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THE WHITE PAPER.

The contents of the White Paper published by the British Government during last month are shortly: . The establishment of an independent Palestinian State within ten years and the limitation of Jewish immigration to 75,000 over 5 years with cessation after that period. This amounts to nothing less than the establishment of an Arab State - an open surrender to aggression and a betrayal to the Jewish Nation.

Very briefly these are the facts. What are we to do? Already we have rejected the White Paper, but what are we to do now?

It seems that a policy of guerilla warfare with which the Arabs succeeded should be pursued. No one could blame us for adopting methods that carry weight with the British Government. In the long run such a policy would be too expensive - in the destruction of lives and land.

The proposals of the British Government have been fought with some effect in the House of Commons. We must also fight it at the Permanent Mandates Commission and at the League of Nations. These proposals must be fought all the way and in doing so we must mobilise public opinion against them. What-

ever the outcome of these constitutional means of combat under no circumstances must we cooperate with the White Paper, for it cannot be brought into effect without Jewish co-operation. However, should these methods fail, we shall have no other alternative but to adopt a policy of aggression notwithstanding the cost in lives and land.

It is noteworthy that during the reign of terrorism we did not lose one Jewish foothold in Eretz Yisrael. On the contrary 36 new settlements were established. Now, more than ever, must we consolidate our position by intensifying constructive work in Eretz Yisrael.

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A NEW POLICY.

At long last, the leaders of the Maitland Junior Zionist Society, decided - at a committee meeting on May 4th, to discard their old ideas as to what the policy of a Junior Zionist Society should be. We learn that no longer will energy and valuable time be wasted in attempting to attract and retain disinterested members within the society by means of social entertainments.

This decision has been long overdue, as the committee have had ample opportunity to realise that members do not depend upon the society for their entertainments. Consequently this has no value as a means of attraction. Persons will only remain interested as long as they believe that they are deriving some concrete benefit from their association with us. Social entertainments can at the best of times only assure a pleasant evening now and then. On the other hand, if an intenser cultural programme is brought into practice, the

members will gain a permanent asset in the form of knowledge acquired. This will provide the necessary sine qua non for active interest on the part of members who are seriously concerned with the welfare of Jewry.

As a result of this wise decision, it is perhaps probable that the attendance at future meetings may decrease due to the absence of the semi-interested socially-minded element of our society. Let this however not discourage us. Rather, let us make use of the fact that meetings will be small, by arranging them at private homes.

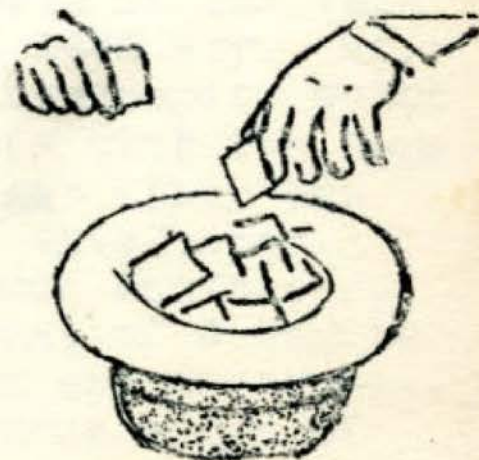
The value of a change and the convivial atmosphere of a drawing room will indeed be something which should be appreciated.

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

HAT NIGHT.

A Hat-night was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday night, 30th April. Members wrote on a slip of paper, the subject on which they wished to speak. These papers were then shuffled and the members spoke on whichever subject they drew.



COMMITTEE MEETING.

A Committee meeting was held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. A. Kaufman on the 4th May. Mr. Dave Meyerowitz

chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, was present to give the committee some advice on the running of the Society. The major decision of the evening was that our future functions be of a more cultural nature. A leading article on this decision will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The Committee also met on Sunday morning, 21st May, at the residence of Mrs. Miller. It was decided to hold a flannel dance on the 4th June, in aid of Abraham Katz Memorial Fund.

