbi Silver on pages 17 and 18).

Silver Arrives 15 Minutes Before Durban Banquet

RABBI Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, accompanied by Mrs. Silver and the chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, Mr. S. M. Kuper, just made the deadline for the Durban J.N.F. Jubilee banquet on Sunday when they arrived by car, fifteen minutes before the banquet was scheduled to begin. Their pace had been forced down by unfavourable weather conditions at Pietermaritzburg.

Overflow audiences turned out to welcome the visitors and at the public meetings many people were turned away disappointed. All Jewish leaders joined in the official welcome and Rabbi H. Swift delivered a fine address urging unity among the community and among Zionists the world over.

Rabbi Silver spoke forcefully on the urgency of strengthening the World Zionist Organisation and upon the necessity for closer harmony between the W.Z.O. and the Government of Israel.

A Jubilee tree drive was launched with every hope that the target of 5,000 trees would be reached.

The party left Durban on Tuesday morning en route for East London and Cape Town.

A Master of Oratory

BY JOSEPH SACHS

TALL and distinguished-looking, with an ambassadorial air and an American manner, Rabbi Silver strikes you at first as aristocratic and aloof; but this impression is soon dissolved by his charm and simplicity. The fine head, perched high on slightly stooping shoulders, meets you at a gracious angle. The eyes breaking into laughter radiate out to the temples, softening the iron-grey hair with their kindly message. Soon the mobile face has broken up into congenial planes, making you feel at home, and putting aside any distance that may have come up between you.

Rabbi Silver has a warm, personal regard for the individual as well as an ardent love for his people. He is both the leader and the shepherd. His voice often stern in the council chamber is soft and gentle in private life. You look in vain for the source of that stupendous oratory that can sway peoples and Powers; it seems to be securely hidden—carefully stored away for safe keeping.

On the platform itself the towering presence impresses you even more than the verbal eloquence. The face is full of expression; the gestures plastic and rhythmic, with a discipline that distils emotion into constructive design. The hands shape and mould and build. They conjure up the pattern of a people; they echo the beat of fate, the music of destiny. You feel in those powerfully controlled movements the subdued strength of a great national effort—an effort bubbling over with energy and enthusiasm yet chained to a definite purpose, harnessed to a historic mission.

The old irresponsible gesticulation of the ghetto has vanished. The shrug of contempt, the wave of dismissal have yielded to the pregnant sign, the creative symbol; the hand guides and directs; it no longer decries and destroys.

The voice is a marvel of modulation with an enormous range and an even purity of diction—audible in every register. It is a sea of sound rushing on tumultuously in waves and tides—now dying down to a confidential whisper, now breaking out like a peal of thunder. It is powerful and persuasive in turn, with a rhythmic alternation of light and shade—with the musical phrase followed by a well-earned rest in which the ear can savour the sound and the mind sort out the meaning.

The American accent one noticed at the dinner-table seems to have faded out on the platform, leaving that pure, flawless English that Americans admire. The language is simple and yet sumptuous, with

the image sparkling in its many-faceted brilliance, leaving an indelible impression on the listener. The cast of mind is western and eastern at the same time—Hellenic and Hebraic. Every now and then a cluster of rugged Hebrew consonants rolls over the smooth Anglo-Saxon surface; yet both the sound and the sense of the divergent tongues seem to blend; for this dual stream has nourished the culture of the speaker.

The hardened listener, harangued in and out of season by visiting orators, has grown to admire the manner more than the matter of a speaker; but Rabbi Silver's matter is fascinating. His vivid description of Israel is inspiring; yet it is not a glowing tribute but a graphic picture. Indeed all the superlatives used about Israel are understatements; for the imagination can hardly keep pace with the actual rate of achievement.

The criticism of certain aspects of life in the new State is sound and constructive. Lack of unity; lack of uniformity in education and ideology—these are evils to be remedied. But Israel has the faults of her qualities. Steeped in an ancient culture she suffers from an overcrowding of intellect, with ideas and ideals breeding in an almost unhealthy profusion. But Jewish zeal so long confined to the mental plane is now being diverted to practical channels. This diversion Rabbi Silver describes with an eloquence rarely heard in South Africa.

Oratory seems to be a Jewish art. The great Jewish teachers have delivered their message in the spoken word, and it still echoes down the corridors of time. Hear O Israel! has been the eternal watchword of our seers. Yes, Israel will hear—and also the diaspora; but today the Jewish voice has also won the ear of the world. This is a new turning point in Jewish history; and Jewish speech thus assumes an added interest and a growing importance.

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Progressive Party Conference

DECISION OF Z.O.A. CONDEMNED

Tel Aviv.

The decision of the Zionist Organisation of America to identify itself with the General Zionists in Israel was roundly condemned in a resolution adopted at the session of the Progressive Party here.

The resolution stated: "The Zionist Organisation of America's resolution identifying itself with the General Zionists in Israel seriously threatens the special position of the World Confederation of General Zionist Parties, and defeats our efforts to secure a special legal status for the Zionist Movement."

Mr. Moshe Koll claimed that the Z.O.A.'s identification with the Israel General Zionists contradicted the principles accepted by the World Confederation, whereby General Zionists abroad cannot claim identification with any specific party in Israel.

Moshe Koll remarked: "Bernstein and Rokach may boycott Congress, but what is left to Neumann and Silver if they boycott Congress?"

Mr. Koll also suggested that the Government should intervene with the Budapest authorities to allow the Jews expelled from the Hungarian capital to emigrate to Israel.

MESSAGE FROM MR. BEN GURION

"You are the few who have dared in this country to continue the tradition of true General Zionism," declared Mr. David Ben Gurion in a message to the conference.

At the opening session, Dr. Abraham Granott, Chairman of the Jewish National Fund, told delegates that the majority of the followers of the Zionist Organisation of America and of Hadassah supported the true progressive trend of General Zionism.

The conference was also addressed by Justice Minister Pinchas Rosen and Mr. Berl Locker, who praised the Progressive Party for its readiness to co-operate with the country's constructive elements.

A resolution was adopted urging the Israel Government's strong intervention with the Rumanian authorities to obtain the immediate liberation of detained Zionist leaders.

Another resolution adopted by the conference called upon the Israel Government to grant the World Zionist Movement a special legal status within Israel. Other resolutions asked for the creation of an Economic Cabinet to be headed by a qualified Economic Minister, equal treatment for all types of economic enterprises and an end to the monopolistic trends developing in the country's economy.

Before the conclusion of the conference, a five-man committee was appointed to draw up a list of Progressive Party candidates for the forthcoming Knesset elections.—J.T.A.

RABBI SILVER IN THE CAPE

MASS RALLY OF COUNTRY COMMUNITIES AT PAARL

NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE FROM AS FAR AFIELD AS STRAND, SOMERSET WEST, ROBERTSON, WORCESTER, STELLENBOSCH AND MALMESBURY, AND FROM PAARL ITSELF, CROWDED THE PAARL TALMUD TORAH HALL ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 4th JULY, WHEN RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER DELIVERED HIS FIRST ADDRESS IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE.

HIS AUDIENCE LISTENED TO HIM IN RAPT AND HUSHED SILENCE, AND THE THUNDEROUS OVATION AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS SPEECH WAS A TRIBUTE TO ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT ORATORS THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA HAVE EVER HEARD.

Rabbi Silver said that his mission in coming to South Africa was to remind Jewry of the Jubilee of the Jewish National Fund. The Jubilee was not a reminder of things past but of the work yet to be done, inspired by the great principles that had brought the J.N.F. into being. He pointed out that, unlike other countries, we had to fight for our national independence without a land base.

THE J.N.F.

The idea of rebuilding the national life in Palestine awakened the desire in the Jews to return to the land, and a people who had been denied for two thousand years this opportunity was able to re-orient its life. To-day the J.N.F. was one of the greatest non-Governmental, non-political land-purchasing agencies of the world.

Rabbi Silver also referred to the drainage of the Hula, which he said was one of the most important and ambitious projects undertaken, and was a great humanitarian work. A temple of national life in Israel had been rebuilt through the pennies and dimes that had been contributed by our parents and grandparents.

GREAT HISTORIC MOMENT.

Rabbi Silver said that this generation of Jews could be proud of themselves, for they had known how to rally and mobilise and to seize a great historic moment. Despite terrific impoverishment, disorganisation and unspeakable manslaughter, they made their greatest bid for freedom, and won. They had found enough substance and resoluteness to proceed with the national life in Israel. So we could understand how the Jews had

survived major tragedies during the 2,000 years of their dispersion.

The State of Israel had, during the three years of its existence, justified itself in the sight of the world and of Jewry. Those Jews from the four corners of the earth, who were our responsibility as much as Israel's, had been taken in by Israel and had concretely and dramatically refuted the libels made that the Jews were not pioneers, State builders and manual labourers. Statesmen and scientists of the world were loud in their praise and admiration for the colonising skill and ability of the Jews to take a waste land and build it into a State. Building from the ground up, Israel had achieved excellence in the departments of colonisation, reclamation and Government, and also in science, art and literature.

KEYSTONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Rabbi Silver also referred to the part that Israel would play in the international scene, and said that it would be the keystone in the Middle East of democratic society. It was the one outpost that could be relied upon to resist totalitarianism and the Jews in the Middle East would become the exponents of the great ideals of Western life.

Rabbi Silver said that what had been built in Israel was significant for ourselves, our children and mankind. An element of normalcy and spiritual tranquillity was returning to the Jews, who were now free of tension and strain and had become a people like any other people on the face of the globe. He had great confidence in the Israel of the future for, he said, we would write a new chapter in the

Bible. People coming into Israel brought with them skills, intellectual acumen, loyalty and a desire to vindicate themselves in the sight of the world. There were people also who came from isolated and secluded corners of the world and who had kept alive through centuries of persecution and economic degradation, a steadfast character and a moral integrity.

DARE NOT RELAX.

The State of Israel, though established, was not yet secured and free of danger. We, therefore, dared not relax and immobilise our forces. We had to see our commitments through. Rabbi Silver pointed out that Israel had never considered closing its doors to the Jews, for it was a people aware of its national responsibility and aware that it was building for the future. He visualised a free flow of helpfulness and cultural stimulation passing between the Jews of Israel and the Jews outside of Israel.

ADDRESS BY MR. S. M. KUPER, K.C.

Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C., Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, in a brief address, referred to the historic moment when a ship from an East African port had arrived in Eilat and discharged its cargo of much needed materials. He also dealt with the Tree Drive which was being held in South Africa to commemorate the Jubilee of the Jewish National Fund, and pointed out that it was hoped to plant a forest of one hundred thousand trees, which would approximate one tree per Jewish person in South Africa.

Mr. S. G. Hoffman, Chairman of the Paarl Zionist Society presided.

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Rabbi Silver Delivers Sermon at Temple Israel

RABBI DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, who, in addition to being a world Zionist leader, is one of the foremost Reform Rabbis, delivered the Sermon at the Friday evening Service of the United Jewish Reform Congregation of Johannesburg at Temple Israel.

Temple Israel was crowded to the doors, both downstairs and in the gallery. There was a distinguished gathering of representatives from the leading Jewish and Civic organisations, headed by the representatives of the Board of Deputies and the S.A. Zionist Federation, and amongst those present were the Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor C. F. Beckett, M.P.C., the Consul for Israel, Mr. Y. Gaulan, and the American Consul-General, Mr. S. B. Redecker.

The Service was conducted by Rabbi D. H. Arrow, assisted by Mr. G. Phillips, and the Combined Choir of Temple Israel and Temple Shalom, under the direction of Mr. Jerry Idelson, Director of Music of the Congregation. The Chief Minister, Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler, introduced Rabbi Silver.

In the course of his address, Rabbi Silver said: "The time will soon come when we shall be free to divert our energies largely to our Synagogues, our schools and our academies, whereas for a very long time now our energies and resources had, of necessity, been dedicated largely to the compelling emergencies of life saving and State building. We shall soon be able to put the emphasis on Jewish community life, where it belongs—upon religion, if we wish it. We should most earnestly wish it if we desire to give significance, content and dignity to our lives and life of our children.

"To the thoughtful Jews it is becoming increasingly clear that there are no substitutes in Jewish life for religion. Neither philanthropy, nor culture, nor nationalism is adequate for the stress and challenge of our lives. All these interests can, and must, find their rightful place within the generous pattern of Judaism. But the pattern must be Judaism. The Judaism of the Torah, the Synagogue, the Prayer Book. The Judaism of the priest, the prophet, the sage, the mystic, and the Rabbi.

"Whether Jews will live as citizens of Israel, or citizens of the United States, or as citizens of South Africa, or of any other country of the world, they should not evade the great mandate of their prophetic religion and their history, which is to serve God and man, to strive for the establishment of God's kingdom and by the practice and the propaganda of their faith to be a light unto the nations. The mission ideal of Judaism which liberal Judaism has stressed so much and so correctly, is, my dear friends, historically valid. It is of the very warp and woof of prophetic Judaism to be a light unto the nations and to bring the imprisoned out of the dungeon and he who lives in darkness out into the great light. It was valid then. It is valid today. It is the real burden of our destiny. God has permitted us to renew our days as of old with the establishment of the State of Israel. Let us in gratitude renew our faith as of old."

Rabbi Silver to Speak at Zionist Luncheon Club

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER is to be the guest speaker at the Johannesburg Zionist Luncheon Club next Friday, July 13th. The luncheon will begin at 12.30 p.m. instead of the usual time of 1 p.m., and guests are asked to contact the Secretary to make their reservations early to ensure seating accommodation.

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SALISBURY'S WELCOME TO RABBI SILVER

Salisbury Jewry eagerly awaited the arrival of Rabbi and Mrs. Hillel Silver, accompanied by Mr. Harris, of the J.N.F. Department of the S.A. Zionist Federation. They were met at the aerodrome by Mr. L. Lasovsky, Chairman of the Regional Committee; Mr. L. E. Banet, Chairman of the J.N.F. Jubilee Committee; Mr. G. Rosin, Chairman of the Regional Committee of the Board of Deputies, and a fully representative body of Zionist workers.

Rabbi and Mrs. Silver had come to Salisbury to participate in the J.N.F. Jubilee, which was celebrated by a reception at the Sephardic Hall on Thursday night, 28th June. The reception was attended by six hundred people. The hall was attractively decorated in blue and white; the stage was decorated with trees, and in the centre was a giant replica of the Blue Box. Mrs. L. E. Banet and Mrs. S. Joffe were responsible for the decorations.

Mr. Lasovsky and Mr. Rosin welcomed Rabbi and Mrs. Silver, and also extended a welcome to Haham Dr. Gaon, who had arrived on a visit from England. Dr. Gaon said he felt privileged to participate in the function and in the welcome to Rabbi Silver.

The toast to the J.N.F. was proposed by Mr. L. E. Banet, after which Mrs. Silver lit the candles on the cake which was a replica of a Blue Fox. The cake was then cut by Rabbi Silver who delivered an outstanding oration.

The tree drive that followed was very successful, well over 2000 trees having been sold in the hall.

Rabbi Silver Preaches In Cape Town

Rabbi Hillel Silver preached the sermon at the Sabbath Eve Service at the Cape Town Jewish Reform Congregation's Temple Israel last Friday evening. The largest gathering ever to attend a service there listened, deeply moved, to the distinguished visitor's inspiring address from the pulpit.

THEY SAY IN TOWN:

THAT what with "go-slow" strikes and bad flying conditions, Rabbi Silver must be finding his tour of South Africa quite a strain.

THAT nevertheless he has brought amazing freshness and vigour to his platform appearances, and has proved a great inspiration to South African Jewry.



Rabbi Silver addressing the J.N.F. Jubilee Banquet at the Cape Town City Hall. With him at the main table are Mr. J. Gitlin, Mrs. J. Davidoff, Mrs. M. Segal, Mr. B. W. Hoffman (who presided), Mrs. Silver and Mr. S. M. Kuper.

RABBI SILVER BEATS BAD WEATHER, "GO-SLOW" STRIKE

Strenuous Car And Plane Rush To Complete Crowded Programme

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, accompanied by Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C., chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and Mr. Lewis Harris, organiser of the Jewish National Fund, landed safely at the Cape Town military aerodrome last Friday, after a strenuous and hazardous flight from East London. A private aeroplane was specially chartered for his use, in view of the "go slow" strike cancelling the regular airways flight. Despite bad weather conditions in the mountainous regions and despite the strain of flying, Rabbi Silver arrived "fighting fit," to embark upon a crowded schedule of meetings in Cape Town and environs.

Within an hour or two of his arrival, he addressed a mass meeting at Paarl, to which he proceeded under "black-out" conditions imposed upon the entire Province, owing to the power shortage. The entire Jewish community of Paarl and of the outlying towns and villages for miles around assembled to hear Rabbi Silver's first address in the Western Province. The Paarl Talmud Torah Hall was the scene of enthusiasm seldom witnessed among the Jewish communities of the small country areas in South Africa.

Rabbi Silver delivered a brilliant address which drew a thunderous ovation from the audience.

"Let us write a new chapter of the Bible," he said, strikingly, in the course of his speech. "An element of normalcy and spiritual tranquillity is returning to the Jewish people, which is now free of the tensions and strain of the past decades, and is again a people like any other people on the face of the globe. What has been built in Israel is significant for ourselves, our children and mankind. I have great confidence in Israel and its future."

But Israel, he said, was not yet secure from danger, and Jewry dare not "demobilise" itself from the struggle to consolidate the Jewish State.

CAPE TOWN MEETING

Rabbi Silver's crowded Cape programme reached a grand climax at the mass meeting at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, on Saturday night. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and latecomers were unable to gain admission. Rabbi Silver's masterly oration held the audience spellbound.

In the course of his address, he referred to those who asked, grumblingly, how long more they would have to contribute to Israel.

"When people ask me how long more they are expected to contribute, seeing how much they have already done for Israel, I say: stop and think what Israel has done for you. Israel is repaying us a thousand-fold for the help we have given her. The curse of exile and the psychopathological need to explain and apologise for ourselves is over for the first time in two thousand years."

"There are people who say that what Israel has done is a case

of 'Ein Breira' (no alternative). That is not true. Israel had an alternative: it could have closed the doors and restricted immigration, and this would have alleviated its problems. But it deliberately chose to keep the door open at all costs, and regarded the easy alternative as unthinkable."

Rabbi Silver said that excessive political partisanship was one of the most serious problems in Israel to-day. He pointed to the struggle between Israel's eighteen parties, with all its unnecessary consumption of time and energy, whereas in a great State like America, there were only two or three political parties. He deplored the system of political education of the young, which confronted Israel with "the danger of building tribes instead of one united people." These dangers Israel statesmen would have to tackle and overcome.

Mrs. Mary Segal presided, and Chief Rabbi Abrahams proposed the vote of thanks to Rabbi Silver.

ADDRESS TO U.Z.P.

Sandwiched into his crowded Cape Town programme was a luncheon given in his honour by the United Zionist Party. In addressing this luncheon, Rabbi Silver referred to the deep resentment felt in American Zionism at Ben Gurion's far-sweeping address on his American tour, in which he had minimised the Zionist movement in the U.S.A. He said that the Government of Israel had to make up its mind whether it wanted a Zionist movement or not. There was no halfway-house between a strong Zionist movement and the complete collapse of the Zionist movement in the Diaspora. Zionists were not prepared to play second fiddle to the non-Zionists whom Ben Gurion had so extolled in America.

He hoped that the Zionist movement would emerge stronger and more unified from the coming Congress, and he believed that the South African delegation to the Congress would help in this regard.

RETURN TO JOHANNESBURG

Rabbi Silver left Cape Town by air on Monday and flew to Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein for meetings, before returning to Johannesburg to address the mass rally on Wednesday night, of which a full report will appear in these columns next week.

'ISRAEL'S MAIN RESPONSIBILITY IS TO BUILD COUNTRY, NOT SOCIALISM'

Rabbi Silver On Need To Encourage Private Capital

"THE first responsibility of Israel to-day is to build a country, not to build socialism. When we have to bring in a thousand immigrants every day, every inducement must be given to bring private capital into the country. Everything must be swept aside to make this possible on a large scale," declared Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver when he addressed the J.N.F. Banquet at the Cape Town City Hall over the week-end.

"There is developing in our world to-day a dogmatism of irreconcilability which does not augur well for the peace of mankind," Rabbi Silver continued. "It is a new dogmatism. Call it Communism or dictatorship or Democracy, the fact remains that it is splitting our world apart. Every situation is exploited by one or other of the groups involved to see what advantage they can get from the situation. In this constellation of political forces, the little State of Israel will need all the protection its friends throughout the world can give it politically to rid the gathering storm."

"We must remain politically alert and mobilised. Every little country needs friends. The only dependable friend which the Jewish State has in the entire world is the Jewish people itself. Jews in the free countries must learn to use their rights as free citizens, and speak up for what is right and moral on all questions, especially the Jewish question. They must bring their influence to bear on this question, and not be deterred from doing the vital and statesmanlike thing: to use their franchise to defend the Zionist ideal for the restoration of the Jewish people in Israel. That is what I mean by not relaxing politically."

Mr. Barney Hoffman, Chairman of the J.N.F. Jubilee Fund in the Cape, welcomed Rabbi Silver, and the toast of the J.N.F. proposed Kuper, K.C., who accompanied Rabbi Silver to Cape Town, also addressed the gathering.

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וואס ישראל און מיר האבן רעכט צו דערווארטן

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טראָגן די שווערע עקאָנאָמישע לאסט פון אריינבריינגען, ווי ישראל טוט איצט, 1,000 עולים א טאָג, נעבן זיי שפייזן, קליידונג און א דאך איבערן קאָפּ.

