

Historic Events In The Life Of Northern Rhodesian Jewry

(From Our Rhodesian Correspondent)

MUFULIRA, Saturday.

FRIDAY, the 19th July, and **Sunday**, the 21st July, 1946, marked two historic events in the life of the Jewish people in Northern Rhodesia, and particularly the Copperbelt Jewry. During these two days two more new synagogues were consecrated; one in Nkana-Kitwe and the other in Mufulira, thus making a total of four.

The first synagogue in this country was built a quarter of a century ago in Livingstone and the second in Lusaka in 1942. One more House of Worship is in the process of erection in Ndola and it is expected to be completed in time for the High Festivals.

Never before has Nkana witnessed such a gathering of Jewish people to participate in an event as that on the day of the consecration of their synagogue. About 200 people attended the ceremony. Jews from Mufulira and Ndola arrived specially for the occasion.

The Governor of N. Rhodesia was represented by the District Commissioner of Nkana and the

heads of Churches of several denominations were present.

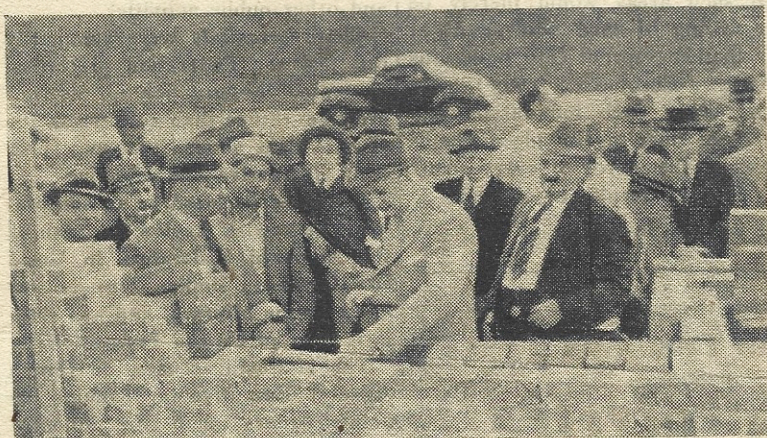
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The Rev. M. Konviser, B.A., F.R.G.S., came by plane from Salis-

must be destroyed where... advocated volk's government. choice in the immediate future was between a United Party or H.P. Government. The H.P. was only a means to an end and support of the party to make it a more efficient instrument was a duty demanded by S.A.'s highest interests.

ERIC LOUW ON CO-OPERATION

"There is only one satisfactory and durable form of co-operation, and this is for all national-minded Afrikaners to give their support to the Nationalist Party which is the acknowledged fighting force of the volk," declared Mr. Eric Louw, M.P., at Montagu. The party system had its shortcomings but no better method had been discovered. The recent history of Germany and Italy showed that when the dictator fell and the authoritarian State disappeared, chaos followed. The



Mr. Uri Illion, President of the Mufulira Jewish Community, laying the foundation stone of the Mufulira Synagogue and Community Hall.

lives during the War, and mentioned that a Holy Scroll was being presented to the Nkana Synagogue by Mrs. M. Davis in memory of her son who lost his life on active service.

After the ceremony the gathering adjourned to the adjoining Community Hall, where they were welcomed by the President of the Nkana-Kitwe Hebrew Congregation, Mr. M. Gersch. Refreshments were served during which speeches of good-will and best wishes were delivered by the delegates of the various Nkana Churches and the Representative of the Governor of N. Rhodesia. These were ably answered by the President of the Nkana-Kitwe Hebrew Congregation, Mr. M. Gersch.

bury to perform the ceremony.

After having introduced the Holy Scrolls to the new synagogue, the Rev. Konviser declared it officially consecrated and the Friday evening service was held. This was followed by a most impressive sermon delivered by the Rev. Konviser.

In it he dwelt on the importance of the synagogue in the life of the Jewish Community throughout the ages, on the destruction of thousands of Houses of Jewish Worship and Learning in Europe during the Second World War and on the freedom enjoyed by Jewry in the English-speaking countries.

In connection with the latter the Rev. Konviser paid high tribute to the three members of the Nkana Jewish Community who lost their

At 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 21, the Rev. M. Konviser consecrated the Nkana-Kitwe Jewish Cemetery.

The Federal weather

5. Rhodesia
It will be fine and warm over most of the Territory but partly cloudy and mild in the east and south-east.