AT-HOME.

Two members of the Society, B. Gootman and G. Saacks, represented the Society at an "At Home" in Capetown, given in honour of Mr. Solly Friedman, an ex-member of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, at present on holiday from Palestine. In his speech, he pictured life in Palestine as he saw it, and reminded South Africans that Palestinian Jewry expected them to acquaint themselves with conditions in Eretz Yisrael, and to support J.N.F., as this fund is more for the benefit of Jews in the Diaspora than for those in Eretz Yisrael.

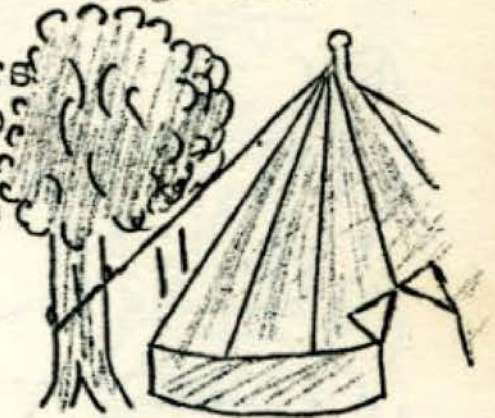
MAITLAND RE- ECHO.

A newspaper evening was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday night 14th May. Mr. W. Fish was the editor of the newspaper, which was named the "Maitland Re-echo" with the hope that maltreated members could get their own back on the Editorial Board of this paper. This aim was achieved in numerous instances, the outstanding effort being that of G. Saacks who read the Children's Section and incorporated "Benky" Kaufman in a humorous story of her own composition. Other items were read by F. Gootman (Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.) L. Jacobson (Social and Personal) and M. Kramer

(Sports Page). The cable page was read by W. Fish, who outlined conditions in Eretz Yisrael and exhorted us to support the J. N. F.

CAMP RAFFLE TICKETS.

As these tickets are now being sold everywhere, we would greatly appreciate it if those members who feel that they could help us to dispose of these tickets, would kindly communicate with B. Kaufman.



HEBREW LESSONS.

Will any members who desire to learn to speak Hebrew, please hand in their names to the Editor, as we intend forming a Hebrew class in Maitland.

LIBRARY.

It is the intention of the committee to form a library for the Society. B. Miller, who is in charge, has already gathered quite an assorted collection of material, and he appeals to members to donate any disused books to the new library.

OUTDSHOORN YOUNG ISRAEL WEEK.

We wish to bring to the notice of our members this yearly event which will take place from June the 30th to July the 11th at Oudtshoorn. This glorious week will include among others a visit to the Cango Caves and a trip on the Indian Ocean. Further particulars may be had from Bennie Miller.

Society Social Skits

SOLLY BERNBERG went to see "Three Smart Girls Grow Up" but he fell asleep as soon as the picture commenced. He must have dreamt about them.



But what caused Solly to fall asleep?

LILY JACOBSON and MEYER MANASEWITZ went for a drive to Kensington after the Newspaper Evening.

To use Lily's own words, "A change is the spice of variety".

I learn that PHILLIP OZINSKY is making application under the Aliens Act for the change of his name to PHILLIP O'ZINSKY. I presume he is a keen sympathiser with the Irish Republican Army



ARTHUR JOFFE has been calling at Clarens Road, Woodstock very frequently. During last month he took her for a 200 mile drive into the country.

I think Arthur is serious this time.

Every day a political meeting is held outside George's Cafe at the bioscope. I am given to understand that PORKY LEVIN and SAM BERMAN are

vieing for the Mayorship of Kensington.

I wonder if MYER KRAMER who says that he likes girls merely for their company really thought it was worth while visiting his girl friend in Town, miss the last bus and have to come home in the early hours of the morning with a caboose?