אירן דארפן אינוועסטירן קאפיטאל אין ישראל, זשטעלן אין דינסט פון אידישן לאנד זייערע פעאיקייטן, די יוגנט, עס פאָדערט זיך שנעלקייט. איצט זיינען מעגלעך א סך דערנאָכ-בונגען. שפעטער קען זיין צו שפעט. „איך וואָלט וועלן זען אז א סך מער יונגע מענטשן פון ד. אפריקע או אמעריקע, מיט דער נעהעריקייט אויסבילדונג, זאָלן קומען קיין ישראָל, צו אויף א קורצער צייט אָדער אויף שטענדיק, כדי צו העלפן בויען אַ ניי לעבן, אין אלט-נייעם לאנד פאר אַ ניי פאָלק.“

רבי סילווער ווייזט דערבוי אָן אויף דער גלענצנדער ארבעט פון דא. אידישע יונגעלייט אין ישראל.

ישראל האָט אויך דאָס רעכט צו דערווארטן א שטארקע ציוניסטישע באוועגונג. מיר מוזן זיין אָרגאניזירט, און די איינציקע אָרגאניזאציע וואָס קען עס טאָן איז די יעניקע וואָס האָט געשאפן די אידישע מדינה—די ציר ניסטישע וועלט־אָרגאניזאציע.

אירן מחוץ לארץ דארפן העלפן בויען ניסטיק-שטארקע און לעבנס-פעאיקע קהלות. העברעאיש דארף פארנעמען דעם אויבנאָן. מיר קענען גיט האָבן קיין קיום אָן תורה און אָן העברעאיש.

ישראל און די גלות-לענדער, וואו די מערהייט פון אידישן פאָלק וועט בלייבן, מוזן אינספירירן איינע די אנדערע און גיין צוזאמען אלס חסיד-טאָרישער איינס צו איין באשטימטן גורל, האָט רבי סילווער פארענדיקט. דער גרויסער עולם האָט אויפגענו-מען רבי סילווער'ס רעדע מיט אַ לאנגדויערנדער אוואַציע.

אין אן אינספירירנדיקער רעדע האָט דער גרויסער ציון מנהיג רבי אבא הלל סילווער אויפן מאסנמיטינג אין יאָהאנעסבורג שטאָט-זאל מיט-וואָך אָנגעוויזן אויף דעם וואָס מיר, אירן אין די גלות-לענדער, האָבן א רעכט צו דערווארטן פון ישראל און וואָס ישראל האָט א רעכט צו דער-ווארטן פון אונדז.

א פולגעפאקטער זאל האָט אויסגע-הערט מיט גרויס אויסמערקאמקייט רבי סילווער'ס רעדע.

דער מיטינג איז איינגעארדנט גע-וואָרן פון דער ד. א. צייגיסטישער פערעראציע. אדוו. ש. מ. קופער, פאָר-זיצער פון דער פערעראציע, איז גע-ווען פאָרזיצער און האָט פאָרגעשטעלט דעם חשוב'ן נאסט. ער האָט אויך בא-גריסט דעם רב הראשי פראַנק. י. ראבינאוויטש, וועלכער האָט זיך נאָך-וואָס צוריקגעקערט פון א קאמפיין-טור פארן ישראל אפיל אין אויסטראליע.

אויף דער פלאטפאָרמע זיינען אויך געווען אָנוועזנד: דער רב הראשי פראַנק, ראבינאוויטש, מר. י. דאנ-סקי, מר. דאלעסקי, מר. ל. תנר א.א. רבי סילווער ווייזט אַ אז דאָס אירנטום האָט א רעכט צו פאָדערן פון ישראל אָפּענע טויערן פאר אלע אירן, אָן אויסנאם פון וועלכן לאנד זיי קומען. ישראל דארף נעבן אַ ביי-שפיל פון א נעאייניקטן פאָלק און גיט פון פאָליטישע פארמייען, וואָס בריינגט צו שנאת חנם. עס דארף הערשן טאָלעראַנץ אין ישראל צו אלע אידיאָאישע קעגנער אין אנדערע ראסן און גלויבנס. קיין דירמוטיקונג טאָר גיט נענעבן ווערן צו פאנאטי-קער. עס מוזן באשיצט ווערן די אינ-דיווידועלע רעכט פון יעדן יחיד.

„מיר ווילן גיט בויען אין ישראל קיין סאטעליטן מלוכה, נאָך א פרויע דעמאָקראטיע“, רופט אויס רבי סיל-ווער.

רעכט פון ישראל

מדינת ישראל האָט אָבנר אויך א רעכט צו דערווארטן אַ סך פון די אירן מחוץ לארץ. מיר מוזן זיי העלפן

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When Silver Came To Bulawayo



When Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and his wife arrived in Bulawayo the above official photograph was taken at the airport. Seated from left to right: Mrs. D. Shapira, Mr. L. E. Banet (chairman, J.N.F. Jubilee Committee), Mrs. Silver, Rabbi Silver, Mrs. L. E. Banet, Mr. I. Lasovsky (chairman, Regional Committee Rhodesian Zionist Council), Mrs. S. Joffe. Standing: Mrs. I. Lasovsky, Mr. Harris, Mr. S. Habib, Mr. S. Lasovsky, Mrs. M. E. Kaplan, Mr. A. N. Alhadeff, Mr. G. Rosin (chairman, Regional Committee Rhodesian Jewish Board of Deputies), Mr. M. E. Kaplan, Mr. B. S. Leon and Mr. A. Lessem.

THOUSANDS ATTEND SILVER FUNCTIONS IN CAPE TOWN

RABBI Abba Hillel Silver has won the heart of Cape Town Jewry. From the moment he disembarked from the special chartered plane from East London last Wednesday, until the charter left on Sunday at noon for Port Elizabeth the Rabbi's superb oratory thrilled and inspired the thousands who heard him in the great series of functions crowded into the four days.

Included among the numerous functions which he addressed was the J.N.F. Jubilee Banquet, attended by 500 guests, a mass meeting at the Zionist Hall, at which 1,200 people were present, a rally of country communities at Paarl, attended by 500 Zionists from as far afield as Robertson and Malmesbury, a service at the Reform Temple, attended by 1,000 worshippers, and a luncheon given by the United Zionist Party, at which a large gathering was present.

Rabbi Silver also attended Divine Service at the Great Synagogue on Saturday. Chief Rabbi

Abrahams welcomed him in the course of his sermon. A Brocha was held in his honour after the service.

WITHOUT A ZIONIST MOVEMENT ISRAEL COULD BE DESTROYED IN ONE DAY—Rabbi Silver

From Our Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN, Wednesday.

IN the course of his numerous addresses delivered in Cape Town, Rabbi Silver stressed the importance of the J.N.F. and the contribution which it had made to the up-building of Eretz Israel. He also dealt with a number of important issues in Zionist and Jewish life.

In one of his addresses he made a plea for a unified system of education in Israel. The present system of five ideological streams of education militated against education towards one people, and might result in the division of Israel into tribes.

He also stressed the importance of maintaining a strong Zionist movement in the diaspora. The World Zionist Organisation created Israel and would work permanently to make Israel strong. He castigated anti-Zionists in the U.S.A. who almost succeeded in making Palestine a United Nations Trusteeship instead of a Jewish State. Israel could be destroyed in

one day without the existence of a strong body of organised Zionists.

When he addressed the U.Z.P. Rabbi Silver criticised Mr. Ben Gurion's recent statements. He also deprecated the rift between General Zionists and the Progressives, and stressed the need for a strong centre party in Israel.

Addressing the same gathering, Mr. Kuper expressed the hope that the S.A. delegation to the Congress would create a united front on certain organisational problems. He pledged the support of the U.Z.P. for all efforts towards unity both within the movement and among the General Zionists.

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PARTISANSHIP IS ONE OF ISRAEL'S MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS

— RABBI SILVER

AT a big mass meeting, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver bade farewell to Cape Town this week after a crowded week-end. "When people ask me how long are they expected to contribute, seeing how much they had already done, I say: 'Think what Israel has done for you,'" he said. "Israel has repaid us a thousandfold in giving us pride and self-respect."

Partisanship was one of the most serious problems in Israel, he said. He compared Israel's eighteen parties to America's two or three. He deplored the fact that the educational system in Israel was on a political basis. He appealed for a strengthening of the Zionist organisation and for unity.

HAZARDOUS FLIGHT

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HUGE AUDIENCE THRILLED BY BRILLIANT ORATORY

Long before the opening time, the Major Zionist Hall was filled to capacity, and an overflow audience packed the Minor Hall, on Saturday night, 7th July, when Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver addressed a Mass Rally of Peninsula Jewry.

Rabbi Silver delivered a brilliant address and stirred the audience deeply as he described conditions in Israel to-day, and emphasised the necessity for continued support of the State and for a strong World Zionist Organisation.

Mrs. M. Segal was in the chair and said that since the arrival of Rabbi and Mrs. Silver, there had been an atmosphere of Yom Tov in Cape Town. They had come to pay tribute to the community for their work for the J.N.F., the fund which had helped to restore the dignity of labour among the Jewish people, and which had given them trusteeship over collective ownership. The community was greatly honoured by the visit of Rabbi and Mrs. Silver and were grateful to them for coming to this small community. Rabbi Silver had cast a spell on the community, who followed him, not just because he was a great orator, but because he spoke as a man of vision and had given them faith in the future.

RABBI SILVER'S ADDRESS

Rabbi Silver thanked Mrs. Segal for her remarks and for her many acts of kindness and hospitality towards Mrs. Silver and himself. He could now understand why the community occupied a position of eminence for its significant contributions to the upbuilding of Israel. He was greatly enheartened by his contact with the Jewish community of South Africa, and greatly uplifted by the manifestation of strong Jewish loyalty and fine alertness to all that was going on in Jewish life to-day.

THE J.N.F.

He had come to South Africa in connection with the J.N.F. Jubilee, and was happy to accept the invitation, for to him the Fund had always epitomised in the most loving manner all we associated with the ideal we called Zionism. The Fund represented the great hunger of our people, which they sought to satisfy—the hunger for land, the hunger for soil, the hunger for justice and democracy. It had brought back the concept of land, the concept of soil, of normalising the life of our people by bringing them back to the health-giving and stabilising influence of the soil. The Fund also represented the noble concept of justice. The world had been torn asunder by class conflicts. In the task of rebuilding national life, the J.N.F. wanted to be sure that it would be a life built not on expropriation, but on social justice. This was a revolutionary idea, but in a sense it was also the restoration of the older basic idea which came out of the Bible—"the land shall not be sold in perpetuity." The J.N.F. embodies within itself the basic democracy of our people. It had been made possible by the contributions of the masses; it appealed to the common people. Some had thought that salvation would come through "court Jews," through those that had political influence. The events of the past few years, culminating in the great historic victory of the establishment of the State, had demonstrated that this was never true. What had brought about the result was the co-ordinated act of millions of the common people and not of the few. It was important to remember for future times that it was the people as a whole that had the

power for its own salvation. The J.N.F. 50 years ago had had the deep political insight to understand that salvation would have to come about through labours and sacrifices of the common people. It had begun with nickels and dimes, with stamps and collection boxes. It had continued undeterred, till to-day it represented one of the largest land-purchasing funds in the world. Its humble beginnings had led to monumental achievements. Whatever one did for Israel, however humble the work was, it was work of tremendous importance, just as the Jews in Israel, no matter what work they did all felt they belonged to the sacred fraternity of builders.

The Jews of South Africa, said Rabbi Silver, should be proud of what they had done for the J.N.F. Israel could be proud of the Jewish people who had brought it into existence. In the last two decades it had given evidence of the magnificent qualities which resided in our people.

The Jewish people would never have come through the fires of persecution, and reached this day, if it had not found within itself the power to rebuild its life in Israel. This was not the characteristic of a weak, but of a very tough people. He thought they were the toughest people on earth. They had a quality of heroism, of desperate resistance, of unwillingness to resign themselves to the loss of their national independence. This same quality was in the people of the reborn State of Israel. The great hour had not found a small people. They knew how to close their ranks, how to bring sacrifices, how to match the hour in every way.

CAUSE VINDICATED.

The cause to which Jews had devoted themselves for many years of their lives had been vindicated in many ways. The first vindication was after the establishment of the Jewish State when, in three short years, Israel had emptied the concentration camps of Europe and had given a new hope and chance to the refugees who had been languishing in the camps. It had brought it not only Jews from Europe, but from Iraq, Yemen and North Africa, and even from behind the "Curtain." The little land had given a haven to these people. The Jews had worked for something that had paid tremendous dividends.

Their work had vindicated itself in other ways; it had falsified the myths and fables which had been spread about the Jews and repudiated lying charges. Experts who visited Israel returned full of praise for the colonising and building work of Israel. A people not attuned to colonisation work were giving a most proficient lesson in the art of colonising and building, in a country where it was very difficult to build. What had been done, had been done with sweat and hard labour. It had given a sense of pride in oneself and was a heroic demonstration of the capacity to build. The little State of Israel had compensated us a hundredfold for what we had given to it. There had been many setbacks, frustrations and un-

pleasantness, but we must not lose sight of the forest for the individual trees. We must keep before our eyes the totality of the building. What we had built had tremendous implications, and would be productive of great good.

ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

The Middle East, said Rabbi Silver, had become a centre of interest for the two great power groups, which had unfortunately developed. The eyes of statesmen were watching what was happening there. It was an area where the feudal system still prevailed, where the population could be readily appealed to, for all forms of extremism. In that vast area of the world, there was but one little sphere that could be counted on to remain loyal to the democratic ideal, to be the bastion of that freedom which the world was struggling to conserve. It was not important for Israel to orientate itself with the Western World. We could be sure that these people in Israel had it in the warp and woof of their psyche to resist the suppression of human rights. They had gone there to be free; they were oriented to Sinai, where the proclamation of freedom had been given. The eyes of the world were watching this little corner in the whole Middle East, this outpost of freedom which was of incalculable spiritual worth. Israel was to-day the greatest single factor for peace and freedom in that part of the world.

WHAT ISRAEL IS DOING FOR US.

When people asked how long we must continue to contribute to Israel, said Rabbi Silver, he answered: "Think what Israel is doing for us." The curse of exile was vanishing out of the hearts and minds of our people. What will it mean to us, and future generations, that we have become equal with other peoples and were facing them without apology, because of the psycho-pathological need of explaining ourselves? Self-torture and self-hatred were passing out of the Jewish consciousness for the first time in 2,000 years, as were the strain and tension of the obsession with anti-Semitism, which had been characteristic of Jews for so long. Israel had given a new dignity to Jewish life, which could not be evaluated in terms of cents and dimes. It was repaying their labours a thousandfold.

Rabbi Silver then spoke of his recent visit to Israel after an absence of two and a half years. He had travelled throughout the country from Metullah to Eilat, where the Jews had wisely decided to build a port. He had been present there when the first cargo ship from South Africa was being unloaded. What was happening at Eilat was characteristic of what was going on in the whole country; it was a vast workshop where everybody was working. Life was hard and rugged, but even in the ma-abarot where conditions were primitive, there was no spirit of dejection. Throughout the country, in spite of the hardships and problems, one found a vibrancy and dynamism. It was a "going concern." It had never occurred to the

600,000 Jews in Israel to close their doors to the immigrants; they looked upon themselves as the vanguard; but this immigration had created a terrific social problem. The spirit in Israel to-day was not that of "Ein Breira," but rather the spirit of Joshua and Caleb, who said: "We will go up; we will build." This was the spirit—a spirit of confidence, a spirit of being able to rise above obstacles and difficulties.

Serious problems confronted the State to-day; the economic difficulties were caused not only by the new immigration but by failure to welcome the private investor. There was intensive partisanship and the party system in the schools gave rise to the fear that they might be building tribes instead of one united people.

IMPORTANCE OF STRONG ZIONIST ORGANISATION

Because of all the difficulties, it was important to maintain a strong World Zionist Organisation. It was true that Israel did not belong to Zionists only, but to the Jewish People, but the World Zionist Organisation had created the State and it would have to help to make the State strong and secure. In the past, in political work, the non-Zionists had resisted the labours and efforts of the Zionists. There had always been a hard core of loyal and alerted Zionists. The Zionist position had become mortally weakened. In the United States, on the economic front, the Zionists also had to battle with the non-Zionists, who wanted to give local needs priority. Only the loyal Zionists knew that a State could not be built in a day, and would insist on priority for the State of Israel in fund-raising and distribution. They needed a strong World Zionist Organisation, not because they wanted to interfere in the political affairs of Israel, not because they wanted to get praise for what they were doing, but because they were interested in a revitalised and strong Zionist Organisation, and because they were persuaded that Israel needed and would continue to need the massive political and economic support of a strong Zionist Organisation. Without it, the State would find itself in very stormy waters.

NO RIGHT TO RELAX.

In conclusion Rabbi Silver said that he did not wish to imply that Israel was not aware of the problem, but to bring home the fact that we had no right to relax. He himself had received great inspiration from his visit to Israel. He referred in moving terms to the cavern on Har Zion where he saw the urns with the ashes of the victims from the concentration camps and the six lights, one for each of the million Jews that had perished. That was the Galut, that was the past, and it was right that Israel had decided that the children must never forget the glory and tragedy of the past. Then again, on the eve of Yom Ha-atzmaut, he had been taken to Har Herzl, where Theodor Herzl had found his last resting place. At dusk a great bonfire had been lit, and other bonfires on other hills were lit, until on every hill fires were burning through the darkness, and there was dancing throughout the night. That was the future for our people. On the graves of yesterday, new lives were being built. It was wonderful to be alive. It was wonderful to have had a hand in the building, and it was wonderful to have the privilege of continuing with their contribution to the building until the task was completed.

Chief Rabbi Abrahams moved a vote of thanks to Rabbi Silver for his magnificent address.

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Dr. Silver at Opening of Bnei Zion Seminar

"I am very pleased to be among the young people who are General Zionists," said Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at the opening of the Bnei Zion Annual Seminar on Saturday evening, 30th June, at the Coronation Hall, Johannesburg. Dr. Silver received an enthusiastic ovation from the large number of madrichim that were present.

The opening address was delivered by Mr. Israel Dunskey, Chairman of the United General Zionist Party. Mr. I. Goss, Director of the S.A. Jewish Board of Education, Mr. H. Stutzen, Menahel of Bnei Zion, and Mr. Dov Senderowitz also spoke. Segan Menahel, Mervyn Isaacson, presided.

Dr. Silver said that he was interested in General Zionism, because he was interested in the totality of the Jewish people. We had to strive to be one people, and not a disorganised, fragmented, congregate group of people. At a time when every effort should be made to unify the people, there was a spirit of partisanship and other fragmentation in Israeli life and politics. Israel to-day was a vast melting-pot of peoples from all parts of the world, who differed radically in their background and outlook on life. It was unfortunate that in the face of this thorny problem, there was no unified system of education as in the U.S.A. Children are being indoctrinated in the very ideology of the Party, and brought up to feel and believe that their own point of view and ideas were more important than the unity of the nation.

General Zionists in Israel were those who fought against this trend. "We in the U.S.A. and you here are trying to back up this fight," said Dr. Silver. General Zionism was neither anti-Socialist nor anti-Capitalist. All Jews, from whatever class should be made welcome in Israel. Israel needed the co-operation and goodwill of all Jews of the Diaspora, and private investors should be encouraged and not frightened away by meaningless slogans of Socialism in our own day. General Zionism held a greater promise for Israel, and at this important period in the history of Israel we Zionists had an important task to perform.

CHALUTZIUT AND HEBREW.

The Youth could serve Israel in two ways, as chalutzim and in propagating the Hebrew language. History has shown that any community that had not included Hebrew ultimately disappeared. It was only with the help of Hebrew that greater cultural and spiritual values could be created. Hebrew and Zionism always went together, and one could never think of the development of the Zionist movement without the great Hebrew poets and writers. The Youth had to make greater efforts to cultivate the Hebrew language.

Dr. Silver wished the Seminar and the Bnei Zion movement success in their work and hoped that they would make a great contribution to Israel and to the survival and culture of the Jewish people.

CHALUTZIUT—HIGHEST SERVICE

Mr. Israel Dunskey, in opening the Bnei Zion Seminar, outlined the programme of the United General Zionist Party, which, together with other General Zionist groups, worked for the benefit of the whole Jewish people in Israel, and fought for a policy which would exclude politics from education, the army and the civil service. Mr. Dunskey stated that while Israel required workers, it also needed the co-operation of the middle classes. Most of the money collected by the Zionist movement during the past 50 years, and the large sums collected to-day, came from the middle classes, who in this way play a large part in the up-building of the State of Israel. Centre Zionism constituted a balanced approach in Zionist politics. General Zionism, Mr. Dunskey said, would give stability to Israel. Mr. Dunskey emphasised that parties were inevitable in politics, as Democracy made allowances for freedom of thought and the party was merely a group of people who combined on certain essen-

tial ideological views. However, the General Zionist Party believed that the Party was a means to an end.

Mr. Dunskey, in welcoming the Seminar, emphasised the importance of information and knowledge. The Youth had to know what they stood for. We had to raise ourselves up to a higher standard. There was a trend in South Africa to undermine the prestige of the Youth movement. It was only education and uplifting that could adequately answer this challenge to the Youth. The highest form of service, Mr. Dunskey declared, was chalutzit, which represented the peak of Zionist endeavour. He hoped that the United General Zionist Party youth would be in the vanguard of this practical effort.

HEBREW, TRADITION AND TORAH.

