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ZIONIST CONGRESS CLOSES WITH WEIZMANN TRIUMPHANT;

Ussishkin Eliminated; Louis Lipsky On Executive

SOLEMN PROCLAMATION TO WORLD AND ARABS

A Difficult But Good Congress, Says Sokolow.

Carlsbad, August 20 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). After a session which lasted from sundown Saturday until 5 o'clock Sunday morning, the Thirteenth World Zionist Congress came to a close with the election of the Executive as championed by Dr. Weizmann's adherents on the Standing Committee. The victory of the Weizmann following came after a whole night of stormy discussion in which the retention in the Executive of M. Ussishkin as Director of the Palestine activities was the central point of conflict.

The Weizmannistes demanded the elimination of Mr. Ussishkin, insisting that as the opponent of the proposed reorganization of the Zionist forces and the general opponent of Dr. Weizmann's political policies, his presence in the Executive would only tend to bring discord and retard its activities. Supporters of M. Ussishkin contended that, as the veteran bearer of "the national idea" he was entitled to remain in the Executive.

When Dr. Robert Stricker at 4 A. M. mounted the platform to present the findings of the Standing Committee on the Executive nominations, the Gruenbaum following, knowing the nature of the report in advance, left the convention hall in a body. Finally when Dr. Stricker brought in nomination of Dr. Weizmann for President of the Organization, a storm of applause broke out. Dr. Weizmann was not in the hall at the time and efforts to find him proving unavailing, reports spread that he contemplated resigning his victory.

Notwithstanding, Dr. Stricker then continued with the recommendations of the Standing Committee, presenting the name of Nahum Sokolow for President of the Zionist Executive. The nomination of Sokolow was also greeted with vociferous applause.

As members of the Executive which will have its offices in London, Louis Lipsky, head of the American Zionists, Dr. Solowitchick, formerly Lithuanian Minister for Jewish Affairs and Joseph Cowen, veteran English Zionist were named.

The Jerusalem members of the Executive are Dr. Athur Ruppin as colonization expert, Colonel Kish, as political representative, Dr. Van Vriesland, former treasurer of the Executive, Professor Pick as representative of the Mizrahi and J. Sprinzak as representative of the Hitachduth of the Zeire Zion. For the Economic Council, with voting rights in the Executive on economic questions, Izhek Naiditch, Dr. Georg Halpern, Dr. Berthold Feiwei were named. For the Economic Council with advisory powers only, seven were named, ~~xxxxx~~ including Bernard A. Rosenblatt, of New York.

Five New Yorkers were included in the Actions Committee of Forty. They are: Herman Conheim, treasurer of the American Keren Hayesod, Ab Goldberg of the Zionist Administration, Jacob Fishman, of the Jewish Morning Journal, Morris Rothenberg, and Rabbi Meier Berlin, the Mizrahi leader. Others chosen members of the Actions Committee are Rabbi Fishman, Mizrahi, and the former member of the Executive, M. Ussishkin.

The nominations offered by Dr. Stricker were approved without dissenting vote, the Poale Zion and the Socialist Zeire Zion refraining entirely from voting and the Gruenbaum faction being absent during the balloting.

Ussishkin supporters started a demonstration when the Mizrahist, Dr. Nacht, deplored in addressing the Congress the elimination of Ussishkin from the Executive declaring that "one of our best men has not been chosen for the Executive". Dr. Leo Mitzkin, secretary of the Committee of Jewish Delegations, and Dr. Richard Lichtheim were also eliminated from the new Executive body.

A surprising feature of the voting was that the entire Mizrahi bloc, severly some strong, despite their previous strong fight on Weizmann, joined in solidly supporting the Weizmann slate.

Before the balloting, Dr. Hantke submitted a proposal that representatives of the Zionist finance institutions should act as advisers to coordinate the financial activities of the Zionist Organization. The proposal was adopted, as was also a proposal that the new Actions Committee of forty should be constituted in the same fashion as representation in the Congress is accorded.

A resolution proposed by the labor groups that only Zionists who have made good their obligations to the Keren Hayesod should be eligible for election to Congress was adopted.

A proposal to abolish the present practice of each of the various factions gathering their own Sheakim and substituting a united Shekal canvass was defeated, despite the heavy vote of the general Zionists in its favor.

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The following resolution, presented by Dr. Schalit on behalf of the Political Commission was adopted:

"This Congress hails the confirmation of the Palestine Mandate and the recognition that the nations of the world have given of the indissoluble ties that connect the Jewish people with Palestine. The solution of the Jewish problem is an act of simple justice and a prerequisite of world peace

"The Congress holds the revival and upbuilding of the East as a necessary step towards world reconstruction. The Jewish people is resolved to labor with all its might to become a part of the Eastern world. The Congress reiterates its contention that all communities in Palestine shall be accorded equal rights. The Jewish people will seek its utmost to obtain an understanding with the Arabs. The Jewish people are prepared to make the greatest sacrifices for its emancipation, believing that the world will understand and sympathize with its strings."

