

# DRAFTED JEWS HAILED AS HEROES OF OPPORTUNITY

## Fifteen Men Congratulated by Relatives and Friends at Reception.

Fifteen young men between the ages of 21 and 31 were guests of honor last night at a farewell demonstration given them in Maccabee's hall by the Jews of Duluth. The men have been drafted into the National army and will leave Duluth this week.

For the Jews in the hall it was at once a farewell and a solemn dedication to the cause of freedom for all races. Parents were there and relatives, neighbors, friends and sweethearts, celebrating with solemn joyousness the call for the young men to the front.

A few women wept. Mothers offered their sons to their country and withdrew objections which have barred them from enlistment. Wives cheered their husbands, sweethearts their lovers.

### Glory of Duty.

Old men, some with flowing beards, neighborhood counsellors and the fathers of the young men who were called, spoke at the meeting. They spoke not of the vacant chairs at home to be left behind, but of the glory of duty.

The speakers referred to the noble cause and of the material result to their race of a victorious war whose end will mean freedom and equality for all. They told of the willingness of those at home to take up the burdens of the ones who are called. In the tone of the speeches conscription was not a burden, but a sacred honor to country and race. The boys were spoken of, not as victims of chance, but heroes of opportunity.

### Are Ready to Fight.

There were talks by the young men who have been called. They told of their readiness to go. Many of them had been willing to enlist before, but mothers, anxious not to lose their sons until the necessity came, had pleaded with them to wait, and true to the traditions of their race, they had obeyed.

Last night, with the call announced, they declared they were ready. Only a few had claimed exemption and only in cases of great necessity and in each case the claim was allowed by the exemption board.

Miss Rose Silk gave several patriotic solos. The principal speakers were Commissioner Bernard Silberstein, Dr. A. H. Schwartz, Abe Fieldman, M. S. Winthrop and Sigmond M. Slonim and Dr. Maurice Lefpovitz.

Members of the committee in charge of the affair are: H. Witz, David Weinberg, S. J. Sher, C. D. Oreckowsky, S. H. Kassmir, C. P. Meyers, H. Segal, H. Cassmir, Joe Wertelney and J. Chessen.

The honor guests were: Dr. Samuel Gross, Dr. M. R. Zack, A. B. Kaplan, Albert Bergstien, Jacob Flint, Phillip Brock, Louis Cominker, Arthur A. Friedman, Max S. Godron, Joseph Hurwitch, David Kaplan, Isadore Mendelson, George Winthrop, Abe Flint and B. T. Kenner.

The boys were presented with several useful gifts by members of the Duluth Hebrew Brotherhood.

Officers of the organization are: Robert Buchman, president; Harry Witz, vice president; M. J. Segal, secretary; Charles Lavent, treasurer; board of directors, David Weinberg, S. H. Kassmir, I. Garon, Meyer Kane and Charles D. Oreckowsky. Entertainment committee, Mrs. H. S. Kassmir, Mrs. H. Segal and Mrs. N. Goldfine.

Aside from Miss Rose Silk, the following furnished the entertainment for the affair: Mrs. Sol Goldberg, Harry Segal and Miss Mary Simon.