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WHAT OF OUR SCHOOLS?

Use of Trust Assets

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE

Sir.—Your leader "What of our Schools?" (in your issue of last week) rightly draws attention to a matter of great importance to the Jewish community...

In your issue of October 30, 1953, you reported a letter from Dr. S. Schonfeld to the Chief Rabbi in which he had refused Rabbi Brodie's invitation to a conference...

DISPOSITION OF ARABS IN ISRAEL

High Court Judgment

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE

Sir.—The Supreme Court of Israel, sitting as the High Court of Justice, has recently given a judgment with regard to the dispossession of an Arab cultivator in Israel...

The application in this case was made on behalf of an Arab resident in an Israeli village whose lands had been confiscated and registered in the name of the Development Authority of the Government...

The applicant was granted an Order nisi by the High Court. But when the case came up for argument before the Supreme Court, the order was discharged and the Government title confirmed.

For the applicant it was argued that the issue of a certificate was a quasi-judicial act and therefore the parties concerned, i.e., the owner of the land, should have been given an opportunity to appear and to state his case.

A much-respected commentator in the JERUSALEM POST has courageously criticised the judgment of the Supreme Court,

HEBREW COURSES IN ISRAEL

Dates of Kibbutz-Ulpanim

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE

Sir.—The attention of your readers is drawn to the special facilities offered to immigrants and tourists to Israel to learn Hebrew in congenial surroundings at the Ulpanim (residential Hebrew courses in Israel).

The Ulpanim are arranged to meet the standards of the English-speaking people. Several hundred students have already passed through these Ulpanim and have acquired a working knowledge of Hebrew which enabled them to obtain suitable employment.

The next Kibbutz Ulpanim are due to start on May 2 at Haseleim; June 15 at Shifayim; and on July 15 at Ma'ale ha-Hamisha.

Inquiries and applications should be addressed to the Aliyah Office, 77 Great Russell Street, W.C.1, or to Patwa, 65 Southampton Row, W.C.1.

Secretary, Aliyah Office for Great Britain and Ireland.

BEHAVIOUR AT FUNERALS

Hurt Feelings of Mourners

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE

Sir.—Your correspondent, Mr. S. Miller (in your issue of April 21), deplors the lack of good manners by some of our coreligionists at theatres and other places of entertainment, but he charitably refrains from referring to their churlish behaviour in other places.

Mr. Miller makes a passing reference to the perennial subject, "indecorum in the House of Prayer," but he says nothing of the sacrilegious acts committed in the House of God, where one's feelings are outraged by those who congregate outside the mortuary chapel before the appearance of the officiant and later in the procession to the graveside, carry on their conversation with utter disregard of the solemnity of the occasion, or of the feelings of the mourners.

The evil might be mitigated were the superintendents of cemeteries held responsible for the maintenance of decent behaviour at funerals.

Best manners are to be expected in the ill-bred, but when manifested in holy places they are attributable to Godlessness.

H. L. DAVIS, 116 Sutherland Avenue, London, W.9.

Dr. L. COMYNS, J.P., was recently elected councillor of the Borough of West Ham.

The London Board and the Jewish Secondary Schools Movement would have representation, subject to the approval of a scheme by the Minister of Education, and that the London Board, with the Chief Rabbi's approval, made strenuous efforts to formulate a scheme which it was considered would be for the benefit of the community in general.

The London Board has obviously no power to force the issue and any attempt to do so would be both ill-advised and futile.

The community must share your natural anxiety that proper use should be made of the Trust assets at the earliest possible moment, but having regard to the Trustees' own negotiations, it is difficult to see what further or other reply the Chairman of the London Board could have given to the questions put to him at the last meeting.

I. H. LEVY, 1 Laurence Pountney Hill, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

UNITED SYNAGOGUE PRESIDENT

The Hon. Ewen Montagu was not quite accurate when he stated at the last meeting of the Council of the United Synagogue (reported in your issue of April 2) that he was the youngest President of the United Synagogue to be elected (on his 32nd birthday).

The Technion Society of Great Britain and the British Committee for Technical Development in Israel have moved into new headquarters at 39/41 Juxon Street, Wigmore Street, W.1. The new telephone number is Hunter 0356/7.

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DISTRIBUTION OF RECOMPENSE

Broken Promises Alleged

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE

Sir.—In your leader of March 26 you rightly state that the Jews from Germany, whose property was the first to be taken and whose cultural institutions were the first to be destroyed, have a special claim for material and cultural rehabilitation.

As to the Claims Conference, you will agree, Sir, that we would not act in conformity with the responsibility we feel towards our brothers in need if we accepted such measures as final.

A spokesman of the Council suggested that this action was taken after the project submitted by our Council had been thoroughly investigated.

According to the same spokesman, the Jews from Germany wish to receive a higher standard of assistance than other Jewish victims of Nazism.

The German funds for which the Conference act as trustees are not meant to relieve the existing Jewish organisations of their current liabilities.

As to the further contention of the spokesman that our Council's application for Britain was overlapping with the proposed refugee programme to be carried out from the funds of the Jewish Trust Corporation, these funds might be just sufficient to accommodate 100 old and infirm people in the next few years.

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TRAVEL NOTES

More Group Holidays

By "Green Flag"

Mr. Norman Sosner, of Apal Travel, Ltd., 50-51 High Holborn, W.C.1, sends me his new brochure which includes details of many interesting group holiday opportunities, many of which take place in Greece, cruising for eight days in the Adriatic, and a number of free-lance holidays on the French Riviera.

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ACHAD HA'AM'S MORAL OUTLOOK

His Doctrine Challenged

To the Editor of THE JEWISH CHRONICLE

Sir.—May I complete your report of my lecture on Achad Ha'am, which appeared in your issue of last week? I explained in some detail that (1) however much we may admire Achad Ha'am's moral outlook, we must realise that the theoretical foundation of his doctrine is both false and dangerous.

(2) This foundation is the conventional sociological one, and it cannot yield the absolutes (e.g. absolute justice, or the absolute commitment of Jewry to the moral law) assumed by Achad Ha'am.

(3) The generation brought up on Achad Ha'am accepted his general theory.

(4) Achad Ha'am himself stuck to his moral outlook, and on the occasion of one of the early instances of so-called retaliation published a letter to the press (which I read in my lecture) denouncing and repudiating the new spirit, and ending with the Talmudic sentence: "If this is the Messiah, let him come and may I see him!"

(5) Achad Ha'am added fuel to the moral treason of the Jewish intelligentsia by giving an account of Judaism as resting on a justice severed from love; and

(6) Achad Ha'am effectively led to the identification of the God of Judaism with the "national creative power" of Jewry or even the "national will to survive."

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