The Executive in the resolutions is also called upon to make plain to the public opinions of the world, and particularly of the East, the real aims of the Zionist movement.

A series of other resolutions were adopted, one declaring that the entire Jewish people was responsible for the fulfillment of the Zionist aims. Another calls upon the Executive to draw the attention of the British Government to deviations from the Palestine program as set forth in the Balfour Declaration and Mandate. It specifies that the British Government be made aware in particular of the injustice in the distribution of the land of Palestine, and that protests be also made against the immigration restrictions and of the failure to accord full rights to the Jewish communities therein.

The Executive is also called upon to demand that the Vaad Leumi be equipped with legal rights and with the powers to assess taxes on Jewish citizens for Jewish purposes.

It is recommended also that the Executive recognize America as a political center of Zionism. Thanks were also expressed to the American Senate and House of Representatives for passage of the Lodge-Fish resolutions favoring the Jewish Homeland.

In behalf of the Poale Zion and the Socialist Zeiric Zion factions, S. Kaplansky explained that they had not participated in the voting because they were not entirely in sympathy with the point of view of the majority. Kaplansky declared that the laborites considered the British Labor Party as the only dependable surety that the British promises would be put into action.

Bernard Rosenblatt of New York introduced a resolution protesting against the growing anti-Semitic movement and condemning in particular the "numerus clausus" agitation throughout Europe.

In closing the Congress, Nahum Sokolow declared "this has been a difficult but good Congress". Despite the many conflicts, there has been internal unity. As in 1897, when Dr. Herzl convoked the first Congress in Basle, we stand determined that Eretz Israel shall indeed become Eretz Israel. Proudly and worthily we take stand toward England, resolved to defend with all spiritual weapons our rights, determined that in Palestine we shall build a Hebrew national Jewry".

"We believe that it was necessary to introduce non-Zionists into the work of upbuilding Palestine" said Sokolow referring to the Jewish Agency, "but many of us have differed as to the manner in which this should be accomplished."

Sokolow defended the group division of the Zionists. "The right wing, the Mizrachi, defends the Jewish traditions; the left battles for the protection of the Jewish working pioneers. The conflicts merely reveal the strength of our organization. But we must observe certain principles. Friends and opponents alike, deplore the open violations in Palestine of the laws of the Torah. I reiterate that the resolutions which were adopted at the Twelfth ~~XXXXXX~~ Zionist Congress" on this point must be strictly carried out.

The Mizrachi applauded vigorously Sokolow's last remarks, but the Left wing voiced protests. The Congress was closed with the singing of the Hatikvah, after a short prayer by Rabbi Meyer Berlin.

TO ORGANIZE INTERNATIONAL RED MAGEN DAVID

Beirut, August 20 (J.T.A. A conference will be held in Berlin on August 27, at the invitation of the Provisional Central Committee of the "O.Z.E." in Berlin, with the purpose of establishing a Jewish World Union for sanitary relief on the lines of the International Red Cross. Questions of combating various diseases from which the population in Russia suffers, will form the main part of the agenda. Different sections of the conference will be occupied with the discussion of the methods of the campaign against tuberculosis children's welfare care, etc.

The Conference will be composed of the representatives of the "O.Z.E." organizations in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Rumania, Paris, London, Etc., of representatives of other Jewish organizations for sanitary relief, such as the "Toz" in Poland, the Hadassah, and the Kupath Hacholim in Palestine, the Maccabee societies in various countries, etc. There will also be represented the principal Jewish relief organizations.

SIXTEEN ARE VICTIMS OF BESSARABIAN MOBS.

Government Postoffice Refuses to Report Disturbances.

VIENNA, Aug. 19, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Anti-Jewish excesses lasting through the night occurred in the Bessarabian towns of Ungheni and Pittesti, according to radio reports from Bucharest received here. Sixteen Jews were wounded.

At Ungheni the Jews were innocently participating in a Maccabean sport festival when the hooligans broke in.

At Pittesti a garden party was in progress when the hooligans invaded. Windows in Jewish homes nearby were shattered and the homes also damaged otherwise.

The message conveying the news of the disturbances came by radio owing to the refusal of the government postoffices to accept telegrams reporting the disturbances.

AGUDAH CONSIDERS JOINING HANDS WITH MISRACHI.

Zion Cannot Be Gotten Through Politics, Says Rabbi.

VIENNA, Aug. 19. (Jewish Telegraph Agency) The question of joining hands with the Misrachi was discussed at yesterday's session of the ultra-orthodox Agudah Israel, Rabbi Rosenheim announcing that the Agudath Harabonim had sent a special delegation of Misrachi to the Agudath Israel who desired to negotiate an alliance between the two organizations.