At least one member of our newly-formed Hebrew Class has thought of an original way of making our members learn Hebrew. She suggested to me that in future I write my column in Hebrew. A very good idea indeed! All I need now are a couple of interpreters to volunteer their services.

The Wandering Jew

AUSTRIAN AND POLISH JEWISH RELIEF FUND.

We have been asked to acknowledge the following further contributions to the above fund:-

Previously acknowledged.	£47. 8.0.
Mr. B. Joffe.	1. 1.0.
Misses R. & S. Urdang.	1. 1.0.
Mr. I. Schwabsky.	10.6.
Mr. B. Katzeff (Total donation)	
(£3.5.0.)	<u>2.0.</u>
	<u>£50. 2.6.</u>

This fund is now closed.

THE MAITLAND YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

The first anniversary of the society was celebrated by the members on Saturday the 29th and Sunday the 30th April.

On Saturday evening Mr. W. Sebba discussed "Life in Eretz Yisrael" and illustrated his talk with a number of slides. Many interesting facts were gathered and an altogether happy evening was spent.

On Sunday morning an exciting and well attended table-tennis tournament, arranged by the Sports-Sub-Committee was held. Nearly thirty players participated. After a thrilling tussle between Messrs. J. Kramer, M. Lang & J. Joffe, the former emerged victorious and was awarded a ping-pong bat as prize.

On Sunday afternoon the members again gathered at the hall. Before any serious work, they participated in some games. Thereafter Mr. Fish delivered a short and pointed lecture which dealt with the Jewish Problems generally and the attitude we should adopt towards them. He hoped that the members would take a greater interest in Jewish and society matters.

No function or meeting was held during the seven weeks of Sefirah. Our bi-annual elections will be held very shortly and it is hoped that the new committee will do more cultural work.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Is it true what they say about J. Ozinsky?

Has the age of horses come back, Skivvy?

How's the heartbreak, Jacob?

Has N. Rosenbloom found something to keep her away from meetings at last?

And what has happened to Bessie, Zaltz?

Why does Mr. Katzeff come to the hall so early on Thursdays?, fired with hope?, or just burning with zeal?.

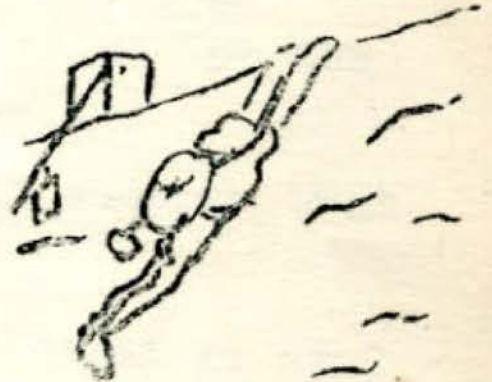
WOULDN'T YOU MAKE YOUR MIND UP?

Careful you lads look where you go
 For danger lurks here don't you know?
 Beware of that dreadful, wily deceiver,
 His name - It is the French Blood Fever.

It seized "the Law" one lovely night,
 He was asked to stand amid delight,
 And in a hall that was deathly still
 Like a blushing bride he said "I will".

Poor old Proff he got it bad
 He suffered for a month, ye gad!
 Until he no longer could remain
 Labouring under such a strain.

On Fanny next it made a
 claim,
 She stuck it for two weeks
 - Poor dame,
 And then gave up the bat-
 tered chair,
 For the fresh sweet Table
 Mountain Air.



Now Issy's trying hard to quench
 The thirst of the monster that swal-
 lowed the wench.
 So let us all hope he is able to stick
 And make up for those who couldn't do
 the trick.

So listen boys don't you
 despair
 You'll get your turn to
 sit in the chair
 And if they keep on going
 at the present rate
 You'll receive your ap-
 pointment at any date.