Mr. Goss, in an impassioned address, appealed to the madrichim to embark on a crusade of Hebraising the Golah. Hebrew was the basis of our cultural work. While he believed that Zion was the focal point of all our endeavour, he regretted to note that there had been no spiritual awakening since the establishment of the State of Israel. The State of Israel would not be in a position to benefit the Golah unless the Golah could understand its language. The Youth had to acquire the only key that fitted the classics, and that is Hebrew. We had to try and bring Israel into the Golah. He looked to the Youth to be in the vanguard of this spiritual re-awakening. Herzl had provided the form, we now had to turn back to Achad Ha-am, who offered the content. We had to cease to be a marginal man, with no loyalties. The problem of dual loyalties was a mere fantasy.

In conclusion, Mr. Goss wished the Seminar all success and expressed the hope that the Youth would contribute to the important tasks of Geulat Ha-am, and this can only be achieved through Hebrew, Tradition and Torah.

CAMP—CLIMAX OF BNEI ZION ACTIVITIES.

Mr. Harold Stutzen, Menahel of Bnei Zion (S.A.), referred to the Seminar as one of the most important activities of Bnei Zion, and hoped that through such activities, and in particular through the means of the annual Camp, the movement would go from strength to strength.

BNEI ZION AND CHALUTZIUT.

Dov Senderowitz, Timorim Shaliach, reminded the madrichim that the aims of the Youth movement was Aliyah and Chalutzit. This aspect has not been emphasised sufficiently in the past and he hoped that Bnei Zion would provide the follow-up to Aliyah to Israel, which was so necessary for Timorim and other settlements that would be established. He hoped that madrichim would provide the lead by establishing a chalutz chavurah among themselves. The greatest factor in education, he said, was example.

RABBI SILVER AT JNF JUBILEE BANQUET

LARGE GATHERING STIRRED BY ELOQUENT ADDRESS

"DO NOT IMAGINE THAT BECAUSE THE STATE IS FORMED THERE IS NO MORE NEED FOR THE J.N.F. THERE IS STILL LAND TO BE BOUGHT AND JEWS HAVE TO BUY AND PAY FOR IT," SAID RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER AT THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND JUBILEE BANQUET IN THE CITY HALL ON THURSDAY EVENING, 5th JULY, WHEN RABBI AND MRS. SILVER WERE THE GUESTS OF HONOUR.

THE BANQUET WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED GUESTS, AND RABBI SILVER'S ELOQUENT AND STIRRING ADDRESS, WHICH WAS LISTENED TO WITH RAPT ATTENTION, MADE A PROFOUND IMPRESSION.

MR. B. W. HOFFMANN WAS IN THE CHAIR, AND OTHER SPEAKERS WERE MR. S. M. KUPER, K.C., CHAIRMAN OF THE S.A. ZIONIST FEDERATION, AND CHIEF RABBI I. ABRAHAMS.

MR. B. W. HOFFMANN

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the "S.A. Zionist Federation," said:—

"I know that you will want me to extend a very warm welcome indeed to our distinguished guests, Rabbi and Mrs. Silver. It is, however, not my function this evening to dwell upon the important contribution which Rabbi Silver has made to the Zionist cause or to the role which he plays as a leading world Jew. That task is in the capable hands of the Chief Rabbi, who will speak a little later.

"But at the outset I would like to assure Rabbi Silver how happy Cape Town Jewry is to have them in our midst and to do them honour.

"It is just a few hours really that Rabbi and Mrs. Silver have been with us and they have endeared themselves to us, and it is our regret that they will be with us for so short a while. There is, however, another distinguished guest in our midst, in the person of the Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, our dear friend, Mr. Simie Kuper, as he is known affectionately to all of us. To him, too, I extend a hearty welcome. Mr. Kuper is no stranger to us but I think it is the first official occasion that he is visiting Cape Town at a banquet, since he became the leader of South African Zionism, and I would like to take this opportunity of greeting him on becoming the leader of South African Zionism.

"Mr. Kuper, whilst only a relatively young man, has a long and distinguished career in Jewish communal service to Zionism in this country. He graduated from the ranks of the Zionist Youth Movement and has held every important post in the Zionist Movement, until to-day he is leader of South African Zionism in this country. Mr. Kuper is blessed with great qualities of leadership, and he has been able to make others give of their best, yea, even on occasion a little unwillingly. I feel very confident that with Mr. Kuper at the helm of South African Zionist affairs, Zionist work in this country will continue to prosper.

"The S.A. Zionist Federation, which is the co-ordinating body of all Zionist endeavour in this country, has, during its 50-odd years of Zionist work, earned for itself a reputation in the World Zionist Organisation of which South African Jewry can be justly proud, and it is of those men who have served on that body that we to-day can take notice and say that they have done a good job. They have done their job and done it well, and I think that on this occasion—there can be no better occasion than the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Keren Kayemeth—it is fitting to reaffirm the loyalty of W. Province

Jewry to the S.A. Zionist Federation and to pledge our support for the work that lies in hand and for the work that lies in the future.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the health of the S.A. Zionist Federation and its Chairman, Mr. S. M. Kuper."

Mr. Hoffmann also welcomed Mr. J. Gitlin and said that it gave him great pleasure to know that he was fit and well enough to have come that evening. "I would like Rabbi and Mrs. Silver to know," he said, "that

ment here to remember that they were given the opportunity of making that contribution because of the support they all received from the S.A. Jewish community as a whole and the Zionist movement in particular. It is the movement which made these men and gave them their opportunity, and not the men who made the movement. The same thing applies throughout the rest of the country.

"I am very glad indeed that the Chairman referred to Mr. Gitlin in this regard, because he, at least, as



Rabbi and Mrs. Silver with the reception committee prior to the Banquet.

it is an acknowledged fact throughout the length and breadth of this country that Mr. Gitlin has played a large part in the prosperity of Zionism in South Africa, and I pray to God that he will have the strength and the ability to carry on."

MR. S. M. KUPER

Mr. S. M. Kuper, in replying to the toast of the S.A. Zionist Federation, said: "I am very proud that my name should have been associated with the toast proposed to the S.A. Zionist Federation, and I am very grateful for the warmth with which you have received the kind remarks of the Chairman about me personally. It is good, on an occasion such as this, to remember some of the people who have made such outstanding contributions to the cause of Zionism in this country, particularly in the leadership of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and it is right to recall names such as the late Mr. Goldreich, Mr. Braudo, Mr. Kirschner and Mr. Gering, who all made very important contributions to the movement as a whole. But it is equally right in paying our tribute to these stalwarts of the Zionist move-

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"Now, as far as the Zionist movement is concerned, when you drank to the toast, you were drinking to something created by you, the strength of the Federation depending entirely on the support given to it by the Jews of this country, and if to-day we can be proud of what the Federation has achieved and if we can look forward with confidence to what the Federation can still do, it is owing to the response which the community has given to it in the past and in the future.

"We have had in the past few years several prominent visitors from overseas and what has especially impressed these overseas visitors about the S.A. Zionist Federation is that it is a body on which sat all shades of opinion—persons representing all types of movements within the Zionist movement. We were very fortunate that the women did not form their own independent organisation, as might have happened. They form the backbone of the Zionist Federation. The same

thing applies to the Youth and, of course, to all the parties within the movement, and also to the non-party section, by all of us sitting round the same table.

"It is not the same in most other countries. Not the same in England, where on the Zionist Federation two parties serve. Nor the same in the U.S.A. I do not know of any other country where there is a similar position and we are fortunate in having this organisation and in having shown its strength to visitors from overseas, because we are anxious, if possible, to enable the S.A. Zionist Federation to present to the world, to the World Zionist Congress and to the Zionist movement as a whole the example of what we believe should be followed by other countries.

"As far as the Jewish community itself is concerned, the Zionist Federation acts as a unifying factor. When we are able to achieve any particular result, the whole community is proud of that result and the whole community responds as one man to the achievement. You all remember the opening by South Africa of the sea route from Mombasa to Eilat, the opening which took place only a few weeks ago, which was due to the purchasing by the Federation of quantities of goods from East Africa and the chartering of a special ship. The purchasing and the chartering of the ship was done by us in the closest consultation with the Prime Minister of Israel and three members of the Cabinet, who co-operated in the type of goods sent and in the decision that the ships should be sent. Only to-day I had a meeting in Cape Town, where I was offered on behalf of the Federation the opportunity to purchase goods which are urgently required in the State of Israel: goods to the value of ½ million pounds; and do you know that over the past two or three years we have sent goods to the value of 3 million pounds?

"The present Union Government has enabled us to send these goods instead of transmitting money. In the first six months of this year we were also able to transmit £200,000 convertible sterling. By our sending this money and buying these goods, we have found that the Federation has committed the Jews in this country until the end of this year on the present contribution made by the community. But we are not stopping at that. We are prepared to pledge the Jewish community of South Africa even before the end of the year and because the goods are wanted now and because the Jews of Israel cannot wait until next year, we are going to pledge your credit and it is up to you and the rest of the Jews in this country to rally to the support of the Federation in the future as you have done so nobly in the past."

CHIEF RABBI ABRAHAMS

Chief Rabbi Abrahams, in proposing the toast of "The Keren Kayemeth and Rabbi and Mrs. Silver," said:—

"We belong to a privileged generation. We, who were spared the hell fires of the Nazi terror, have lived to see, if not the complete redemption, at least the dawn of national salvation. We have been granted the ineffable zechut of creating new Jewish Festivals. The greatest of these is,

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independently, Israel's Day of Independence—the day of our national rebirth.

"But this great festival also had an Erev Yom Tov. It was a modest day; it was unheralded by the loud beating of drums or the jubilant fanfare of trumpets. It was a day of small beginnings, marked by the fashioning of the Zionist Blue Box to hold the national treasure—yes, the pennies—of a homeless people seeking to purchase its ancestral Land and Freedom. It was a wholly unglamorous day calling for sweat and blood and tears; inviting the flower of our youth to drain malarial swamps and till the desert, to accept disease and want, heartbreak and death, as the reward of unsung heroism. That was the Festival Eve, the day of preparation which began 50 years ago with the inauguration of the Jewish National Fund.

"The Jewish people, in all its far-flung dwelling places, is to-day the owner, in the State of Israel, of two million dunams of hallowed soil. But we must not measure the achievements of the Keren Kayemeth by the dunams it has redeemed. It would be far truer to say that it was the soil that redeemed us. Halutzim—the Jewish Pioneer Movement—brought health and rejuvenation to the Jewish spirit. Our swamp drainers did not merely dry countless tons of mud. They helped to remove the mire of soggy assimilationism, accumulated through many tragic generations; they contributed to the cleansing of large zones of pestilential anti-Semitism; they discovered and canalised the latent streams of Jewish energy, ardour and skill.

"The Jewish desert cultivators not only fertilised the wastes produced by the neglect of centuries, created by the culpable indifference of generations of squatters, who abused the land once flowing with milk and honey. They also irrigated the aridity of the Jewish spirit brought on by the age-long process of soul erosion; they irrigated and fructified new tracts of Jewish life of immeasurable potentialities.

"We must not speak of the Conquest of the Land. Rather was it the land that gave us victory. Every settlement was a stronghold; every kibbutz footpath was a 'Heroes Road.' Ultimately, the battle for Israel was won, not with the sword but with the ploughshare. The Jewish National Fund land is the real basis of Israel's freedom and sovereignty; and it is that land, too, that shall yet furnish the weapons with which we shall achieve the still greater victory of economic independence, and the absorption of millions of new immigrants, and the gathering of the exiles. This, in brief, is the golden chapter of Jewish history written by the Fund of the Golden Jubilee. The Biblical law of the Jubilee has been vindicated; at the end of five decades of land redemption the Jew has returned a free man to possess once again his own historic soil.

"Such an event calls for more than celebration. It needs a Voice—a human Shofar note that shall express what we find too deep for words. Again we have been privileged. We have been afforded the honour and the delight of listening to one of the great authentic voices of Zionist leadership in the person of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Our guest of honour may be described as *Ish ha-Middot*; the Hebrew may be rendered both 'a man of stature' and 'a man of attributes.' Dr. Silver integrates in his distinguished personality a rare combination of pre-eminent qualities. He is the foremost representative of American Jewry—the largest Jewish community in the world and the hub of Jewish life in the Diaspora to-day. I venture to say that without American Jewry our national movement would not have reached its present stage, and I make bold to add that without Rabbi Silver, American Zionism would not be the potent creative

force it is to-day. Like our ancestors in Ezra's time, he builds and fights simultaneously. He has pleaded Israel's cause at the Bar of the Nations and he has wrestled with the politically-hardened souls of the world's leading potentates and statesmen. Time and again it was his 'Silver advocacy' that saved our people in the hour of crisis. To-night, though he will speak to but a segment of a comparatively small Jewish community, we have the thrilling and solemn awareness that the whole world will listen, and that all Israel will think and thank."

RABBI SILVER

Responding to the toast of the Keren Kayemeth, Rabbi Silver said:—

"I have been going from place to place during the last ten days addressing Jewish communities in the Union of South Africa and have been listening to these most gracious and undeserved words of praise. I am delighted more than I can tell you to be in your midst this evening. I have known about this community for a long time, and read about its work. I know of its generosity



Rabbi Silver, in a characteristic pose, addressing his audience at the Banquet. From right to left: Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C., Mrs. Silver, Mr. B. W. Hoffmann, Rabbi Silver, Mrs. M. Segal, Chief Rabbi Professor I. Abrahams, Mrs. J. Davidoff and Mr. J. Gitlin.

in the support and maintenance of all worthy Jewish institutions, here and abroad, and particularly in Israel. I have known for many years of the great Zionist services of your distinguished fellow-citizen whom you have chosen to honour this evening, Mr. Jacob Gitlin. I have known, though not for a long time, and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the President of the S.A. Zionist Federation, a man of rare spirit, great charm and grace of character, who has graciously accompanied me and Mrs. Silver on our visits to some of the communities of your country during these last few days and by his friendship and company has made our visit extremely pleasant.

"I am happy to be in the midst of a community such as this, whose Jews have demonstrated unflinching loyalty to all those things best in Jewish life. I have visited some large and some small communities and I have carried away with me a deep gratification. Wherever Jews live, somehow, there bides a strong link of unity with Klal Yisrael, and the chain of Jewish unity is not broken.

TRIBUTE TO S.A. GOVERNMENT.

"I am happy to be in South Africa because your Government was among the first in the United Nations to come to our help. This was particularly heartening to us because, as you know, we had been engaged for some years in a prodigious and bitter struggle with the Government of Great Britain. There was a danger that some people would confuse our opposition to the

Government (Great Britain) with a feeling of hostility towards the people of the Commonwealth. That was furthest from our minds because we always had with us the full realisation that the peoples of this far-flung Empire had been and would continue to be friends and sympathetic co-workers in our just and worthy cause. We never forgot the fact that it was from this Empire that the Balfour Declaration came and that some of the most devoted champions of our cause were leaders and statesmen of this complex of peoples, some before the days of Balfour, and some since the days of Balfour, including your own great leader whose name will for ever be spoken on Jewish lips the world over with sweetness—General Smuts.

"May I say, too, that we in the United States have always looked with pride and with a degree of envy upon the quality of the contribution which you were making to Israel not only in terms merely of financial support, which per capita exceeds the financial support of our community, which has not been niggardly or ungenerous, but in terms of manpower which you have given in peace and in war to the up-

dence and some independence as a nation amongst the nations of the world they would first have to acquire for themselves a land base. No people can fight for its national independence, suspended as it were, in mid air in a vacuum. There were many peoples at the turn of the 20th century which were struggling for their independence, which they finally achieved, but all of these peoples had a homeland, a base from which to launch their attack against domination.

We Jews wanted to become liberated as a nation but had no land from which to launch our attack and the Jewish National Fund, therefore, came into being to give a local habitation to Zionist ideals, to get a base, to settle Jews upon land more and more. We could then start at the beginning, on that land on which we base all our national hopes.

"Again we talk about land and the importance of acquiring land in Israel. Many people spoke about obtaining a charter and about political strategy and about going to the chancelleries of the world to get concessions and to gain political rights, but the Jewish National Fund kept talking about buying land and settling Jews on the land. Then the J.N.F. made the Jewish people again aware of the importance not only of land but of settling people on the soil, of sinking the roots of the nation deep into the rich nourishing soil, to help to normalise Jewish life by helping to bring it back in a degree, at least, to agriculture, to farming, from which the Jew had been turned not by his own volition and not because other occupations appealed to him more, but because hostile legislation of peoples through the long and dark centuries had forced them into dirty, stinking ghettos with few occupations left to them.

"So, to achieve the great ideal of the J.N.F. we must send a substantial number of our people back to the soil and recapture for our people the quality of life which was ours and from which we gave to the world our greatest spiritual contribution—the Bible—because it was as an agricultural people that we carried the highway to spiritual life for mankind. Our Bible is saturated with nature. Nearly all of our holidays are natural festivals, even the legislation of the Bible is bound up in care of the soil—what must be done by people living on the land. The realisation that our people is largely a farming people, an agricultural people, is the second great thing which the J.N.F. introduced into the complex of Jewish thinking in the last 50 years, the soil and the land. The first prayer that parents teach their children is thanking God, 'ha-motze lechem min Ha-aretz' (who bringeth forth bread from the earth).

"Finally, this very beloved and popular fund of our people, whose Jubilee we are celebrating to-night, makes central again in our thinking the democratic ideal which is so characteristic of Jewish history. If a nation is to be rebuilt, the masses will have to rebuild it. I venture to say that this great country was settled by people who were in some measure in search of a new way of life. And my own great country was settled similarly by these same people, pilgrims who were despised by the world but who wanted a new chance for themselves and their children, and so the J.N.F. said that if ever we are to experience a rebirth, we must appeal to the great masses of the people. So you will recall the J.N.F. did not reach out for vast contributions from the wealthy Jews but the pennies and dimes which were collected in that well-known white and blue box.

"I remember my first contact with the J.N.F. I was a lad in the East side of New York; I began my Zionist career very early. I helped to found the first Hebrew-speaking society in the United States in 1903 which is a long time ago. My first undertaking as a member of this society was to go from house to house and door to door, synagogue to synagogue, selling

building, defence and liberation of the State of Israel. In that you have set an example and given a challenge to Jewish communities throughout the world.

"I am also glad to be in a country which in so many ways reminds me of the pioneering adventure which is still not a closed chapter in my own beloved country, the U.S.A. I find here, although my contact has been a small one so far, that same spirit of adventure and enterprise, confidently looking into the future with daring and doing, that we have still in the United States. There is a freshness of youth and a vitality here as there is in the United States which one finds lacking in the older and more weary parts of the world.

"I am also happy to come to you from one pioneering land to another pioneering land to speak about another little country which is also a pioneering land—the land of Israel.

THE J.N.F.

"I gratefully accepted the invitation of the J.N.F. to come here to help you celebrate the Jubilee of this most popular and beloved fund. Much has already been said and wisely said by your Chief Rabbi and I need not dwell very long upon the contribution which this fund has made not merely to the upbuilding of Israel but to the upbuilding of Jewish life through the inspiration of the upbuilding of Israel. The fund itself is also a pioneering fund. It pioneered in two or three ways. First of all, in making the Jewish people aware that if ever they are to regain their national indepen-

those little white and blue stamps, which to-day receive recognition in every country of the earth.

"This fund, whose beginning was very humble, in the first twenty years of its existence was able to buy less than 20,000 dunams of land in Palestine, but it took the patience of the people to carry on year after year until to-day it is the largest single non-governmental land-purchasing agency in the world and the scope of its work to-day is monumental. To-day there are hundreds of settlements and colonies that are established on land bought by your pennies and dimes. The last three years over a hundred new settlements were established on J.N.F. land. The J.N.F. also carries out large-scale afforestation, irrigation and drainage of swamps, laying water-pipes through the Negev, and the building of underground pumps for military purposes. Massive enterprise is being carried on by the J.N.F. and its work is going on.

"Do not imagine that because the State is formed there is no more need for the J.N.F. There is still land to be bought and Jews have to buy and pay for it. The land which has been expropriated because the original tenants of it left the country will in the final settlement have to be paid for. Jews do not want anything given to them. What they have, they want to pay for with many sacrifices of sweat and if necessary with blood. And as those hundreds and thousands of new immigrants are pouring into the country more land is needed and the J.N.F. is doing a tremendous job of acquiring land. I was in Upper Galilee and was amazed at what they were doing. They brought me to valleys just covered with boulders and rocks and stones that had rolled down mountain slopes the same as I saw when I was at the foot of your Table Mountain to-day—they had been there for centuries. They move the rocks and boulders with tractors and bulldozers. I saw a Yemenite Jew on a huge American bulldozer, his whole body shaking, and I said to myself, 'Obscure Jewish Yemenite theology wedded to Yankee technology—that is irresistible.' Thousands of these immigrants are temporarily housed in Ma'abarot. There are 110 of these in the country. The immigrants are coming by the thousands. Many of them help with the planting of trees—last year seven million saplings were planted. A tree in Israel is like a human being and as important.

NO TIME TO RELAX.

"The work of the J.N.F. is going on and similarly the work of Zionism is not over. Some people think that with the establishment of the State on 14th May, 1948, we could sit back and relax. There is no peace yet in our land as not a single peace treaty has been signed between the State of Israel and five or six neighbouring Arab nations. They refused to sign a peace treaty nearly three years ago after the armistice. They are unreconciled and from time to time in their press they speak of a 'second round'. The boundaries of Israel have not been fixed. The city of Jerusalem has been the cause of two political setbacks in the United Nations recently.

DANGEROUS POSITION.

