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A powerful study of a fallen soldier by the Hungarian sculptor Herman Wald, now living in Johannesburg. Thirty pieces of Mr. Wald's work are on their way to Welkom for the town's first art exhibition.

FIVE TONS OF SCULPTURE TO BE EXHIBITED AT WELKOM By a Staff Reporter

FIVE TONS OF CULTURE is on its way from Johannesburg to Welkom. The citizens of the Free State gold-mining town are looking forward to its arrival.

The consignment--30 pieces of sculpture in bronze and stone---will form the first exhibition ever held in the town.

The man behind this travelling exhibition is Mr. Herman Wald. the Hungerian sculptor and artist. who settled in the Union about 20 years ago.

In his bright, airy studio in Parktown North yesterday he showed me some of the pieces he is sending to the exhibition and told me of his one-man campaign "to bring Mahomet to the mountain."

tain." "I was very impressed with Welkom when I first saw it. Indeed I consider it one of the most beautifully laid-out towns in the Union. I could not help thinking that I must do something towards beautifying the town and decided the best thing I could do would be to provide its first sculpture exhibition."

Some of Mr. Wald's best work, including a delicately worked head of Einstein the scientist, will be on show.

POWERFUL STUDY

His finest work, however, he must leave behind as he found it impossible to send it by road owing to size and weight. It is a pawerful study of a fallen soldier. The larger-than-life-size figure speaks eloquently of the power of man and the futility of war. The left hand stretches out to clutch at a cross. The right arm grasps a broken sword.

By bringing his exhibition to an area as yet untouched by creative art Mr. Wald hopes to spread his doctrine that in these times of scientific development and domination culture is more important than ever as a means of counterbalancing ethically man's technical achievements.

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