PLEASE KEEP IN LINE



So Issy make way there and let the
world see

That every one of us a chairman can be
And won't it be fun if by the following
meeting

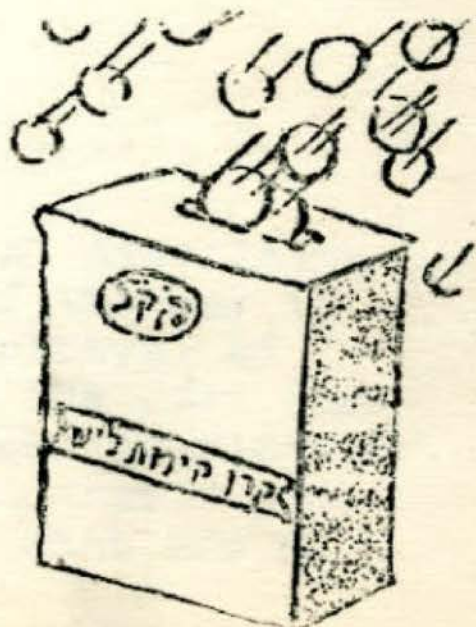
A dozen ex-chairmen in a row will be
sitting.

BARNEY SEIDLE.

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DO YOU KNOW? - - - - - by JACO.

- (1) That the fundamental aim of the Jewish National Fund or Keren Kayemeth L'Yisrael (established in 1902) is to buy land for the settlement of Jews?
- (2) That WE in the Galuth will require that land more than the Yishuv?
- (3) That the first necessity therefore is LAND, and still more Land, and that only then can we Build?
- (4) That it is our duty to invest money in Eretz Yisrael and to support the J.N.F.?
- (5) That we can do so in our own little way:- by putting a ld in the Blue Box every day (an extra penny for Yomim-Tovim and Simchoth), by using J.N.F. stamps ($\frac{1}{4}$ d each) on all our private and society letters, by



using K.K.L. post-cards and by giving trees as presents or tokens of appreciation of Zionist work?

(6) That on occasion of a Brith or Barmitz-vah that boy's name can be inscribed in the Sefer Hayered (literally Boy's Book), the proceeds of which go to the K.K.L?

(7) That prominent men and women and great events are inscribed in the Golden Book, Jewry's Roll of Honour, which is also a branch of the J.N.F?

(8) That, despite 33 months of riots and economic stress, 26 new settlements were established on J.N.F. land since April 1936?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

WHITHER ?

The Editor,
The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

Reaction, chauvinism, racial discrimination has now become the order of the day in this world of curs. Wholesale betrayal of smaller National States and now the Jews (see the latest White Paper), have been overlooked and acquiesced by the larger democratic powers. What is our position, and what are we to do in these circumstances ?

Events in Europe have shown that anti-Semitism is only given birth to when a new

social order, called Fascism, is introduced. Hence the natural deduction is that even if one has a National Home, with diplomatic representatives at every port of call, and with further diplomats at the now non-existent League of Nations, the Jewish question will not be eased one iota. Thus if Danzig falls before this is published approximately 120,000 Jews will be exterminated. The same applies to all Balkan States. Again if Hitler puts into effect his policy as outlined in his "Mein Kampf" no less than 5 to 6 million Jews will share the same fate as befell their Austrian, Czech and German brethren.

Coupled with these unbelievable circumstances, is the fact that Fascism is also at our door. It would therefore be a far saner policy to face our foe now than to run away and try to consolidate our much-weakened forces in a "spot" in the East. In fighting Fascism here, whether by supporting anti-Fascist political parties, or by assisting other minority sections e.g. Poor Whites or Non-Europeans, who are already feeling the axe of Fascism, or by joining up the various societies for the maintenance of Democracy and for the opposing of the return of colonies to Germany, we will not only be saving ourselves from the fate which so many Jews have met, but we will also be putting a halt to this tyranny and injustice, so prevalent in the world today.

MAX BLEDIN.

Main Road,
MAITLAND.

(Due to pressure of space the reply to this letter will appear in our next issue - Ed.)

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