"There is a dangerous position. Powerful forces, political and religious, wish to carry Jerusalem out of the State of Israel on some pretext. There is also a very serious Arab refugee problem still on the very borders of Israel. Hundreds and thousands of Arab refugees are in the eastern part of Palestine and in Transjordan, less than thirty minutes' ride from Tel Aviv and from Jerusalem. Ships bound for Israel are not permitted to pass through the Suez Canal because Egypt prohibits it. Oil which should be flowing through the refineries in Haifa is not flowing. Iraq is prohibiting it.

"Now in this world situation in which we find ourselves and will for years to come, in this division of the world into two complexes of nations,

two powerful groups which are hardening, there is developing a frightful dogmatism of irreconcilability which does not augur well for the peace of mankind. In the 16th and 17th centuries the world was persuaded that the world must be either all Catholic or all Protestant, and bloody wars were waged until this irreconcilable dogmatism found its solution in some form of compromise. In the 18th and 19th century there was the seemingly irreconcilable dogmatism between capitalism and labour, and many revolutions and rebellions raged until a compromise was found on that dogma.

"In our century, unfortunately, there is developing a new dogmatism seemingly irreconcilable between Communism and non-Communism dictatorship and democracy, and this action is cleaving our world apart, arraiging one group of people against the other and life is becoming frightfully tense and every situation is exploited by one or the other group to see what advantages it can draw to strengthen its position so that even my own free and democratic country has had to seek alliances with dictators of the left and the right, with Tito and Franco, to



Rabbi Silver holding the attention of the audience.

strengthen its position against this menace as it regards the Soviet Bloc. And in this political manoeuvring that is going on, the little State of Israel will need all the protection that its friends throughout the world can give it politically.

"In my own Government, through the State Department, which has never been friendly to our cause and which frequently had to be circumvented by public pressure and by appeal to the Chief Executive, there has never been a consistent and positive line towards us because there has always been opposing pressures—oil interest, missionary groups, the Arab States, which forced deviations and detours and zig-zagging of the political line.

"In this disturbed and uncertain world in which we find ourselves, we have to remain politically alert and mobilised. Our work is not over and the one great friend of the little country to-day—and she needs friends in the world—the one dependable friend that the little State of Israel has in the world is the Jewish people. If the Jews of the free and democratic countries will learn how to utilise their rights as free citizens, to speak up for the just and moral on all questions especially on this Jewish question; if they will learn to bring to bear upon those circles where decisions are made, especially the Jews of the United States, which will continue to be the No. 1 power in determining the political future of the State of Israel; if the Jewish citizens will not be deterred from doing the wise and statesmanlike thing and remain organised and utilise the branches of political power to help in the restoration of the Jewish nation in Israel, Israel will have powerful friends in the years to come to look after its interests, you here, too, and

Jews in other parts of the world.

"This is what I mean by not relaxing. Political and economic relaxation is what the Arab States would like to see. This would give them the opportunity for a second round. That is what they want. They would like to see bankruptcy in Israel—an economic collapse and that is why they have delayed making peace in Israel.

SERIOUS ECONOMIC STRAITS.

"Israel finds itself to-day in serious economic straits. There is inflation in the country. There is a drastic dollar shortage. The citizens of Great Britain and the British Empire ought to know what this means. Dollar shortages are not unique to the State of Israel, but other countries have had the help of the Marshall Plan and Israel did not receive one penny from it. She did obtain a loan from the United States but this will have to be repaid. The economic stringency is caused by the terrific immigration into the country. It is an impoverished immigration which does not bring with it financial resources, and which has to be housed, and fed and clothed and given health and care. We have imposed upon six hundred thousand

full well that peace will bring with it the reopening of trade. But they are prepared for war, and if there ever comes another war they will win it. They will not be driven into the sea. They are there to stay.

"They are afraid of economic collapse and here is where we can help them by our contributions to the J.N.F., loans such as we are trying to raise in the U.S. and grants from Governments; particularly we can do so by individual Jews investing some of their own resources, some of their brains into the economic upbuilding of our country. When I think what the Jews have done for the United States in the upbuilding of the country, with their initiative, enterprise and their know-how, their vision—I would like to see more and more of that brought into Israel—individual Jews making individual investments of self and substance and I hope that conditions will be such in Israel as to welcome private investors into Israel.

FIRST RESPONSIBILITY.

"The first responsibility of Israel to-day is to build a State and not to build socialism. At the moment, when we have to bring a thousand Jews a day, every day, into the land and integrate them into the economic life of the country, every encouragement should be given to private capital to come into the country. The work is not done politically and economically. We dare not allow any economic collapse. How can we face the world? Here we have said to the world, 'Give us the chance and we will show you what kind of a State we will build.' This is the argument that we used most effectively in the United Nations. They have given us the chance. The State is there. The State is going through grave trouble. What are we going to do about it? We will stand by that State until it becomes strong, secure, and we have no intention of withdrawing our help.

"It took America until 1870 to become self-sustaining; until then she was a debtor nation. Can we expect Israel to become self-supporting within three years? We will not only continue our support of Israel but we must maintain a strong chair—a link in the Diaspora. A weakened Diaspora ultimately means a weakened Israel. The purpose of the establishment of the State of Israel was to strengthen and normalise Jewish life all over the world not to weaken it. It was to help us in our survival as a people in and outside of Israel."

THE DIASPORA.

In conclusion, Rabbi Silver stressed the importance of strengthening Jewish life in the Diaspora. Even when there are 3-4 million Jews in Israel in the next generation there would still remain millions of Jews living in other parts of the world. These Jewish communities living outside of Israel could remain Jewish and creative and receive stimulation from Israel and give stimulation to Israel as did the prophets from Babylon in biblical times. Some of the greatest cultural achievements of our people came from lands of Jewish communities outside Palestine. "I would plead for them as I do in my own community," said Rabbi Silver. "Let us have the strong and noble Jewish life in Israel. Let us help it in every way, politically and economically. Let us also have a strong and noble Jewish life here. We need it and our children need it for dignity and significance in their lives as Jews. We have work to do in the world. Destiny has assigned work to the Jewish people to help create a better world and a good society. That was the prophetic vision of our people. When I think of the future relationship of the Jews of Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora, I think of it as a conduit where waters of life will flow from them to us and from us to them. The spiritual inspiration of the Jewish people all over the world will be united in mutual help for the sake of the eternal ideal of the one eternal people."

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RABBI SILVER'S POLICY

It is to be regretted that Rabbi Hillel Silver should have utilised his presence in this country to indulge in fierce polemics which, at best, are depressing and, at worst, disruptive. It reveals a rift between world Zionism and Israel which will do irreparable harm if it is not going to be checked in good time.

Not only are these attacks on the Israel Government harmful to the Zionist movement, but they undermine confidence in the country and lower its prestige in the eyes of the great powers. No worse time could have been chosen to launch these broadsides than at this juncture when Israel is about to get that backing from the powers which will give it the leadership of the Middle East. We simply cannot afford the luxury of these quarrels when Israel, girdled by an array of hostile Arab armies ready to strike at an opportune moment, is painfully building up its economy sagging under the strain of an unchecked immigration.

That is not to say that the Israel Government should stand above criticism. Far from it. Constructive criticism can be an excellent corrective. But it is quite another matter when Rabbi Silver draws comparisons between Ben Gurion and Lessing Rosenwald, the Chairman of the notorious anti-Zionist American Council of Judaism, as he did at the Johannesburg Zionist Association Luncheon Club, last Friday, a report of which appears on page 8. It shows a lamentable lack of equipoise on his part.

These attacks are all the more unworthy, in view of the fact that Ben Gurion has during the last three years made compromises which clearly reveal him to be a statesman who is prepared to place the interests of the State above his party. We could more readily have understood Rabbi Silver's opposition to Ben Gurion if he had pursued a policy of unbridled socialism and frightened away private investments. America's readiness to aid the present Government is surely sufficient proof that such allegations are meaningless. And he has done it in the face of strenuous opposition from his own party.

What then divides Rabbi Silver from the Israel Government? Basically, it is the question of the status of the world Zionist movement. And here we feel that he is on very weak ground. Listening to Rabbi Silver, one would think that the Israel Government has usurped all power, and with base ingratitude has told the world Zionists that they are no longer wanted—except their contributions, of course. This is a travesty of the position. Ben Gurion would not have the impudence to pursue such a policy. And he would alienate every Jew, both Zionist and non-Zionist, if he were guilty of all the charges levelled at him by Rabbi Silver.

There are vital principles involved. If Ben Gurion has been vigorous in some of his pronouncements, this is because his responsibilities are far more onerous than Rabbi Silver's, and he is painfully aware of the inherent dangers in Rabbi Silver's policy. The salient point is simply this: Is the sovereign State of Israel going to delegate a portion of its governmental authority to world Zionism in recognition of its past efforts? This would be tantamount to setting up a half-government-in-exile. It is preposterous that world

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Zionism, with all its intricacy of party alignment, should wish to be in the position to influence the legislative processes of the Israel Government from beyond its borders. Not only would such procedure be politically harmful to world Jewry, but it would make a laughing-stock of Israel in the eyes of the world.

No one wants to minimise the important role that world Zionism played in the fight for independence. But it would be as well not to lose a sense of proportion. Reluctant as we are to introduce yardsticks, we feel bound to say, in the face of Rabbi Silver's asseverations, that not only has Israel done nearly all the fighting, but it has also been responsible for three-quarters of the budget. Is it not enough reward for world Zionism that we have today an independent country capable of absorbing hundreds of thousands of derelict Jews, and giving them a new hope in life. What richer guerdon is there for a Zionist than to help mobilise every Jew to assist this State to grow, so that it can absorb more and more Jews, and raise their standard of life as the years go by?

It was actually a responsible section of world Jewry that, seeing the danger of political interference in the State of Israel from outside, urged the need for world Zionism to adapt itself to the new circumstances. There is no selfish struggle for power in what Ben Gurion is doing. It is simply a recognition of the fact that, with the rise of Israel, the differences between Zionists and non-Zionists have become largely obsolete, and that the time has come to mobilise all Jewry on behalf of Israel.

RABBI SILVER DELIVERS "EXPLOSIVE" ADDRESS IN JOHANNESBURG, ASSAILS MAPAI, BEN GURION

Alleges Use Of Shekel As "Cunning Tool For Minority To Become Majority"

Why General Zionists And Mizrachi Abstained From Israel Congress Election

A CROWDED Banqueting Room at the Carlton Hotel, Johannesburg, last Friday listened in tense silence as Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver delivered the most explosive address of his South African tour, assailing Ben Gurion and the Mapai, attacking the basis of Israel's two-to-one representation at the coming World Zionist Congress, and alleging the abuse of the Shekel as "a cunning tool for a minority to become a majority." The occasion was Dr. Silver's appearance as guest speaker at the Johannesburg Zionist Association's Luncheon Club. The association is affiliated to the United General Zionist Party, and the leader of General Zionism in America utilised the occasion to expound the General Zionist attitude and explain why Israel's General Zionists had refused to participate in the recent Congress elections.

Mr. Israel Dunsky, Chairman of the United General Zionist Party, presided, and warmly welcomed Rabbi Silver as the outstanding leader of General Zionism in the Diaspora.

Rabbi Silver, rising amidst applause, said he had been criticised by some people for not having engaged in polemics in his platform addresses here.

"I came to South Africa on a non-partisan mission for the Jewish National Fund," he said, "and I did not think it appropriate to make a partisan address from that platform. To-day, however, I am on a General Zionist platform, and will speak my mind freely from the General Zionist point of view. "I do not anticipate, as some do, any fireworks at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. I rather think that, given goodwill, it will be a fairly harmonious Congress. The basic issues on which there were such sharp difference up to now are beginning to yield to a greater degree of like-mindedness. I expect a strong and unified world Zionist movement to come out of the Congress."

Unfortunate Controversy

"The controversy we have just witnessed over the future of the World Zionist movement could well not have taken place. Common-sense should have dictated that all sides should have upheld the principle of a strong Zionist movement. It was only shortsighted political partisanship which catapulted this issue onto the scene, to the hurt of our followers and the weakening of the Zionist movement in the Diaspora."

"Three years ago Zionists in America were working together harmoniously. All sections were co-operating on the Zionist Emergency Council, of which I had the privilege of being Chairman up to the establishment of the Jewish State. American Zionists had succeeded in mobilising the support of Jews and non-Jews in the U.S.A. This was a big achievement. You must remember that not all of American Jewry is Zionist. Large numbers are not. The fortunate situation which you enjoy in South Africa never existed, and does not now exist, in the United States."

"But the Zionists of America succeeded in mobilising large masses behind the Jewish State. This mobilisation left the Zionist organisation in America in a most enviable position, and we could have carried on from there. If that had been the case, there would not have taken place that backwash and diminution that has occurred in the last three years."

"Unfortunately, the dominant political party in Israel was not pleased with the strength of Zionism in the United States, which was predominantly General Zionist. (If it had been predominantly Mapai, the whole situation would have been different.) Efforts were made to minimise the importance of the contribution which American Zionists have made to the establishment of the State of Israel;

Zionist organisations in the United States were by-passed; an attempt was made to dislodge Zionists from leading positions in fund-raising organisations, and this resulted in my resignation and that of others from the Jewish Agency."

Serious Repercussions

"Non-Zionist bodies were wooed. When, for example, a most important statement had to be made by the Prime Minister of Israel, concerning the relationship between Israel and Jews outside Israel—a statement which should have been made through Zionist channels—it was made to the leader of the non-Zionist American Jewish Committee, thus showing that the Government of Israel was more interested in the non-Zionists than the Zionists of America. This had serious repercussions. The State Department in Washington, which has never welcomed the representations of Zionists, took due note of the position and were pleased about it. It's always easier for them to deal with non-Zionists than with Zionists. Zionists take a firm line, where the non-Zionists are always open to compromise. For example, just before the proclamation of Israel, the U.S. State Department succeeded in getting Proskauer and his section in the American Jewish Committee, plus a few Zionists, to ask the leaders of the Jewish Agency not to proclaim the Jewish State but to substitute a new trusteeship. It was only because of the unswerving resistance of American Zionist leaders that this move was frustrated."

"The pressure against the Zionist Organisation went on. An effort was made—and successfully up to now—to put the Zionist Organisation into the position of being just one of many Jewish groups with which the State of Israel, at its choice, could or could not deal. This was a sharp reversal of Herdian Zionism, and the principle of Kibbush Hakhillot."

"All this came to a head with the visit of the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States. The Prime Minister never once mentioned the word Zionism in his American addresses. He did not pay a single word of tribute to the work which American Zionists have done. That wasn't accidental. The Prime Minister himself explained that he did it deliberately. He told a gathering of American Zionist leaders before he left that American Zionists did not speak for American Jewry."

"The last time I heard that was from the mouth of the Chairman of the anti-Zionist American Council of Judaism, Leising Rosenwald. That was his contention. And here the Prime Minister of Israel was proclaiming it from the house-tops!"

"Liquidation of Zionism"

"Mr. Ben Gurion said Zionists must not become a wall between American Jewry and Israel. The only wall I know Zionists to have formed in the United States was a wall against the enemies of Israel—a wall which has stood in defence of the interests of Israel."

"Then he proceeded to give a new definition of what Zionism is. He said a Zionist was one who went personally to settle in Israel. Interpreted in common parlance, this implies that those who do not settle in Israel cannot be called Zionists; it would imply, in short, the liquidation of Zionism in the United States."

"Finally, Mr. Ben Gurion said that the tasks of the Zionist movement should be limited to the propagation of Hebrew and a sort of Chalutzit. All the other work—fund-raising, political work, the important work of Aliyah and Hityashvut in Israel—should be left in other hands."

"The reaction to this speech in America—where many of our Zionists have been in the ranks as long as or even longer than the Prime Minister of Israel—was a most violent one. At the convention of the Zionist Organisation of America a resolution was adopted which in so many words negated



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the whole position taken up by Mr. Ben Gurion. That resolution was adopted unanimously. The same applies to the reaction among members of other Zionist parties and practically the entire Jewish Press."

"I noticed that some of your papers quoted what the 'Jewish Daily Forward' in New York had to say in defence of Mr. Ben Gurion. I am surprised. Those who know the 'Forward' know that for years it was the most bitter opponent of Zionism and the Jewish State. Since the proclamation of Israel, the 'Forward,' like so many others, has climbed on the bandwagon, and has arrogated to itself the right to speak on Zionist affairs. But it was alone in the American Jewish Press in supporting Ben Gurion."

"No Other Body"

"American Zionists want a continued strong Zionist movement—because Israel imperatively needs it. There is no other body that can or is prepared to take over the tasks of the Zionist movement. The World Zionist Organisation doesn't want to be an exclusive organisation, keeping other Jews out of the field. It never claimed that. But it wants to be, as its work entitles it to be, the central force in Jewish life in relation to Israel. And for that it needs an authority and status it can get only from the Government of Israel. If it does not get that status, Israel will lose more and more vital support in the Diaspora. It would be a tragic mistake for the Government of Israel to think that the non-Zionist support will continue indefinitely. The recession on this vector has, in fact, started already. The only group in Jewish life that has so far unfailingly shouldered its responsibilities, rendering patient and loyal service day after day, has been the Zionists—the people who render the service in America which you render here in South Africa."

Rabbi Silver said it was not a question whether or not the Zionist Organisation received some special charter—although the man who had first suggested the charter idea had been Ben Gurion. It was the question of recognising its authority to speak in the Diaspora in relation to Israel."

"My guess is that Ben Gurion will be coming out at Congress in favour of a charter for the Zionist Organisation, because of the pressure exerted upon him from all quarters—including sections of his own party—against the position he took up in America."

Rabbi Silver then went into an analysis of the present issue between the General Zionists and the Progressives in Israel. He said there was no essential difference on policy between the two groups; only personalities were preventing the reunion of the General Zionist forces from which the so-called Progressives had seceded. He was happy to see that the General Zionists of South Africa had joined those of America and other countries in appealing for a reunion of the two sections in Israel."

Party Non-Party Issue

Finally, said Rabbi Silver, he thought he should say a few words on the party non-party issue which, he was told, had become a considerable one in South Africa."

"The one non-party group in Zionism has always been the General Zionists," he declared. "The World Zionist Organisation began as a non-party organisation. But in the course of time splinter groups—those who wanted to see a socialist State, and those who wanted to see a concentration on religious issues—broke away and formed parties. They were at first small units. But they exerted increasing political pressure, until the tail began to wag the dog—until the major group within Zionist ranks became the smallest in influence, and the minority through their parties began to control the Zionist central bodies. All the funds went through their hands. True, they did not use them exclusively for their own interests—but they did not ignore their interests, I can assure you."

"In this constellation of forces, the middle group of General Zionists was at a disadvantage, and that is why they finally decided to organise on the same basis as others and become a party."

"We General Zionists are not enamoured of parties. But as long as parties continue, it would be suicidal for the General Zionists to disband as a party."

Exploitation of Shekel

"I see that Dr. Dobkin has now come out in favour of single Zionist organisations in the Diaspora. It sounds pretty good, coming from a member of Mapai. But it's not as Kosher as it sounds. Dr. Dobkin has made it clear that what he suggests does not preclude party organisation in the Diaspora. Secondly, he wants membership of these single Zionist organisations to be on the basis of the Shekel."

"We can never agree to a membership based on the Shekel. The Shekel has been used as a very cunning tool for a minority to become a majority before Congress. Various Zionist groups have purchased blocks of Shekels to secure votes. That is not membership of the Zionist Organisation. That is a political manoeuvre, responsible for the scandalous position which forced the General Zionists and the Mizrachi to abstain from the recent Congress elections in Israel."

"I am in favour of federations of Zionist organisations—but composed on the basis of Zionist membership, on Zionist work done from one year's end to another. The principle of the federation of all parties is a sound one (I urged it myself three years ago in relation to extending the work of the American Zionist Emergency Council), but it is only practicable on the basis of the actual strength of all Zionist groups."

"I think that what you have here in South Africa, with proper modifications, might serve as a basis for the future form of Zionist organisations."

"The whole question of the Shekel requires overhauling. Certainly the present position, in which Zionists in Israel have a two to one vote, is ridiculous. The centre of gravity of the Zionist Organisation should be in the Diaspora, not in Israel. What sense is there in practically half of the delegates at Congress coming from Israel?"

Rabbi Silver concluded by stating that if General Zionists would press these ideas at Congress, he was convinced they would carry the Congress."

Mr. L. Freeman, Chairman of the Johannesburg Zionist Association, proposed the vote of thanks.

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RABBI SILVER ADDRESSING THE I.U.A. WORKERS' RALLY IN JOHANNESBURG ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

"No Jewish Community Can Afford To Relax"

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER delivered a stirring address to a rally of Johannesburg and Reef Israeli United Appeal workers, which took place in the Ballroom of the Carlton Hotel, Johannesburg, on Sunday night. The large gathering included workers from Pretoria, the Reef, Vereeniging, and many smaller places in the Transvaal, and a remarkable spirit prevailed.

Mr. L. Tager, National Chairman of the I.U.A., presided, and extended a warm welcome to Rabbi and Mrs. Silver, and all the workers. He appealed to Johannesburg workers to give up one or more days during the next few weeks in order to finalise the Campaign in Johannesburg, as approximately 4,000 people who contributed in the last campaign have not yet made their contributions to the present one.

Rabbi Silver said that he was happy to be amongst I.U.A. workers, because he was happy to see the fulfilment of an ideal. "It is only in the actual doing of a thing that one can claim a sense of spiritual satisfaction," he said.

"It is fortunate that we have a State of Israel today," he continued. There was no difference whether one was a Zionist or not a Zionist. Before 1948 one could be a non-Zionist, but today we had our own State and we had no definition for a non-Zionist.

"No Jewish community can afford to relax in view of the colossal needs of the State of Israel," he said. "We could do much better, although we have been doing quite well."