Rabbi Rosenbaum discussing the question urged that the Agudah seek to enlist new members but expressed himself against the admission of other organizations.

Rabbi Perlmutter also spoke to the same effect interpreting the Biblical text, "Thou shalt now plow with an ox and an ass" as against the co-working of the two organizations.

Attacks on the regular Zionist movement were made by Rabbi Brauer, who declared that "the diapora would not be ended by political moves or by the will of a man, but would come only when the people returned to God and his Torah." Palestine, he declared, at present is as much part of the Goluth as any other country.

It is being proposed that a central body of 100 of the Agudah meet annually but that the "Kenisiah Gedolah" or larger convention be assembled only once in five years.

MARSHALL CALLS COUNTRY-WIDE CONFERENCE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20; (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) A conference of 500 prominent Jews representing all parts of the country will be held in New York October 7. The call for the conference was issued by Louis Marshall.

Among the questions to be considered are the development and financing of the Jewish Theological Seminary, United Synagogue of America and allied institutions.

JEWISH MILLIONAIRE'S BEQUEST TO ROUMANIA; HEIRS MAKE NO APPEAL.

BUCHAREST, Aug. 2. (J.T.A. Correspondence) The huge bequest of one milliard lei. (about \$1, 200,000) left by the Jewish millionaire, Jacques Elias, for Roumanian cultural and charitable purposes was formally handed over to the Roumanian Academy. None of the heirs appealed against the will.

The distribution of the Endowment Fund will begin in October.

ALLENBY TO GIVE HIS VIEWS ON ZIONISM.

Expect London Mail To Reach Jerusalem In Three Days.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (Jewish Telegraph Agency) Lord Allenby, High Commissioner for Egypt has been invited to give a report on the Zionist situation before the government commission appointed to inquire into the state of things in Palestine, according to information received here.

Prior to the advent of the present civil administration Lord Allenby, as commander in chief of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, was responsible also for Palestine which was then known as Occupied Enemy Territory Administration East.

The prospect of developing a speedy mail service between London and Jerusalem now seems assured. With the announcement that the airship service between England and Egypt will actually be started in 1924. With the inauguration of this service it is expected that mail from London will reach Jerusalem in three days.

Announcement was also made here today that Sir Herbert Samuel, the High Commissioner, who is now in Europe, has selected a site for the Palestine Pavilion at the British Empire Exhibition which will be held in London. The Palestine Pavilion will cover 5,000 square feet.

EVACUATION OF RUSSIANS FROM CONSTANTINOPOLE.

BERTIN, Aug. 2. (J.T.A. Correspondence) The head office of the United Jewish Emigration Committee here has made applications to the Angora Government to permit a special delegate to take charge of the work of transmigration of the Russian refugees from Constantinople.

The Angora Government has replied that the transmigration question has already been solved in agreement with the Jewish Colonisation Association (Ica).

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SENDS ROSH-HASHONA GREETINGS.

In Message to J.T.A. the President Extols "Wonderful National Culture, Leadership, Spirituality and Service."

NEW YORK, Aug. 20, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Through the medium of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, President Calvin Coolidge today sent Rosh Hashona greetings to American Jewry. The President, in his message, accompanied by a covering note from Geo. B. Christian, Secretary to the President, declares that the occasion is a "reminder of the debt which the modern world owes to the Jewish people and their national wonderful culture.

The President's message in full follows:

"The recurrence of Rosh-Hashona, the Jewish New Year, which this year falls on September 11th, is always a reminder of the debt which the modern world owes to the Jewish people and their wonderful national culture. The occasion is one of significance not merely to the people of the Jewish faith and race, but to all who have been the inheritors of some part in the splendid estate of leadership, spirituality, and the service which they have given to the world for the common advantage.

(signed) Calvin Coolidge".

NOTE: It is suggested that the Jewish weeklies print this message in their issues of September 7.

NATIONAL LEADERS TO AID JUDAISM.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (Jewish Telegraph Agency) A national conference of leading Jews to consider the condition of Judaism in this country, especially the Jewish Theological Seminary and its allied institutions, is to be held in New York on October 7, it was announced yesterday. The call for the meeting has been sent to 500 prominent Jews.

Those who have signed the call are Louis Marshall, President of the American Jewish Committee; Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Felix Warburg, chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; Judge Irving Lehman, pres. Jewish Welfare Board; David A. Brown of Detroit, chairman of the National Appeal for Jewish War Sufferers; the Rev. Dr. Louis M. Epstein, pres. of the Rabbinical Assembly; the Rev. Dr. Elias L. Solomon, pres. of the United Synagogue of America; Rabbi Max Drob, chairman of the Jewish Theological Seminary Fund; Jacob Billikopf, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Charities of Philadelphia; David M. Bressler, chairman of the New York War Sufferers Campaign; Sol. M. Strook, Henry A. Dix of New York and Sol. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh.