"Cannot Stop Midway"

"When the story will be told one day of the first and second world wars to 1951, of the help and relief brought to our brethren from Europe and of the upbuilding of the State of Israel, I think it will be a very difficult chapter. I think that if we look into our inmost hearts, we will come to the conclusion that we have not done everything we could do," declared Rabbi Silver. "It is impossible to stop midway in this great historic enterprise. The Jews in Israel entered a war to defend their rights, relatively unprepared, militarily badly prepared. They entered the war not only because they had no other chance, but because they were determined to achieve their ideal. They felt that behind them were vast reserves on which they could draw in their struggle. They made the major sacrifices. Naturally, the contributions from the Diaspora were not negligible: they were very important indeed."

"It is in the same confidence that the Jews of Israel will rely on the Jewish people throughout the world. They cannot handle their problems without the Jews in the Diaspora. How else can they think of absorbing 200,000 refugees a year? With what? They naturally count on the Jewish people outside Israel, on their sense of solidarity, to help them with their countless problems."

"We have not helped them as much as we could and should, or their problems would not be so serious today in Israel. Unless we help them more than we did economically, conditions in Israel will worsen from day to day."

item of luxury on account of his contribution. What we are asking people is to make a respectable contribution, but not a sacrifice: that is something which our people in Israel are doing," Rabbi Silver said.

"We must not permit ourselves to lose sight of this heroic adventure — a drive of historic memories and the lure of hope. If the Jews all over the world, in the countries where they are favoured with comparative prosperity, will remain keenly alert to the significance and loyal to our heritage, then the work which still needs to be done will be done," concluded Rabbi Silver.

Mr. Harry Cohen, Chairman of the Johannesburg Central Committee, thanked Rabbi Silver for his moving address. The response to the Appeal for workers to go out in the next few days was good, and Mr. Cohen appealed to the public to accord the workers the respect and reception which they deserve.



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LAST Friday, at the Hotel, Rabbi Silver's "explosive" address that we have heard from a visiting Zionist in South Africa. This was Silver's first "partisan" In his previous speeches himself pointed out — devoted himself to propagate cause of the Jewish Nation (the object of his mission country) and had steered party issues. But at the Johannesburg Zionist Associationcheon Club he spoke up auspices of the General Party and as the leader party in America, he doubted that it was the appropriate occasion to deliver a party He assailed the Mapai (that is wagging the Israel!); he railed against Gurion ("he proclaims the of the anti-Zionists from the tops"); and he deplored the in which the Shekel was used for party political ("a cunning tool for the to become a majority.")

Rabbi Silver's address was a mixed reception. Some who attended the reception irritated and angered at had said; others supported wholeheartedly, reasoning a General Zionist leader perfectly entitled to his view, and that there was no why his attitude should be a secret from South Jewry.

Here are some comments countered:—

A Revisionist: "Because Silver, and because he is a Zionist, he can say what he likes. But if any Revisionist leader a man like Beigin — had speak this way from a Johannesburg platform, he would have been hooted down."

Another Revisionist: "with most of what Rabbi said, and I feel that my every reason to be grateful he could not have said cause better had he been our own propagandists, out here and paid for by party."

A non-party member audience: "I did not think possible for an accredited leader to come out with violent attack on the Government. This is the sort that could disrupt our local Movement. Rabbi Silver impression that there is war between Israel and Zionism."

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Rabbi Silver's address met with a mixed reception. Some of those who attended the reception were irritated and angered at what he had said; others supported him wholeheartedly, reasoning that as a General Zionist leader he was perfectly entitled to his point of view, and that there was no reason why his attitude should be kept a secret from South African Jewry.

Here are some comments I encountered:—

A Revisionist: "Because he is Silver, and because he is a General Zionist, he can say what he likes. But if any Revisionist leader — say a man like Beigin — had dared to speak this way from a Johannesburg platform, he would probably have been hooted down."

Another Revisionist: "I agree with most of what Rabbi Silver said, and I feel that my party has every reason to be grateful to him: he could not have served our cause better had he been one of our own propagandists, brought out here and paid for by our own party."

A non-party member of the audience: "I did not think it was possible for an accredited Zionist leader to come out with such a violent attack on the Israel Government. This is the sort of address that could disrupt our local Zionist Movement. Rabbi Silver gives the impression that there is an open war between Israel and Diaspora Zionism."

Yet another comment: "There is obviously a large measure of personal strife between Silver and Ben Gurion, and now the venerable Rabbi from America has brought this personal issue onto a general basis and has tried to prove that his quarrel with Ben Gurion is in essence the quarrel between the Diaspora and Israel. Most Diaspora Zionists prefer not to quarrel with Israel but to co-operate with it to the full, in its present great struggle to consolidate itself as a State."

Typical of the opinion expressed by those who reacted positively to Rabbi Silver's address is this comment: "Rabbi Silver is a great Zionist who has played a leading part in the movement for many years. He is an authority on Zionist politics, and he has the courage to state the position as he sees it. We need more such honest and forthright leaders. With the establishment of Israel, it was inevitable that there would be division among Diaspora Jews as regards their attitude to and their demands on the new State, and Rabbi Silver's sentiments are in agreement with a considerable section of Diaspora Zionism. Does South African Zionism only like to hear the nice happy things about its movement and the Jewish State in Israel? Surely we

must listen also to the other side of the story. We must take a critical interest in Zionist affairs otherwise, we are 'f-s-d' Zionists, with no true part in the movement."

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ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע וויל ניט שפילן „צווייטע פידל“

זאגט רבי סילווער אין רעדע פאר ציון. מיטגליד-קלוב

ריידנדיק לעצטן פרייטאג פון אן אלגעמיינ- ציוניסטישער פלאטפארמע — דער ציוניסטישער מיטגליד-קלוב — האט רבי אבא הלל סילווער צום ערשטן מאל אין ד. אפריקע געדערט אפגען דיבורים „כנוע דער שטע- לונג פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם צו דער טאקטיק פון דער ישראל רעג- רונג כלפי דער ציוניסטישער ארגאני- זאציע אין די גלות-לענדער.

שקלים סיסטעם

אפשטעלנדיק זיך אויף דער פראגע פון „שקלים, האט רבי סילווער דער- קלערט, אז דער „שקלים-פארקויף איז פארוואנדלט געווארן אין א פאליטי- שער מאניעווער א דאנק וועלכער איין פארטיי קומט צום קאנגרעס מיט פיל מער דעלעגאטן ווי זי איז בא- רעכטיקט.

„וואס פאר א שכל ליגט אין דעם וואס א העלפט פון די דעלעגאטן צום קאנגרעס קומען פון ישראל?“ רבי סילווער האט פארענדיקט זיין קעמפערשע רעדע מיט א רוף צו די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן צו שטיין גע- אייניקט אין קאמף פאר זייערע רעכט צו פארנעמען א חסוב'ן ארט אין אויפבויו פון ישראל און אין ווערן אנערקענט אלס גרויסער פאקטאָר אין ציוניזם.

מ.ת. ישראל דאנסקי, גרעזידענע פון דער ד. אפריקאנער פאראייניק- טער פארטיי פון אלגעמיינע ציוניס- טן, איז געווען פארויזער.

רבי סילווער האט אויך געדערט וועגן דער ראל וואס די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן דארפן שפילן ביים קומענ- דיגן ציוניסטישן קאנגרעס.

קריטיקירנדיק דעם פרעמיער- מי- ניסטער פון ישראל, ד. בן-גוריון, דערפאר וואס ער האט, אין אמעריקע, ניט דערמאנט דאס ווארט „ציוניזם“ און האט „אינגאנצן“ די אמערי- קאנער ציוניסטן, האט רבי סילווער באטאגט, אז די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן אין אמעריקע — די גרויסע מערהייט אין דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע — זיינען הויפטזעכלעך פאראנט- ווארטלעך פאר די דערגרייכונגען פון ציוניזם אין דער אמעריקאנער ספ- רע.

אויסער דער ציון. ארגאניזאציע איז ניטא קיין אנדער ארגאניזא- ציע, וואס זאל קענען און זיין גרייט איבערצונעמען די עקאנאמישע און פאליטישע אויפגאבן פאר ישראל.

„צווייטע פידל“

די ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע, האט געזאגט רבי סילווער, וויל ניט שפילן די „צווייטע פידל“; זי וויל זיין דער דיריגענט פון דער סימפא- ניע פון ארבעט פאר מדינת ישראל. די ציוניסטישע באוועגונג פאדערט אנערקענונג, ניט נאך פון ציון. קאנגרעס נאך פון דער ישראל רעג- רונג.

די ישראל רעגירונג מוז באטראכ- טן די ציוניסטישע באוועגונג אין די גלות-לענדער אלס איר אָרעם און פארטרעטער לכבי די אידן פון דער וועלט.

די באשולדיקונג, אז די ציוניסטן מחזיז לארץ ווילן זיך אריינמישן אין די אינערלעכע ענינים פון ישראל זיינען לעכערלעכע, האט רבי סילווער צוגעגעבן.

ריידנדיק וועגן דער עקסטרעמע אין ישראל פון אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן און פארגרעססונג, האט רבי סילווער

רבי אבא הלל סילווער אין פארט-עליזאבעט

געשטעלט אויף דער געשיכטע פון קרן קימת לישראל, די גלענצנדע רע- זולטאטן פון גאולת הארץ, די פלע- גער פאר דער צוקונפט פון פאגד, און אלגעמיינע איינצלעהייטן וועגן באווא- סערונג פון ארץ ישראל, איבערהויפט פון נגב.

רבי סילווער האט אויך איבערגע- געבן באריכות די אידישע פאליטיק פון דער וועלט לכבי מדינת ישראל, און וועגן די אינערלעכע פאליטישע און עקאנאמישע פראגעס וועלכע וועלן מוזן געלויזט ווערן פון די אידן פון גלות צוזאמען מיט זייערע כרי- דער אין ישראל.

דער עולם האט ארויסגעוויזן זייער ענטוואסטישע גרייטקייט מיטצו- העלפן אין דער אקציע פאר בויערע אין ישראל, אין צוזאמענהאנג מיט דעם פופציק יאָריקן יוביליאום פון קק"ל.

פרוי געל האט באראנט רבי און פרוי סילווער פאר זייער באוועג אין פארט-עליזאבעט. (ל. ב.)

דער אידישער עולם אין פארט-עלי- זאבעט האט זייער ווארעם און האר- ציק אויפגענומען רבי און פרוי סיל- ווער אויף א באנקעט אין שטאט זאל זונטאג אָונט, 8טן ד.מ.

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THE COUNCIL MEETING

DESPITE dislocations in transport the meeting of the S.A. Zionist Council held during the week-end attracted a large attendance. The agenda consisted of one topic only. It was devoted to the relations between the Zionist movement and Israel and to a number of other problems regarding the organisational structure of the movement which have come to the fore in recent months in view of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

It was generally felt at the meeting that on broader policy the South African delegation could speak in one voice and the resolutions adopted by the Council have indeed shown a measure of agreement on most major issues.

Firstly, they stressed the need for a strong Zionist movement in the diaspora. Normally, this might be regarded as labelling the obvious, yet it had to be emphasised for two reasons: firstly, because a recent speech by Mr. Ben Gurion has been interpreted, rightly or wrongly, as tending to minimise the importance of the Zionist movement as the major force in the upbuilding of Israel; secondly, it is realised—and this point was elucidated very clearly by one of the speakers at the Council meeting—that if the Zionist movement becomes strong and well organised it would be impossible for anyone in Israel to ignore it as might have been the case in the past.

The resolution regarding the strengthening of the Zionist movement will require further elaboration at Congress. Our delegates would do well to prepare and submit to Congress suggestions as to how this strengthening of the movement can be achieved. We feel that this must not be left to each territorial organisation. The movement itself, instead of working in water-tight compartments, should evolve an overall scheme for the entire Jewish world providing for the extension of the organisation through large scale and united propaganda and enlightenment.

Another resolution adopted by the Council asserts a principle which is shared by all parties, that the movement must be recognised by the state as the agent of world Jewry in the upbuilding of Israel. This again will largely depend on the strength of the organisation in all parts of the world, as well as on the goodwill displayed by the Israel Government. There is one important point that is being overlooked in the controversy regarding Mr. Ben Gurion's speech. He had stated clearly that he was speaking in his personal capacity and that some of his views are not shared even by his own colleagues. We are satisfied that on the whole the people of Israel and their leaders are aware of that sense of brotherhood which exists between them and the Zionist movement. Through the platform of the Congress they should further be made aware of the importance of the maintenance of a strong Zionist organisation both for Israel and for the diaspora.

Finally, the Council affirmed its belief in the need for territorial federations in various parts of the world. In this respect the South African Zionist Federation is being held out as a model to other territories. We hope that our delegation will exercise its influence on all delegates both through their various parties and from the general platform of the Congress for the attainment of this goal. Based on the experience of South Africa, such federations must be organised so as to be able to take over the major activities of Zionism. We fear that there might be a tendency to adopt the federation idea in principle and to establish loosely bound federations which will exist on paper only and will leave the position as it was in the past, with each section pulling its own way.

The Council has further affirmed the principle of democratic elections, based on the shekel or on some other agreed form of franchise. Dr. Silver in the course of his remarks referred to the difficulties of holding such elections in the United States. We must emphasise, however, that there can be no substitute for a democratic vote in order to determine the composition of congress and of each territorial Federation. Given the necessary good will, the various federations either individually or jointly could work out a system of elections which should be neither costly nor cumbersome.

Incidentally, while referring to Rabbi Silver we wish to pay tribute to the contribution which he has made to the deliberations of the Council. His presence and his addresses served a most valuable purpose. We have learned to know and to understand the attitude and the position of our biggest organisation in the world. Our delegates will therefore be able to come to Congress with a clearer mind on the various issues involved, and our local public will better be able to understand the discussions at the forthcoming Congress.

The addresses at the Council meetings marked the concluding phase of Dr. Silver's activities in this country. In summarising his work here we say without hesitation that he has made a distinct contribution to the Zionist movement in this country. Many thousands of people in all parts of South Africa came to hear him and his oratory has helped to stimulate not only the work of the J.N.F., but many other branches of our work.

RABBI SILVER TELLS I.U.A. WORKERS

"Dangerous To Become Complacent"

ADDRESSING I.U.A. workers at the Carlton Hotel on Sunday, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver gave warning of the economic collapse which threatens Israel and of the disastrous consequences for all Jews if full and immediate financial support is not given the State.

"If all the Jews in South Africa were to look into their inner hearts they would have to admit that they have not given enough in face of the terrific emergency that exists. In the United States, too, we have not been niggardly, but we could do better. The consequences which may follow our failure to do our very best, will be disastrous not only to Israel, but to the Diaspora as well," he said.

"What kind of a 'ponim' would we have if Israel collapsed?" Rabbi Silver went on. "We said to UN 'give us a chance. Remove the political difficulties and we will build the kind of state that will be an example to the rest of the world.' Well, after long resistance, reluctantly, grudgingly, they gave us a chance. And now, after three short years, we would have to admit we have fumbled and we have failed. And they would be right in saying 'you are not a people to create a state. You can only live on others.'"

The only way to avoid this catastrophe was to complete that share of building the State which the Diaspora has undertaken. Israel can not do it alone, he said. Israel depends on the solidarity and on the economic reserve of the Jews of the world. Furthermore, he intimated that building a state cannot be accomplished quickly and without a struggle.

"We cannot do it in a day or a year. We will have to pay for a long time, and pay dearly. Throughout our history we have had to fight for every foot of ground, why should we expect our experiences to be different today?"

COLOSSAL NEEDS

It is dangerous to become complacent, Rabbi Silver warned. "No Jewish community can afford to relax in view of the colossal needs of Israel. We cannot retreat from the battle until it is won. And we must not lose sight of the perspective of the heroic adventure in which our people are engaged."

We must be thinking of the total programme and the budget. Israel must have three to four million people to keep it secure. Only if we are keenly alerted to what is transpiring, if we remain loyal to our heritage and if we all give of our substance adequately, then all we hope for will come to be," Rabbi Silver concluded.

Mr. L. Tager, National chairman of I.U.A., presided, and Mr. Harry Cohen, chairman of the Johannesburg committee, called on the workers to complete canvassing Johannesburg.

Rabbi Silver Addresses Durban Jewry

From Our Own Correspondent
DURBAN, Wednesday.

THE visit of Rabbi Silver will long be remembered in Durban. There was no one among the many hundreds who heard him who was not personally affected by his magnetism.

The opening function was the J.N.F. Jubilee Banquet held at the Durban Jewish Club.

In his address Rabbi Silver said that our work for Israel was not yet done. "If a man begins a great deed he must finish it. If you leave it half done you may do great harm. We have laid the formal foundation of the State, but it is not yet safe."

Mr. J. Goldberg, chairman of the Zionist Council for Natal, presided, and welcomed Rabbi and Mrs. Silver and Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C., chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who accompanied them.

Rabbi Harris Swift moved the toast of the State of Israel. Rabbi M. Miller that of the World Zionist Organisation, and Mrs. A. Savell, chairman of the Durban Women's Zionist League, that of the Jewish National Fund.

The hall of the Club was beautifully decorated. At each place was a miniature tree and on the stage were huge replicas of the Blue Box, the Golden Book and a Tree. The floral decorations were the work of Mrs. A. Bear. Mr. W. Stone assisted with the symbols while Mrs.

Rothschild, Mrs. Savel, Mrs. A. Levine and others undertook the table decorations. The seating arrangements were in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Shagan and Mr. Alf Levy. Special mention must be made of Mr. and Mrs. Wacks of the Club, whose hard work contributed towards making this one of Durban's most notable functions.

The following night Rabbi Silver aroused tremendous enthusiasm at the mass meeting held at the Club.

Mr. J. Goldberg, chairman of the Zionist Council for Natal, presided. Mr. Silver, Mr. S. M. Kuper, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, Rabbi Harris Swift, Rabbi M. Miller, Mr. J. J. Friedman, president of the Council of Natal Jewry, Mrs. A. Savell, chairman of the Durban Women's Zionist League, Mrs. A. Levine, convener of J.N.F., were present on the platform. Durban was also pleased to welcome that veteran Zionist leader, Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P.

In welcoming Rabbi and Mrs. Silver, Mr. Goldberg referred to this "towering figure in American Zionism who is remarkable for eloquence and clear thinking."

Speaking for the Jewish community of Natal Mr. J. J. Friedman, president of the Council of Natal Jewry urged a strengthening of the bonds between the diaspora and Israel and Mr. S. M. Kuper called on South African Jewry to see to it that "it walks upon its path of destiny with dignity and self respect."

Rabbi Silver spoke on the J.N.F. and the tasks facing world Jewry.

Dr. Silver Criticises Mr. Ben Gurion's Attitude To Zionism

A CALL for a strong World Zionist Organisation having prestige and authority in all countries, a revision of the shekel system and the establishment of territorial federations of all Zionist parties on the basis of their true organisational strength, was made by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver in his address to the Johannesburg Zionist Luncheon Club last Friday.

Referring to the recent visit of Mr. Ben Gurion to the United States Rabbi Silver strongly criticised the manner in which "he attempted to undermine the Zionist movement in America." He said that during the past few years the Government of Israel had attempted to undermine the strength of the World Zionist Organisation and the visit of Mr. Ben Gurion to America merely dramatised a situation which had been in existence for some time past.

"Only once during his visit did Mr. Ben Gurion mention the Zionist movement and in the course of that speech he said that the American Zionists do not speak for American Jewry. The last time I heard such a statement was from the leader of an anti-Zionist organisation—Mr. Rosenwald of the Council of Judaism."

A NECESSITY
"A controversy has arisen over the future role of the W.Z.O., but common sense alone dictates that the needs of Israel are yet so great that a strong Organisation is a necessity," continued Rabbi Silver. "During the past few years the Zionist movement has been working harmoniously and it succeeded in mobilising the maximum sentiment from Jews and non-Jews for the support of Israel. Even at the United Nations no one challenged the right of the W.Z.O. to speak for world Jewry. We were in an enviable position and with prestige and authority we could have achieved an intensification of our work. We should have become the diaspora-arm of Israel. But unfortunately the Government of Israel did not give us any authority and there has been a weakening of the movement. The dominant party in Israel (Mapai) was not pleased with the strength of the Zionist Organisation of America which is

affiliated to the General Zionists in Israel. When the Zionist movement is ignored the State Department in the U.S.A. is pleased because from the non-Zionists they could get concessions, but not from us.

"As yet the State of Israel is not secure, either politically or economically. The World Zionist movement should remain the spokesman of the Jewish people in the diaspora. There does not exist any other body that is prepared to take on this task. The Zionist movement does not crowd out other Jews and it should be the responsible force of diaspora Jewry. It must be given this status by the Government of Israel.

"Mr. Ben Gurion had said that the Zionists are not competent enough to handle many of the problems that now arise and that their work should now be limited to the propagation of Hebrew and chalutzut. The reaction in the United States, where some people have been in Zionism longer than Mr. Ben Gurion, was most violent. Men saw in his statement that 'a Zionist is a man who settles in Israel' an attack on the Zionist movement, and of the American Jewish press his only champion became 'Forward' an anti-Zionist paper which supported the policy of Mr. Ernest Bevin. During the recent Bond Drive it was the Zionists who went from door to door canvassing for Bonds. The only contribution of the non-Zionists was lip-service. It would be a foolish mistake on the part of the Government of Israel to think that the support of the non-Zionists will continue. They are already returning to their local communal affairs with which they have always been preoccupied.

"Ben Gurion said that the Zionists are trying to interfere with the sovereignty and independence of Israel. One is almost led to believe, then, that Israel must protect herself against the Zionists. If the Zionist Organisation of America had Mapai affiliations (instead of being affiliated with the General Zionists), I am sure there would have been no difficulties. Mr. Ben Gurion is erecting a wall between the Jewish community of America and that of Israel. He almost proposed a liquidation of the Zionist movement.

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MRS. SILVER ENTERTAINED BY WOMEN LEADERS

Last Thursday the Women's Zionist Council held a luncheon in honour of Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver at the Automobile Club. Seen below (from left to right) Mrs. J. Targowsky, Mrs. P. Jacobson, Mrs. I. Gordon, Mrs. Silver, Mrs. R. Missulawin and Mrs. S. Fredman. Approximately 30 women, representatives of Ort Oze, Magen David Adom and the Women's Zionist League were present.

In a short 'after-dinner' address Mrs. Silver spoke of the

alert, informed and efficient women she had met in South Africa and complimented them on their achievements. She said she was very impressed with the work they were doing and explained the various types of communal work carried out by the women in Cleveland, Ohio, her home town.

Mrs. Sadie Fredman, acting president of the Women's Zionist Council, presided at the luncheon and greeted Mrs. Silver on behalf of the women of South Africa.



"WHAT WAS GAINED THROUGH COURAGE MUST BE RETAINED BY PRUDENCE"

ADDRESS AT MASS MEETING

TWO THOUSAND people came to the City Hall last Tuesday to hear Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver discuss "What We Have a Right to Expect from Israel and What Israel Has a Right to Expect from Us."

The oratory and forceful delivery for which Rabbi Silver is noted, made a deep impression on his listeners, many of whom were hearing the American Zionist leader for the first time.

Clearly and precisely Rabbi Silver enunciated these mutual rights which, he said, constituted two parts of a single whole and which would be of great mutual benefit to both.

World Jewry may expect from the Jewish State: 1. An open door for immigration, without any preference for any particular group. 2. The emergence of a unified nation with two or three strong political parties as, for example, in the United States, and not 20 parties as are now appearing on the ballot for the Knesset. 3. That the State remain true to the noble traditions of the past—to the traditions of social and economic justice, to freedom, liberty, democracy, and the inalienable right of the individual. Finally, that the Jewish people expected Israel to strive to maintain a high and eminent level of culture, with great words and great deeds emanating from it to the rest of the world.

A HARD REQUEST

"It is a hard request to make of Israel to keep its doors open," Rabbi Silver began. "It means a lower standard of living for the Israeli, more austerity and more economic problems. But no Jewish community in any part of the world may feel so secure that it

with our lofty ideas. Now we do have it and we must expect that those invaluable, indispensable rights of human life will be preserved and respected."

Jewish tradition has never condemned the private ownership of property, he said, and has always upheld the importance of the individual.

With reference to the last point, the Rabbi said, quality and not quantity, eminence and not opulence should be Israel's aim. **DUTIES OF WORLD JEWRY**

In return, the State had a right to expect from the Jews of the world a fair share of the economic burden involved in admitting daily masses of impoverished people, he said. "But it is not enough to contribute to I.U.A., J.N.P., Jewish Appeal and other campaigns; it is necessary for Jews to invest their capital, their skills and talents in Israel. It is also necessary that they understand the tempo and pace of their economic support. It cannot be done slowly. History does not wait. We need speed in building the country."

The State had the right to expect continued political support and defence and also man-power in the largest sense, not only farmers for the land, but men and women with professional and technological skills who would give themselves to the State.

SPIRITUALLY STARVED

Lastly, it was imperative to maintain a strong Jewish life in the Diaspora, because a spiritually starved Diaspora could not be of much help to Israel.

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beguiling and deluding themselves. The non-Zionists, an amorphous mass which can be drawn to give support to Israel, is easily discouraged and falls away. To discourage the Zionist Organisation now would be disastrous to the State," Rabbi Silver concluded.

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Dr. Silver went on to say that the General Zionists were therefore forced to become a party and to save the middle man from being victimised. "So long as other parties are maintained in the diaspora, we, the General Zionists, will not disband."

Dealing with Mr. Dobkin's plan to form an overall party in the diaspora Dr. Silver said that his suggestion was not foolproof. The Shekel would

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Regarding the second "right", the Rabbi pointed out that placing loyalty to a political party above loyalty to the State, was a dangerous practice and that it was unfair to impose such views upon the children in the schools. There were too many parties in Israel today, he said, they were too intense and often intolerant. Drawing a parallel to a similar situation existing at the time of the destruction of the Second Temple he quoted, "What was gained through courage must be retained by prudence."

"Israel must remain true to our basic social and spiritual traditions," Rabbi Silver went on. "Our history did not begin in 1948, but for 2,000 years we had no locale to centre our noble traditions or to experiment

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still be used as a cunning tool by a minority to become a majority at Congress. He added that the Zionists of America would favour a territorial federation of all parties provided it is based on legitimate representation.

Rabbi Silver also expressed opposition to the dual vote enjoyed by shekel holders in Israel.

Mr. Israel Dunsky presided at the luncheon and Mr. L. Freeman proposed a vote of thanks.

S.A. ZIONIST COUNCIL MEETING

Rabbi Silver's Attitude To Congress Issues

OPPOSES SHEKEL AS BASIS OF REPRESENTATION

"WE want a strong and secure Jewish State," declared Rabbi Silver. "We all want a free and democratic State, a State where the rights of the individual, freedom of speech, and of the Press and of assembly and of worship should be safeguarded."

"We all want a progressive State, not a reactionary State, a State that will incorporate within itself the best social, prophetic traditions of our people, a State which will make the individual citizens secure against the disabilities of exploitation, unemployment, risks of ill-health, old age and dependency."

Those ideals said the speaker, were not new in the Zionist Movement. They were incorporated within our Movement and became part of the pattern of our movement with Dr. Theodor Herzl. Those were the fundamental things which underlined all our Zionist loyalties.

"And we all realise too, that a strong and secure State of Israel has not yet been achieved and that the Diaspora must continue to remain for a long time to come, the reservoir for the replenishment and the advancement, politically and economically of the State of Israel."

"The Diaspora must look after immigration and Chaluiziut and the stimulation of investments. It must help the country in every way to solve its economic problems."

"We all agree on the need of continuing and strengthening the World Zionist Organisation to do all this necessary work, to give direction to the work which needs to be done if for no other reason than the fact that there does not exist, anywhere in the world, any other body which can take over that work and we have not the time nor the ability to organise a new body to take over that work."

OUTSIDE THE RANKS

"There exists a vast amorphous mass of Jewish people outside the organised ranks of Zionism, but they are not available for the exclusive concentrated work which these tasks require, and they are unwilling to take over that work."

"It is not as if we Zionists are preventing them from moving in and taking over. It is not as if we are keeping them out. Some people have the impression that they are clamouring to come in and that the Zionists are preventing them from doing so. There has been no such demand and there is no such pressure."

"And, finally, we all believe that it is important for us to continue in the diaspora in a positive Hebraic Zionist education among the youth of our people, the rising generation, not only for the sake of Israel and not only for establishing the channel of inter-communications between Israel and the Diaspora, but for their own sake and the sake of the Jewish people, which is greater than the State of Israel."

NEW DEFINITION

Continuing, Rabbi Silver said that no new definition of Zionism was necessary or need be made at the forthcoming Zionist Congress, except to record the fact



that a major item of the Zionist programme had been achieved, triumphantly achieved, the existence of the State of Israel.

"But as far as the fulfilment of the carrying out of the total Zionist programme, Kibbutz Galuyoth and all that that involves, that remains central to the Zionist creed and the Zionist programme and everyone who subscribes to the full support of Zionism and is prepared to work for the realisation of that programme in all its manifestations, and is willing to channel his activities through the World Zionist Organisation, is by that token a Zionist. He does not himself necessarily have to commit himself to go to Israel before he can earn the title of Zionist."

FREEDOM OF ACTION

Everyone agreed that there should be a strong Zionist organisation to organise and to give direction to this work. The World Zionist Organisation must be possessed of authority and freedom of action within its sphere. And this World Zionist Organisation must be officially recognised by the Government of Israel as the representative of the Jewish people in all matters concerning the participation of the Diaspora in the upbuilding of Israel. Any unwillingness to accede to this basic conception of the role of the World Zionist movement will ultimately prove fatal to the World Zionist Movement and harmful to the State of Israel.

"The by-passing of the World Zionist Movement, either in its totality or in its local units, spells irreparable harm to the Movement. The Movement can become effective only, the organisation can do its work effectively, only if it is given authority, recognition, and prestige on the Jewish scene. Any diminution of its prestige and authority undermines its effectiveness to accomplish these tasks on behalf of Israel."

DEFINITION REQUIRED

It was necessary to define more specifically the scope and competence of the World Zionist Organisation. Some Bill, some charter, some official document was required to define its scope and its authority in the fields of Aliyah, hityashvut, chaluiziut, fund raising and investment of

private capital, so that it would be known and the whole world would know what its authority was. It would be necessary to set up or to re-affirm the existence of a co-ordinating body which would regulate the relationship between the World Zionist Organisation and the State of Israel.

Whilst none of the Zionist parties in America had as yet expressed themselves in favour of the setting up of a Zionist Federation, which would include all the parties, he was inclined to believe that they would be prepared to move in that direction. Such a Federation, however, in his opinion, could only come about on the basis of the relative organisational strength of the respective

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parties and not on the basis of the Shekel.

"There are certain parties in America," added Rabbi Silver, "who are afraid of being majorised through the device of the Shekel. Organisations representing, say, 15,000 or 18,000 members, manage, when Congress comes around, to round up 100,000 voters by buying blocks of Shekalim and distributing them among friends."

FEDERATION OF ALL PARTIES?

"If the Shekel is to be the basis of membership in a Federation, I am afraid that some of the American delegations will violently resist it at the Congress, but if it is allowed to develop on the American scene, in other words, if local autonomy is permitted by Congress, there is a good prospect of bringing into existence for the first time on the American scene, a Federation of all parties, who will be able to meet around the table to discuss common Zionist problems and common Zionist activity."

Rabbi Silver said that the American branch of the Jewish Agency had been set up not as a branch of the World Zionist Movement to work for the American Zionists on the American scene but as a branch of the World Zionist Movement to carry on its work in the United States.

After the establishment of the State of Israel the American branch of the Jewish Agency began to intervene in certain activities which rightfully belonged to the American Zionists themselves, causing duplications, complications and resentment.

Many Zionists had, therefore, come to the conclusion that it was, perhaps, no longer necessary, or desirable, to have a branch of the Jewish Agency in the City of New York.

"The territorial federations ought to be given full control of all Zionist work that has to be done in a given territory and no competitive bodies should be superimposed upon such Federations."

Dealing with elections to Congress, Rabbi Silver said that the Zionist Congress elections held in America five years ago proved so costly and so difficult and involved so many abuses, that all the Parties, in anticipation of the forthcoming Congress, decided not to have an election. The cost of the first elections involving no fewer than 3,000 Jewish communities, cost about 750,000 dollars.

He was personally of the opinion, said Rabbi Silver, that, as far as America was concerned, the best form of organisation was organisation through societies or parties and not through the Shekel.

"If a man wants to have the right to determine the Zionist policy he should be a member of a party and work for Zionism through that party. The parties should not wait for Congress to get voters. They must increase their membership and when Congress comes round register their strength through their membership. Included in the membership dues should be a tax, equal to the Shekel, to maintain the Zionist Organisation."

TRIBUTE TO S.A. ZIONISTS

DURING the course of his remarks, Rabbi Silver expressed his admiration of the work of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

"I am very much impressed with the quality of your Zionist activity in this part of the world. I have learnt much from the form of organisation which you have here and which, I believe, will help us in the United States."

"I have found here a closer approximation to unified effort and to effective organisation than in almost any other country which I have visited. I hope that your wish that you may serve as a source of guidance to the forthcoming Zionist Congress will be realised, because I believe that you can give and you are warranted to give, by your own experience, a leadership and a direction to the deliberations at the forthcoming Zionist Congress," concluded Rabbi Silver.

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Rabbi Silver speaking at the I.U.A. workers meeting. On his right are Mr. H. Cohen and Mr. M. Greenstein, and on his left Mr. Tager.

"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP MIDWAY IN THIS GREAT HISTORIC ENTERPRISE"

—RABBI SILVER

Enthusiastic Response By I.U.A. Workers To Call To Finalise Campaign

A RALLY of Johannesburg and Reef I.U.A. workers took place in the ballroom of the Carlton Hotel on Sunday evening, July 15th. Workers attended from Pretoria, the Reef, Vereeniging, and many smaller places in the Transvaal.

Mr. L. Tager, National Chairman of the I.U.A., presided, and extended a warm welcome to Rabbi and Mrs. Silver and all the workers. He appealed to them to give up one day or more during the next few weeks in order to finalise the Campaign in Johannesburg, as approximately 4,000 people who had contributed in the last campaign had not yet made their contributions to the present one.

Rabbi Silver said that he was happy to be amongst workers, because he was happy to see the fulfilment of an ideal, and it was only in the actual doing of a thing that one could claim a sense of spirit to one's satisfaction.

"It is fortunate that we have a State of Israel today," he said. "There is no difference whether one is a Zionist or not a Zionist. Before 1948 one could be a non-Zionist, but today we have our own State and we have no definition for a non-Zionist. No Jewish community can afford to relax in view of the colossal needs of the State of Israel.

WE HAVE NOT DONE EVERYTHING WE COULD

"When the story is told one day of the period from the first and second world wars to 1951, of the help and relief brought to our brethren from Europe and of the upbuilding of the State of Israel, I think it will be a very difficult chapter. I think that if we look into our 'indoor hearts' we will come to the conclusion that we have not done everything we could do," declared Rabbi Silver.

IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP MIDWAY

"It is impossible to stop midway in this great historic enterprise. The Jews in Israel entered a war to defend their rights, relatively unprepared, militarily badly prepared. They entered the war not only because they had no other chance, but because they were determined to achieve their ideal. They felt that behind them were vast reserves on which they could draw in their struggle. They made the major sacrifices. Naturally, the contributions from the Diaspora were not negligible. They were very important indeed.

"Now it is in the same confidence that they will rely on the Jewish people throughout the world. They cannot handle their problems without the Jews in the Diaspora. How can they think of absorbing 200,000 refugees a year? With what? They naturally count on the Jewish people outside Israel, on their sense of solidarity, to help them with their countless problems.

"Here again we cannot let them down. We have not helped them as much as we could and should, or their problems would not be so serious today in Israel, and unless we do help them more than we did economically, economic conditions will worsen from day to day.

"IT MEANS DISASTER"

"A young country with few natural resources, with over-

whelming problems—and 20,000 to 30,000 penniless new immigrants per month . . . naturally it means disaster. We do not want that to happen. I would still like to find one Jew who has given to the I.U.A. and has thereby foregone a single item of luxury on account of his contribution. What we are asking people is to make a respectable contribution, but not a sacrifice—that our people in Israel are doing," said Rabbi Silver.

"Our history has always been a life of swords. Fighting has made us survive, enabled us to meet these onslaughts. We are engaged in just that kind of struggle. Sometimes we have to use all sorts of weapons—money or manpower. We cannot retreat until the battle is fully won. We may be called God's chosen people, but we are certainly not God's pampered people. We have secured the first major victory, but it will take time. We have to visualise Israel as a State of four to five million. We have to think along these lines and expect immigration into that country of 200,000 per year.

"We have to prepare our people for such a problem. We should bring to our work both memory and faith. Jews must never forget our past and our dead, the millions that died in our lifetime because they were Jews. The Zionist ideal was kept alive until such time when the blessed moment arrived for what we hoped could be realised. The task of the future was to build a free people when we were given an opportunity to live a free, normal, creative life. We must not permit ourselves to

lose sight of this heroic adventure—a drive of memories and the allure of hope.

"If the Jews all over the world in the countries where they were favoured with comparative prosperity will remain keenly alert to the significance of, and loyal to, our heritage, then the work which still needs to be done will be done," concluded Rabbi Silver.

Mr. Harry Cohen, Chairman of the Johannesburg Central Committee, thanked Rabbi Silver for his moving address. The response to the appeal for workers to go out in the next few days was good, and Mr. Cohen appealed to the public to accord the workers the respect and reception which they deserve.

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"Too Much Partisanship In Israel," Rabbi Silver Tells Rand Mass Meeting

An attack on the political groupings in Israel which were instrumental in educating the youth towards party and not towards united nationhood, was made by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver when he addressed a crowded meeting of Johannesburg Jewry at the City Hall last Wednesday evening. In the course of a striking address, Rabbi Silver called for a unity between Diaspora and Golah in the building of a united nation in Israel.

On the platform with Rabbi Silver were Mr. S. M. Kuper, Chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, Mr. L. Tager, Mr. J. Daleski, Mr. I. Dunskey, and Chief Rabbi Dr. L. I. Rabinowitz. In his opening remarks, Rabbi Silver said that many great problems still faced world Jewry in the years to come. The question often arose, when treating these problems, of what Israel could expect from Diaspora Jewry and what Diaspora Jewry could expect from Israel. To him, added Rabbi Silver, Israel and world Jewry had always constituted two parts of one whole.

VANGUARD OF MILLIONS

"One thing we can expect from Israel is that her doors shall remain open. Those who were in Israel in 1948 constituted the vanguard of the millions of our people to come. There are still millions more who will want to come and many who may have to come because of the force of history.

"Jewish history was unpredictable and because of that the doors of the Jewish State would have to remain open for many years to come.

"World Jewry could also expect that there would be no discrimination between one type of Jew and another. To this dictum Israel had kept. But there had been remarks spread about the Oriental Jew, as if they had no right to come to Israel. They were the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Judas Macabbeus, as was the rest of Jewry.

"I saw these people come into our Holy Land and kiss the soil upon which their feet trod," he said. "I knew then they were my brothers, the same flesh of my flesh.

"In these people there was a great inner strength of persever-

ance, stubbornness and fortitude that would do well for Israel," he said.

Rabbi Silver emphasised that a young pioneering country would normally take in only the young so that the land could be built up. But of Israel Jewry demanded that all be taken in, sick, maimed and crippled. Sometimes he felt that world Jewry had no right to ask this of Israel—but need it be asked at all? The people of Israel saw this task as part of its destiny. It meant that the people had to go short of foods and that special departments had to be established for these people, but the job was done.

Turning to what he termed the second "right" world Jewry asked of Israel, Rabbi Silver said that this right was constituted round the demand that a unified nation be forged in the small State. What was needed was a nation, a strong nation, not a handful of political parties. Perhaps the reason why there are some 21 political parties at the coming elections in Israel was due to some of the things inherited from the Golah.

"America went through such a period of the melting pot as Israel is going, and yet they find that two main political parties is enough," added Rabbi Silver.

TOO MUCH PARTISANSHIP

Rabbi Silver made a bitter attack on the political groups in Israel who taught the young to prefer allegiance to party rather than to "Am Israel." He said that most of the leaders in Israel realised the wrongness of this today, yet it was allowed to continue. There was too much partisanship in Israel, too much for a young State. From this partisanship could come disaster, he warned.

"What we have gained with

courage and fortitude may be lost through imprudence," he declared.

Rabbi Silver added that the Diaspora had the fundamental right to ask tolerance and understanding from Israel, the right to build a united nation and the right that this nation be built on the foundations and traditions of Jewish history.

Jewish history did not begin in 1948. It began many thousands of years before. Among the basic traditions of Judaism were tolerance and democracy. America had the vision to take this tradition and embody it in its constitution. However, this tradition given to the world through the Bible was being destroyed in many parts of the globe. The rights of man, basic and democratic rights, were being taken away.

BASIC RIGHTS

"We have the right to ask that these basic rights of the individual shall be entrenched in our life in Israel. Judaism never condemned the abuse of these rights. Judaism set our great principles of social justice for all men, principles that should be the basis of Jewish life," he said.

Rabbi Silver stressed that his remarks about democracy should not be interpreted as an attack on Russia. He was a great friend of the Russian people and he did not wish to slander them. But Israel was not building a satellite of Russia. Israel was being created as a independent State on the basis of democracy. Israel would not strive for mass production, but for mind production; Israel would strive to foster those great values and great aspects of culture that would be of benefit to mankind.

Rabbi Silver added that if world Jewry expected from Israel the various rights he had enumerated, then it was only logical that world Jewry should take upon its shoulders a fair share of the economic burdens facing the country. The country must be helped with funds, with investments and with trained men.

PERIOD OF TRANSITION

"Israel lives in a period of transition in which large States become insecure overnight. How careful has Israel to be in such circumstances!"

He added that the political support from the Golah should not be under-estimated. In certain periods this support could be decisive.

Rabbi Silver said that the third type of help the Golah could extend was that of chalutzit—of manpower, skilled manpower, which would help Israel to develop and build the country. Israel could appeal to men who were possessed of the great spirit of adventure and who wished to witness great miracles done. Great satisfaction was drawn from this pioneering work and he was pleased to find many young men and women from South Africa in Israel settlements all over the country.

Rabbi Silver stressed that if world Jewry was to remain an equal partner in the responsibility of building up the Jewish State, then it was vital that a strong Zionist movement remain in the Golah. The road towards maturity and consolidation was still long and fraught with dangers.

He maintained that Zionists were never a party or a distinct group, but a movement of revolution in Jewish life. This revolution was not confined to one aspect of life. It went to the very roots of Jewish life. Just as in previous decades of Jewish history, many Jews won't continue to live in the lands of the Golah. But those who did so would have to draw from Israel the light and meaning of their life.

The Hebrew language, he said, was the only real link with Israel.

Mr. Kuper extended a welcome to Rabbi Silver and paid tribute to his leadership. He also extended a hearty welcome to Chief Rabbi Rabinowitz, who had recently returned from Australia, where he led the Israel United Appeal.

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S.A. Zionist Council Agrees On 5-Point Programme for Congress

"It is essential that a strong World Zionist Organisation be continued as the only body representing World Jewry in all matters relating to Zionism."

This is one point of a five-point programme which the ten delegates who will represent South Africa at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress are pledged to press for, on behalf of the S.A. Zionist Movement, at that Congress.

This five-point programme was adopted at a meeting of the South African Zionist Council at the week-end. Each party, however, reserved to itself the right to formulate and move for the acceptance by Congress of its definition of the aims of Zionism.

The Council Meeting, which was addressed by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, began on Saturday evening and continued all day on Sunday. It was attended by well over 100 delegates and observers from all over Southern Africa, and Mr. S. M. Kuper, Chairman of the Federation, presided.

The other points in the five-point programme, adopted by the meeting, are as follows:

The World Zionist Organisation be recognised by the State of Israel as the only body through which world Jewry shall operate in Israel, and that efficient forms of co-operation and co-ordination between the World Zionist Organisation and the State of Israel be established.

In each country a territorial Federation be established representing Zionists of all shades of opinion. While Parties and Groups maintain autonomy in their specific spheres of activity and shall be entitled to maintain contact with the respective World Headquarters and sister organisations in other countries, the territorial Zionist Federation as the branch of the World Zionist Organisation shall control all Zionist activities common to all Parties and Groups.

This Council believes it essential that democratic elections to Congress be regularly held in which all Jews who affirm their allegiance to the Zionist Cause, either by the holding of the Shekel or through some other agreed form, shall be entitled to participate.

Zionist elections shall determine the composition of the governing bodies of the Territorial Federations.

One Non-Party member voted against the last point.

At the commencement of the meeting Mr. Kuper announced the composition of the South African delegation at the Congress.

The delegates are: Chief Rabbi I. Abrahams, Mr. Israel Dunsky, and Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C. (all representing the United General Zionist Party); Mr. B. Kluk, Mr. A. Lewin and Mr. Leo Tager (all representing the Zionist Socialist Party); Mr. J. Daleski, Mr. A. Golembo and Mr. H. Hurwitz (all representing the United Zionist Revisionist Party); and Rabbi Dr. M. Kosowsky (Mizrachi).

"Zionists throughout the world and outside Israel agree," said Mr. Kuper, in opening the meeting, "that no matter what form the World Zionist Organisation might take, there must be a strong World Zionist Organisation and

the World Zionist Organisation as such must represent the voice of World Jewry on matters pertaining to Israel outside of Israel.

"The greatest contribution we can make in this direction is by pointing towards the S.A. Zionist Federation as an example in the hope that Zionist communities throughout the world will adopt similar systems."

Continuing, Mr. Kuper described the framework of the S.A. Zionist Federation and pointed out that in the Federation were grouped together parties with different viewpoints and different ideologies, which all worked together in the closest harmony and that all Zionist activity in the country, fund-raising, J.N.F. work, education, Aliyah, in short, all types of Zionist activity, was under the aegis of the Federation.

This was in sharp contrast to a country like America, for example, where the different parties and groups carried on Zionist activity independent of, and sometimes in competition with, each other. In addition, there was, in that country, a branch of the Jewish Agency doing the type of work which a Zionist Organisation should do. Too often there was actually a duplication of activities.

THE SHEKEL

Dealing with the Shekel, Mr. Kuper again contrasted the position in this country to the position in some other countries, where, it was suggested, he said, and he did not want to put it any sharper, that parties bought up thousands of Shekalim and then found the voters just before the elections to vote as directed.

In South Africa there was a United Shekel Commission on which sat representatives of all the parties and which ensured that the disposal of the Shekalim was made to individuals by individuals and that proper voters' rolls were prepared and that elections were properly conducted.

If the position in some other countries was as it has been suggested, then there was something wrong, but it was not the system that was wrong, but its administration.

Mr. Kuper said that he was opposed to elections being based on membership of societies.

"The Zionist Movement must be a mass movement of the people. There are many Jews who make contributions to the National Funds but who have never joined a Zionist Society. Unless some suitable alternative membership token can be found the Shekel is necessary in order that a true determination can be made of the strength of the different Zionist groupings in a particular country. It is necessary to hold elections at regular intervals in order to determine the strength of the different groups to ensure that each group shall be represented in pro-

portion to its strength.

SHEER LUNACY

"The abolition of the parties in the country," proceeded Mr. Kuper, "without regard to the rest of the world Zionist Movement, is sheer lunacy. The abolition of parties might be a desirable objective, but the question is whether such a step is possible. It is only possible if all parties were unanimous on this question."

Dealing with the Jewish Agency, Mr. Kuper felt that it should continue to exist and that it should be the implementing instrument of the World Zionist Organisation in the field of fund-raising, immigration, absorption and immigration.

It should be incorporated under a special Act of Knesset as a public body, with wide functional powers and special concessions, without in any respect becoming an agency of the State of Israel.

"From an organisational point of view," concluded Mr. Kuper, South African Zionists can point with pride to the S.A. Zionist Federation. This is something which should be duplicated throughout the rest of the world. If this is done, the administration of the World Zionist Organisation will be much easier and much smoother and the World Zionist Organisation itself will be very much strengthened.

RABBI SILVER

"We want a strong and secure Jewish State," declared Rabbi Silver. "We all want a free and democratic State, a State where the rights of the individual, freedom of speech, and of the Press; and of assembly and of worship should be safe-guarded."

"We all want a progressive State, not a reactionary State, a State that will incorporate within itself the best social, prophetic traditions of our people, a State which will make the individual citizens secure against the disabilities of exploitation, unemployment, risks of ill-health, old age and dependency."

Those ideals, said the speaker, were not new in the Zionist Movement. They were incorporated within the Movement and became part of the pattern of our Movement with Dr. Theodor Herzl. Those were the fundamental things which underlined all of our Zionist loyalties.

"And we all realise too, that a strong and secure State of Israel has not yet been achieved and that the Diaspora must continue to remain for a long time to come, the reservoir for the replenishment and the advancement, politically and economically, of the State of Israel."

NO NEW DEFINITION NEEDED

Continuing, Rabbi Silver said that no new definition of Zionism was necessary or need be made at the forthcoming Zionist Congress, except to record the fact that a major item of the Zionist programme had been achieved and triumphantly achieved, the State

of Israel.

"But as far as the fulfilment of the carrying out of the total Zionist programme, Kibbutz Galuyoth and all that that involves, that remains the central to the Zionist creed and the Zionist programme and everyone who subscribes to the full support of Zionism is prepared to work for the realisation of that programme in all its manifestations, and is willing to channel his activities through the World Zionist Organisation, is by that token a Zionist. He does not necessarily have to commit himself to go to Israel before he can earn the title of Zionist."

During the course of his remarks Rabbi Silver expressed his admiration of the work of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

"I have learnt much from the form of organisation which you have here and which, I believe, will help us in the United States," he said.

"I have found here a closer approximation to unified effort and to effective organisation" than in almost any other country which I have visited. I hope that your hope that you may serve as a source of guidance to the forthcoming Zionist Congress will be realised, because I believe that you can give and you are warranted to give, by your own experience, a leadership and a direction to the deliberations at the forthcoming Zionist Congress." Concluded Rabbi Silver.

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"ISRAEL'S BIG BROTHER ... THE JEWISH PEOPLE" Rabbi Silver At Benoni Reception

"Israel still needs its big brother—the Jewish people," declared Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, when he addressed a large and enthusiastic gathering of East Rand Jewry at the Benoni Town Hall last week. Mr. N. Kirschner, veteran South African Zionist leader, was in the chair.

"Whilst remarkable achievements have already been accomplished," said the speaker, "world Jewry dare not allow itself to sink into a state of complacency, for much still remains to be done, and problems of the utmost magnitude face the State of Israel."

"Israel still stands in great need of manpower and financial assistance. Immigration must go on. Economic aid must, if anything, be increased."

The distinguished visitor was welcomed by Mr. M. Nestadt, M.P.C., Mayor of Benoni, who entertained the Rabbi in the Mayor's parlour after the meeting.

BLOEMFONTEIN'S GLOWING RECEPTION TO RABBI SILVER

J.N.F. Jubilee Reception At City Hall

"ISRAEL needs the sustained loyalty of the Jewish people in the Diaspora," were the closing words and keynote of Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's address to Free State Jewry on Tuesday, July 10th, when Jewish residents from Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Kroonstad, Tweespruit, Thaba 'Nchu, Brandfort, Wepeper and Fauresmith met in the beautifully decorated City Hall to celebrate the 50th birthday of the Jewish National Fund.

Dr. Silver traced the idea of the Jewish Lani Fund from its beginning, and reminded his listeners of the early days when the most the Fund could expect was the sale of a few J.N.F. stamps tucked away on the back of a letter.

In a general survey of Israel's position to-day, Rabbi Silver referred to the significance of the Harbour of Elath, which would enable the Israel import and export trade to develop freely and to bypass the Suez Canal.

Israel needed a strong and well organised Galuth Jewry that would use its influence as skilfully as U.S.A. Jewry did during the most critical years 1947-1948, Rabbi Silver said. The audience was reminded that the United States were the first to recognise Israel and Rabbi Dr. Silver gratefully recalled that South Africa was the first Commonwealth country to do the same.

Dr. M. Block, the Chairman of the O.F.S. and Northern Cape Zionist

Council, presided over the reception and welcomed Rabbi Dr. and Mrs. Abba Hillel Silver. He was followed by speeches of welcome by Mr. H. Bradlow, on behalf of the Free State Committee of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies; Mr. M. Ray and Rev. S. Coleman, on behalf of the Bloemfontein Hebrew Congregation.

Mrs. Rebecca Cohen gave a beautiful rendering of two songs, accompanied by Mrs. Ettie Cartoon, and during the evening fifty candles were lit in honour of the occasion.

Mr. M. Pencharz, one of the National Vice-Presidents of the J.N.F. Jubilee Committee, proposed the vote of thanks, whilst Gillian Pencharz presented Mrs. Silver with a bouquet.

Special thanks and appreciation were expressed to the Committees of the three branches of the Bloemfontein Women's Zionist League for the excellent organisation in the City Hall for the reception.

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SOUTH AFRICA TO PRESENT FIVE-POINT PROGRAMME AT ZIONIST CONGRESS

Rabbi Silver "Thinks Aloud" At Zionist Council Meeting

A FIVE-POINT programme which the ten delegates who will represent South Africa will press at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress was adopted by the S.A. Zionist Council, at a meeting held in the Coronation Hall, Johannesburg, over the week-end, and attended by leading Zionists from all over the country. The meeting heard an address on the tasks facing Congress by Rabbi Hillel Silver. Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C., Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, presided.

The following is the five-point programme adopted:—

(1) It is essential that a strong World Zionist Organisation be maintained as the only body representing world Jewry in all matters relating to Zionism.

(2) The World Zionist Organisation should be recognised by the State of Israel as the only body through which world Jewry shall operate in Israel, and effective forms of co-operation between the W.Z.O. and the State of Israel should be established.

(3) In each country, a territorial federation should be established, representing Zionists of all shades of opinion. Parties and groups should retain their autonomy in their respective spheres of activity, but the territorial Zionist Federation should control Zionist activities common to all parties and groups.

(4) Democratic elections to Congress should be held regularly, participated in by all Jews who affirm their allegiance to the Zionist cause, either by holding the Shekel, or through some other agreed form.

(5) Zionist elections should determine the composition of the governing bodies of territorial Zionist Federations.

Chairman's Review

Mr. Kuper outlined this programme when he delivered the opening address to the Council meeting on Saturday night and reviewed the work of the S.A. Zionist Federation in the period since the last Council meeting.

Discussing the essential points of the programme, he said: "Zionism throughout the world and outside Israel agree that no matter what form the World Zionist Organisation might take, there must be a strong World Zionist Organisation and the World Zionist Organisation as such must represent the voice of World Jewry on matters appertaining to Israel outside of Israel.

"The greatest contribution we can make in this direction is by pointing towards the S.A. Zionist Federation as an example, in the hope that Zionist communities throughout the world will adopt similar systems.

"We believe and we shall try to press at Congress that by uniting all the parties in every country around one table, and giving them united group work to do, the Zionist organisations in those countries will be strengthened," he said.

Question of Shekel

Dealing with the Shekel, Mr. Kuper contrasted the position in this country with the position in some other countries, where, it was suggested, parties bought up thousands of Shekels and then found the voters just before the elections to vote as directed.

In South Africa there was a United Shekel Commission on which sat representatives of all the parties and which ensured that the disposal of Shekels was made to individuals by individuals, that proper voters' rolls were prepared and that elections were properly conducted.

Unless some suitable alternative membership token could be found the Shekel was necessary in order that a true determination could be made of the strength of the different Zionist groupings in a particular country, he said.

The Jewish Agency

Dealing with the Jewish Agency, Mr. Kuper felt that it should continue to exist, and that it should be the implementing instrument of the World Zionist Organisation in the field of fund-raising, absorption and immigration.

It should be incorporated under a special Act of Knesset as a public body, with wide functional powers and special concessions, without in any respect becoming an agency of the State of Israel.

Referring to the future of the Jewish National Fund, Mr. Kuper felt that no definite conclusions should be drawn by the meeting, and that it should be left to the delegates at Congress to investigate the position whilst in Israel and to vote according to the conclusions reached by them as a result of their investigations.

"As far as we in this country are concerned, the J.N.F. presents no problem at all. It is one of the departments of the Federation and is part and parcel of our work. A similar system might well be adopted in all other countries, outside Israel," he said.

Rabbi Silver's Address

Rabbi Silver, in his address to the Council, said that he was "thinking aloud," and he asked delegates not to take what he said as a categorical statement of policy.

"We all want a strong and secure Jewish State," he said. "We all want a free and democratic State, a State where the rights of the individual, freedom of speech, and of the Press and of assembly and of worship should be safeguarded.

"We all want a progressive State, not a reactionary State—a State that will incorporate within itself the best social, prophetic traditions of our people; a State which will make the individual citizens secure against the disabilities of exploitation, unemployment risks of ill-health, old age and dependency.

"We all realise, too, that a strong and secure State of Israel has not yet been achieved, and that the Diaspora must continue to remain, for a long time to come, the reservoir for the replenishment and the advancement, politically and economically, of the State of Israel.

"The Diaspora must look after immigration and Chutzot and the stimulation of investments. It must help the country in every way to solve its economic problems.

"I think we all also agree on the need of continuing and strengthening the World Zionist Organisation to do this necessary work and to give it direction.

"Finally, we all believe that it is important for us to continue in the Diaspora a positive Hebraic Zionist education among the youth of our people, the rising generation—not only for the sake of Israel and not only for establishing the channel of inter-communications between Israel and the Diaspora, but for their own sake and the sake of the Jewish people, which is greater than the State of Israel."

"No New Definition"

Rabbi Silver thought that no new definition of Zionism was necessary on need be made at the forthcoming Zionist Congress, except to record the fact that a major item of the Zionist programme had been achieved—the existence of the State of Israel.

"As far as the fulfilment of the carrying out of the total Zionist programme—Kibbutz Galuyot and all which that involves—is concerned, that remains central to the Zionist cause and the Zionist programme, and everyone who subscribes to the full support of Zionism and is prepared to work for the realisation of that programme in all its manifestations, and is willing to channel his activities through the World Zionist Organisation, is by that token a Zionist. He does not necessarily have to commit himself to go to Israel before he can earn the title of Zionist."

S.A. DELEGATES TO ZIONIST CONGRESS

The following are South Africa's delegates to the coming World Zionist Congress:

Chief Rabbi L. Abrahams, Mr. Israel Dunsky and Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C. (all representing the United General Zionist Party), Mr. E. Kluk, Mr. A. Lewin and Mr. Leo Tager (all representing the United Zionist Revisionist Party) and Rabbi Dr. M. Kossowsky (Mizrachi).

The World Zionist Organisation must be possessed of authority and freedom of action within its sphere. The World Zionist Organisation must be officially recognised by the Government of Israel as the representative of the Jewish people in all matters concerning the participation of the Diaspora in the upbuilding of Israel.

Opposed to Shekel

Referring to Mr. Kuper's proposals, Rabbi Silver said that "If the Shekel is to be the basis of membership in a Federation, I am afraid that some of the American delegations will violently resist it at the Congress; but if it is allowed to develop on the American scene (in other words, if local autonomy is permitted by Congress) there is a good prospect of bringing into existence, for the first time on the American scene, a Federation of all parties, who will be able to meet around the table to discuss common Zionist problems and common Zionist activity."

"The territorial federations ought to be given full control of all Zionist work that has to be done in a given territory, and no competitive bodies should be superimposed upon such Federations."

Dealing with elections to Congress, Rabbi Silver said that the Zionist Congress elections held in America five years ago proved so costly and so difficult, and involved so many abuses, that all the Parties, in anticipation of the forthcoming Congress, decided not to have an election. The cost of the first elections, involving no less than 3,000 Jewish communities, was about 750,000 dollars.

He was personally of the opinion, said Rabbi Silver, that, as far as America was concerned, the best form of organisation was organisation through societies or parties, and not through the Shekel.

Tribute To Zionist Federation

During the course of his remarks, Rabbi Silver expressed his admiration of the work of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

"I am very much impressed with the quality of your Zionist activity in this part of the world," he said. "I have learnt much from the form of organisation which you have here and which, I believe, will help us in the United States.

"I have found here a closer approximation to unified effort and to effective organisation than in almost any other country which I have visited. I hope that your hope that you may serve as a source of guidance to the forthcoming Zionist Congress will be realised, because I believe that you can give, and you are warranted to give, by your own experience, a leadership and a direction to the deliberations at the forthcoming Zionist Congress."

The ensuing debate at the Sunday session of the Council will be reported next week.

Memorial Service To Jewish Soldiers

The South African Jewish Ex-Service League has decided to hold an annual memorial service, in tribute to the memory of Jewish soldiers who fell in both World Wars and in the Israel War of Liberation. The first annual memorial service will be held at the Great Synagogue, Wolmarans Street, Johannesburg, on Sunday, August 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Chief Cantor Alter, assisted by the Jewish Chaplains of World War II, will officiate, and Chief Rabbi Rabinowitz will preach the sermon.

Rabbi Silver Calls For Campaign Against Excessive Partisanship

"What We Expect From Israel And What Israel Expects From Us"

A POWERFUL call for a campaign against excessive partisanship in Israel and in Zionism was made by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver when he addressed a mass rally of the community at the Johannesburg City Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. The meeting was the climax of his brief but crowded tour of South Africa. People were waiting to gain admission long before the doors opened, and when the proceedings began, the City Hall was packed to capacity, with people even standing around the walls.

Mr. S. M. Kuper, K.C., Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who presided, expressed the appreciation of South African Zionists for the great stimulation which Rabbi Silver had brought to the communities he had visited on his tour. He also welcomed back to South Africa from his mission to Australia on behalf of Israel, Chief Rabbi Dr. L. I. Rabinowitz, who was seated on the platform, together with the Vice-Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

RABBI SILVER'S THANKS

Rabbi Silver referred appreciatively to the very warm welcome which he had been accorded in South Africa. "Mrs. Silver and I will long remember the hospitality and the friendship you have accorded us, and the remarkable Zionist spirit we have found in your community," he said.

He proposed that evening to share with his audience some thoughts on the theme, "What we expect from Israel and what Israel expects from us."

"The first thing we can expect from Israel," he said, "is that her doors will remain open to the millions who, whether through choice or need, will yet come into the Jewish State. I cannot predict how many that will be. The only thing we can predict about Jewish history is that it is unpredictable. Who could have prophesied, in case in Israel to-day. It is not wise to subject children to the party indoctrination prevalent in the diverse Israel school systems, and the wiser men in Israel are beginning to realise this. There is an intensive, too excessive and too intolerant political partisanship in Israel. There are twenty parties competing in the Knesset elections! We in America, with a population of 150 million people, manage to get along with three parties.

"What was gained by courage must be safeguarded by prudence. We have a right to expect that the tolerance extended by Israel to its Christians and Moslems should also be extended to Jewish groups, and that doctrinaire partisanship should be discouraged."

JEWISH TRADITIONS

Thirdly, we had the right to expect from Israel that the Jewish State should be built on the basis

State had the right to expect that Jews outside Israel would assume their full share of Israel's economic burden. Jews from the Golan must provide the funds to help settle the stream of immigrants; it must provide capital investments to help build up the country.

Secondly, Israel had the right to expect from world Jewry continued political alertness and support. This was just as necessary to-day as before the creation of the Jewish State. Not one problem that had faced Israel on the day of its proclamation had as yet been solved.

A third thing which Israel could expect of the Golan was Chutzot in its broadest sense. "Israel has the right to expect that people will go there from all countries from the free countries as well as from the unfree, men and women with skills, who will go there for a short time or a long time or for good, to help in the great adventure of building the country."

He was pleased to find, on a recent visit to Israel, many Jews from South Africa who have settled there and who were rendering such help as this.

STRONG ZIONIST MOVEMENT

"Because I believe Israel has the right to expect these things," Dr. Silver continued, "I am anxious to maintain a strong Zionist movement. We must be organised to support, help and defend Israel, and the only organisation that can do that is the organisation which created the State of Israel—the World Zionist Organisation."

"Those who try to reach over the head of the World Zionist Organisation to some anonymous mass beyond are deluding themselves. This amorphous mass can be brought to the aid of Israel, but it is not dynamic and it easily falls away. Only the World Zionist Organisation has proved consistently reliable."

20th July, 1951

J.N.F. Jubilee Celebrated In Leading Centres

LARGE AUDIENCES IMPRESSED BY RABBI SILVER'S ADDRESSES

DURING the past few weeks celebrations of the J.N.F. Jubilee were held at East London, Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein. In all these centres Rabbi Silver delivered brilliant addresses at special banquets. The attendance at all functions was excellent.

At East London

Many people were disappointed at East London where the spacious Alexander Club proved inadequate to hold the large crowds eager to hear Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver on July 3.

Rabbi Silver was accompanied by Mrs. Silver, Mr. S. M. Kuper, chairman of the S.A. Zionist Federation, and Mr. Lewis Harris, organiser for the J.N.F. in South Africa.

The delegation was officially welcomed at a luncheon at the Alexander Club with Mr. Leo Hellman, chairman of the East London Zionist Association presiding. Mr. A. Kaplan welcomed the guests on behalf of the Regional Council of the Board of Deputies, of which he is vice-chairman.

The same evening Rabbi Silver attended an evening reception in his honour. The audience came from the surrounding towns and villages for miles around to hear Rabbi Silver's inspired address.

A J.N.F. Jubilee Tree Drive, launched after Mr. Meyer Hertz had made a strong appeal to the local community to rededicate itself to the service of the J.N.F., proved an immediate success.

Over two thousand tree certificates were pledged at the gathering.

At Port Elizabeth

Similarly in Port Elizabeth on July 8, the local City Hall was crowded to overflowing by an audience that had eagerly awaited Rabbi Silver's visit.

Rabbi Silver, in a brilliant address, dealt with the J.N.F. and the position in the State of Israel.

He concluded by saying that anyone who begins a good deed is enforced by the Torah to complete it, and he appealed to the Jews of the world to renew and double their monetary contributions to the newly acquired homeland.

Mr. N. E. Rosenberg, chairman of the Eastern Province Zionist Council, presided and Mrs. D. Nell, acting chairman of the Port Elizabeth Women's Zionist League proposed the vote of thanks.

At Bloemfontein

Jewish residents from Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Kroonstad, Tweespruit, Thaba Nchu, Brandfort, Wepener and Fataresmith had met in the beautifully decorated City Hall to celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Jewish National Fund.

Rabbi Silver in his address traced the idea of a Jewish Land Fund from its beginning, before the advent of political Zionism.

"It was necessary to have land in a country before one could claim political rights in that country," he said and this idea stimulated the broad masses of the Jewish People after the fifth Zionist Congress, the birthday of the Jewish National Fund.

During a general survey of Israel's position today, Rabbi Silver referred strongly to the significance of the Harbour of Elath, which would enable the Israel Import and Export Trade

EAST LONDON



Left to right: Mr. M. Segal, chairman E.L. Hebrew Congregation; Mrs. O. Ruttenberg, chairlady E.L. Women's Zionist League; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Mr. Leo Hellman, chairman E.L. Zionist Association; Mrs. Silver, Mr. S. M. Kuper, Mrs. E. Aronowitz, chairlady L.U.A. Sub-Committee; Mr. I. Aronowitz, Mr. M. Gell, Mrs. H. Gell, chairlady Union of Jewish Women, and Mrs. H. Pincus.

Arab States with the U.S.A. and openly against Israel.

Dr. M. Block, the Chairman of the O.F.S. and Northern Cape Zionist Council, presided. Other speakers were: Mr. M. Bradlow, on behalf of the Free State Committee of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies; Mr. M. Ray and Rev. S. Coleman on behalf of the Bloemfontein Hebrew Congregation.

Mrs. Rebecca Cohen sang two songs accompanied by Mrs. Ettie Cartoon and 50 candles were lit in honour of the occasion.

Mr. M. Pencharz, one of the National vice-presidents of the J.N.F. Jubilee Committee, proposed the vote of thanks and Gillian Pencharz presented Mrs. Silver with a bouquet.

Special thanks are due to the Committees of the three branches of the Bloemfontein Women's Zionist League for the excellent organisation in the City Hall before and during the Reception.

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First Bnei Zion Seminar

MOVEMENT WILL REAP RICH REWARDS

AFTER six years of activity Bnei Zion embarked upon a new project. The first Seminar of Bnei Zion, which took place from June 30 to July 9 at the Coronation Hall, afforded Madrichim and senior members of the Movement an opportunity to further their Jewish studies.

A very impressive opening took place on the Saturday evening, when Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver delivered a special message to the Seminarists. Mr. Israel Dunskey, Chairman of the United General Zionist Party, officially opened Seminar, and greetings were brought by Mr. Harold Stutzen, Menahel of Bnei Zion (S.A.), Mr. D. Senderowitz, Shallah from Timorim, Israel, and Mr. I. Goss, Director of the S.A. Jewish Board of Education. Approximately fifty members of the Movement participated in the Seminar.

RABBI SILVER AT BNEI ZION SEMINAR



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver addressing the opening of the Bnei Zion Seminar at the Coronation Hall, Johannesburg. From left to right—Mrs. I. Dunskey, Mr. Israel Dunskey (chairman U.G.Z.P.), Rabbi Silver, Mr. Mervyn Isaacson (Segan Menahel, Bnei Zion, S.A.), Mrs. Silver, Adv. Harold Stutzen (Menahel Bnei Zion, S.A.).

Some of the topics covered were J.N.F., introduced by Dr. S. Loewy, Youth Allyah by Mrs. J. Targowsky, S.A. Jewish Affairs by Mr. G. Saron, Jewish History by Mr. R. B. Egert, General Zionism by Mr. Israel Dunskey, The Zionist Movement by Mr. H. Stutzen and the Bnei Zion Movement by Mr. M. Isaacson.

TRIBUTE TO ORGANISERS

As a result of these lectures much discussion took place and a very high standard prevailed during the whole of Seminar. In addition numerous events were planned for the chaverim, including a bioscope evening, visits to Hachsharah, an all-day outing to Henley-on-Klip and a party. At a farewell function which took place on the Monday evening prior to the departure of Seminarists to their home towns, tribute was paid by Mr. M. Glass, leader of the Cape contingent, to the Transvaal Madrichim for the manner in which Seminar had been organised. He felt certain that the Movement would reap rich rewards from the educational stimulus that had been received.

MUST BECOME REGULAR FEATURE

Mr. M. Joffin, Mefaked of Transvaal Bnei Zion, called upon those who had attended Seminar to utilise the knowledge that they had gained and to realise that at best a Seminar could only serve as an introduction to the subjects that had been dealt with. He maintained that chaverim must continue to apply themselves to the study of Jewish culture and the Hebrew language, so that the Movement would benefit as a whole.

It was unanimously agreed by all that Seminar must become a regular feature of Bnei Zion activities, and that the new experiment in their educational work would prove of benefit to the Movement and to the community as a whole.

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ZIONIST RECORD

27th July, 1951

RABBI SILVER ON PRESENT POSITION IN ZIONISM

Address at Johannesburg Zionist Luncheon Club

Addressing the Zionist Luncheon Club at the Carlton Hotel, Johannesburg, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver analysed the present position in Zionism and said that he did not anticipate, as some did, any fireworks at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. He rather thought that, given goodwill, it will be a fairly harmonious Congress. The basic issues on which there were such sharp difference up to now were beginning to yield to a greater degree of like-mindedness. He expected a strong and unified world Zionist movement to come out of the Congress.

His guess was that Mr. Ben Gurion would be coming out at Congress in favour of a charter for the Zionist Organisation, because of the pressure exerted upon him from all quarters—including sections of his own party—against the position he took up in America.

Rabbi Silver said he had been criticised by some people for not having engaged in polemics in his platform addresses here.

"I came to South Africa on a non-partisan mission for the Jewish National Fund," he said, "and I did not think it appropriate to make a partisan address from that platform. To-day, however, I am on a General Zionist platform, and will speak my mind freely from the General Zionist point of view."

Mr. Israel Dunsky, Chairman of the United General Zionist Party, presided, and warmly welcomed Rabbi Silver as the outstanding leader of General Zionism in the Diaspora.

SHORTSIGHTED POLITICAL PARTISANSHIP.

"The controversy they had just witnessed over the future of the World Zionist movement could well not have taken place," said Rabbi Silver. "Commonsense should have dictated that all sides should have upheld the principle of a strong Zionist movement. It was only shortsighted political partisanship which catapulted this issue on to the scene, to the hurt of their followers and the weakening of the Zionist movement in the Diaspora."

"Three years ago Zionists in America were working together harmoniously. All sections were co-operating on the Zionist Emergency Council, of which I had the privilege of being Chairman up to the establishment of the Jewish State. American Zionists had succeeded in mobilising the support of Jews and non-Jews in the U.S.A. This was a big achievement. You must remember that not all of American Jewry is Zionist. Large numbers are not. The fortunate situation which you enjoy in South Africa never existed, and does not now exist in the United States."

"But the Zionists of America succeeded in mobilising large masses behind the Jewish State. This mobilisation left the Zionist organisation in America in a most enviable position, and we could have carried on from there. If that had been the case, there would not have taken place that backwash and diminution that has occurred in the last three years."

"Unfortunately, the dominant political party in Israel was not pleased with the strength of Zionism in the United States, which was predominantly General Zionist. (If it had been predominantly Mapai, the whole situation would have been different.) Efforts were made to minimise the importance of the contribution which American Zionists have made to the establishment of the State of Israel. Zionist organisations in the United States were by-passed; an attempt was made to dislodge Zionists from leadership positions in fund-raising organisations, and this resulted in my resignation and that of others from the Jewish Agency."

NON-ZIONIST BODIES WOOD.

"Non-Zionist bodies were wood. When, for example, a most important statement had to be made by the Prime Minister of Israel, concerning the relationship between Israel and Jews outside Israel—a statement which should have been made through

Zionist channels—it was made to the leader of the non-Zionist American Jewish Committee, thus showing that the Government of Israel was more interested in the non-Zionists than the Zionists of America. This had serious repercussions. The State Department in Washington, which has never welcomed the representations of Zionists, took due note of the position and were pleased about it."

"The pressure against the Zionist Organisation went on. An effort was made—and successfully up to now—to put the Zionist Organisation into the position of being just one of many



Rabbi Silver addressing the Johannesburg Zionist Luncheon Club.

Jewish groups with which the State of Israel, at its choice, could or could not deal. This was a sharp reversal of Herzlian Zionism, and the principle of Kibbush Hakehillot.

BEN GURION'S VISIT TO U.S.

"All this came to a head with the visit of the Prime Minister of Israel to the United States. The Prime Minister never once mentioned the word Zionism in his American addresses. He did not pay a single word of tribute to the work which American Zionists have done. That wasn't accidental. The Prime Minister himself explained that he did it deliberately. He told a gathering of American Zionist leaders before he left that American Zionists did not speak for American Jewry."

"The last time I heard that was from the mouth of the Chairman of the anti-Zionist American Council of Judaism, Lessing Rosenwald. That was his contention. And here the Prime Minister of Israel was proclaiming it from the house-tops!"

"Mr. Ben Gurion said Zionists must not become a wall between American Jewry and Israel. The only wall I know Zionists to have formed in the United States was a wall against the

enemies of Israel—a wall which has stood in defence of the interests of Israel."

"Then he proceeded to give a new definition of what Zionism is. He said a Zionist was one who went personally to settle in Israel. Interpreted in common parlance, this implies that those who do not settle in Israel cannot be called Zionists; it would imply, in short, the liquidation of Zionism in the United States."

"Finally, Mr. Ben Gurion said that the tasks of the Zionist movement should be limited to the propagation of Hebrew and a sort of Chutzpa. All the other work—fund-raising, political work, the important work of Aliyah and Hityashvut in Israel—should be left in other hands."

"The reaction to this speech in America—where many of our Zionists have been in the ranks as long as or even longer than the Prime Minister of Israel—was a most violent one. At the convention of the Zionist Organisation of America a resolution was adopted which in so many words negated the whole position taken up by Mr. Ben Gurion. That resolution was adopted unanimously. The same applies to the reaction among members of other Zionist parties and practically the entire Jewish Press."

"American Zionists want a continued strong Zionist movement—because Israel imperatively needs it. There is no other body that can or is prepared to take over the tasks of the Zionist movement."

"The World Zionist Organisation doesn't want to be an exclusive organisation, keeping other Jews out of the field. It never claimed that. But it wants to be, as its work entitles it to be, the central force in Jewish life in relation to Israel. And for that it needs an authority and status it can get only from the Government of Israel. If it does not get that status,

the General Zionist forces from which the so-called Progressives had seceded. He was happy to see that the General Zionists of South Africa had joined those of America and other countries in appealing for a reunion of the two sections in Israel."

Finally, said Rabbi Silver, he thought he should say a few words on the party non-party issue which, he was told, had become a considerable one in South Africa.

"The only non-party group in Zionism has always been the General Zionists," he declared. "The World Zionist Organisation began as a non-party organisation. But in the course of time splinter groups—those who wanted to see a socialist State, and those who wanted to see a concentration on religious issues—broke away and formed parties. They were at first small units. But they exerted increasing political pressure, until the tail began to wag the dog—until the major group within Zionist ranks became the smallest in influence, and the minority, through their parties, began to control the Zionist central bodies. All the funds went through their hands. True, they did not use them exclusively for their own interests—but they did not ignore their interests. I can assure you."

"In this constellation of forces, the middle group of General Zionists was at a disadvantage, and that is why they finally decided to organise on the same basis as others and become a party."

"We General Zionists are not enamoured of parties. But as long as parties continue, it would be suicidal for the General Zionists to disband as a party."

THE SHEKEL.

"I see that Mr. Dobkin has now come out in favour of single Zionist organisations in the Diaspora. It sounds pretty good, coming from a member of Mapai. But it's not as kosher as it sounds. Mr. Dobkin has made it clear that what he suggests does not preclude party organisation in the Diaspora. Secondly, he wants membership of these single Zionist organisations to be on the basis of the Shekel."

"We can never agree to a membership based on the Shekel. The Shekel has been used as a very cunning tool for a minority to become a majority before Congress. Various Zionist groups have purchased blocks of Shekalim to secure votes. That is not membership of the Zionist Organisation. That is a political manoeuvre, responsible for the scandalous position which forced the General Zionists and the Mizrahi to abstain from the recent Congress elections in Israel."

"I am in favour of federations of Zionist organisations—but composed on the basis of Zionist membership, on Zionist work done from one year's end to another. The principle of the federation of all parties is a sound one (I urged it myself three years ago in relation to extending the work of the American Zionist Emergency Council), but it is only practicable on the basis of the actual strength of all Zionist groups."

"I think that what you have here in South Africa, with proper modifications, might serve as a basis for the future form of Zionist organisations."

"The whole question of the Shekel requires overhauling. Certainly the present position, in which Zionists in Israel have a two to one vote, is ridiculous. The centre of gravity of the Zionist Organisation should be in the Diaspora, not in Israel. What sense is there in practically half of the delegates at Congress coming from Israel?"

Rabbi Silver concluded by stating that if General Zionists would press these ideas at Congress, he was convinced they would carry the Congress.

Mr. L. Freeman, Chairman of the Johannesburg Zionist Association, proposed a vote of thanks.

Israel will lose more and more vital support in the Diaspora."

"It would be a tragic mistake for the Government of Israel to think that the non-Zionist support will continue indefinitely. The recession on this sector has, in fact, started already. The only group in Jewish life that has so far unfailingly shouldered its responsibilities, rendering patient and loyal service day after day, has been the Zionists—the people who render the service in America which you render here in South Africa."

Rabbi Silver said it was not a question whether or not the Zionist Organisation received some special charter—although the man who had first suggested the charter idea had been Ben Gurion. It was the question of recognising its authority to speak in the Diaspora in relation to Israel."

GENERAL ZIONISTS AND PROGRESSIVES.

Rabbi Silver then went into an analysis of the present issue between the General Zionists and the Progressives in Israel. He said there was no essential difference on policy between the two groups; only personalities were preventing the reunion of

Silver Rejects Ben Gurion Definition of "Zionist"

WORLD ORGANISATION
"WITHOUT STATUS
WOULD DISINTEGRATE"

Zionist Record Reporter

A WARNING that if the Zionist Organisation is not granted a special status by the Government of Israel, the movement would lose all authority and disintegrate was made by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver when he addressed a press conference in Johannesburg this week.

Dr. Silver complained that a red herring had been drawn across the Zionist scene by the allegation that American Zionists wanted to interfere in the political affairs of the State of Israel. Israel was a sovereign, independent State and the World Zionist Organisation was only seeking from the Israel Government a charter which would allow it to carry on independently within its own sphere of authority and remain the mouthpiece of diaspora Jewry.

"There must be two partners—the State of Israel and the World Zionist Organisation. Each must have its own sphere of authority and not interfere in the province of the other. They should co-operate and with goodwill a workable form of activity can be achieved. If there is a sense of competition we will get nowhere. If we do not become partners then the work of the coming Congress in Jerusalem will be of little moment and the W.Z.O. will come out feeling much more defeated than it does at the moment."

A SLIGHT TO ZIONISTS

"When I say defeated," said Rabbi Silver, "I mean that Zionists, particularly those of America, feel alighted that no mention was made by Ben Gurion of the great role

played by American Zionists and I do not refer to any individual—in the establishment of the State. It was American Jewry, through their mouthpiece the Zionist movement, who fought so vigorously for the establishment of the State at U.N. and yet not once during his visit to America had Ben Gurion mentioned the word 'Zionist.'

"Although Israel is now an established State, it is nevertheless politically insecure, surrounded as it is, by enemies; she still needs the support of organised American Jewry. Any lessening in our support might end in catastrophe for Israel."

DEFEATS AT LAKE SUCCESS

Dr. Silver said that some of the diplomatic defeats suffered recently by Israel at the United Nations could be attributed to the weakening of Zionist political activity.

He sharply criticised the fact that Mr. Ben Gurion "by-passed" the Zionist Organisation of the U.S.A. during his recent visit. He explained that to demobilise the Zionist movement today would be catastrophic. Mr. Ben Gurion had gone to the non-Zionists, without realising that the natural trend of the non-Zionist was to support local institutions. While caught up with the enthusiasm of the moment in supporting Israel, this enthusiasm of the non-Zionist would not be sustained without the stimulus of a Zionist Organisation.

Dr. Silver said that he did not share the view of Mr. Ben Gurion that a Zionist was only he who settled in Israel. "I believe," he said, "that Zionists are those who work for the upbuilding of the State of Israel wherever they may be."

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Dr. Silver also complained that Mr. Ben Gurion in his definition of the tasks of the Zionist movement narrowed down the tasks to chalutzut and

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Mrs. Silver Talks About Her Home Life

By Rose Carlin

"HOW does it feel to be the wife of a famous man?" I asked Mrs. Silver, wife of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

She smiled with amusement. "I don't know. To me, my husband is still the boy I married in 1923. The honour and acclaim that have come to him have not changed the essential person he was then."

Talking to Mrs. Silver is like talking to an old friend. You may drop your reserve and be yourself, for she is completely unassuming and speaks with delightful frankness.

"We grew up together, I might say," Mrs. Silver went on. "I met him when he was 22, in my home-town, Wheeling, W. Va." Her eyes twinkled. "I was intrigued by this gangling youth who had just graduated from the Hebrew Union College and had come to us to preach."

In the snug town of Wheeling where the American democratic idea was a religion almost nothing was known of Zionism or of true Judaism,

Replying to a question whether the General Zionists and the Mizrahi would boycott the forthcoming Congress, Dr. Silver said that some compromise would have to be found whereby they could be represented if Congress was to have any meaning. He did not think there would be any constitutional difficulties. In the past things were often done by mutual agreement in contravention of the Constitution.

Asked whether he had recently met Mr. Ben Gurion, Dr. Silver replied in the negative, adding that "this was common knowledge." Referring to party strife he said that he was not enamoured of the party bitterness, but parties abroad could be disbanded only if the headquarters in Israel decided to this effect.



MRS. SILVER

and Mrs. Silver admits that the young Rabbi brought something fresh, invigorating, stimulating into her life and into the life of the community.

They were married in 1923 and have two sons, Daniel (23), a Rabbinical student also at the Hebrew Union College, and Raphael (21).

KEEPING HOME INTACT

"I am not a public figure," Mrs. Silver said. "I am very much a private individual, and I keep myself busy at home. I am active in the affairs of the Temple (Rabbi Silver's Temple in Cleveland, Ohio) and I serve on civic boards."

Mrs. Silver said that she does not "keep up" with her husband's travels, but accompanies him occasionally. "I try to retain the unity of our home. I don't want our sons to have two absent parents."

Despite the Rabbi's frequent absences, his sons are very close to him, the mother said. "Their father has a very strong influence on them, not to the point, however, of robbing them of their initiative."

Mrs. Silver is in tune with her husband's ideals which, she says, are two-fold—to make the American Jewish life richer and more meaningful, and to help build a national land for the Jewish people. She is willing to give up some of her personal life to make sacrifices for those ideals. "And if he is away a good deal, we are very much together when he comes back," she said.

J.N.F. CELEBRATIONS IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA



Jubilee celebrations of the Jewish National Fund were recently held in Salisbury, S. Rhodesia. From left to right: Mr. I. Lasovsky (Chairman of the Regional Committee of the Rhodesian Zionist Council); Mr. L. E. Banel (Chairman of the J.N.F. Jubilee Committee); Mrs. Silver, Mrs. I. Lasovsky, Dr. Sacks, Mr. Harris, Rabbi Hillel Silver, the Rev. M. Isaacs, and Mr. A. Alhadeff.

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