AMERICAN ZIONISTS' PROPOSAL FOR EFFICIENCY EXECUTIVE MEETS DIFFICULTY

American Delegates are Urged to Name American on Proposed Jerusalem Committee; Leaders Wrangle Over Choice

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
Basle, Sept. 6.—Party and group leaders at the Fifteenth Zionist Congress, represented on the various committees were in the throes of several pre-election negotiations and discussions on the composition of the new Executive at the beginning of the second week of the Fifteenth Zionist Congress in session here.

The difficulties which have arisen were due mainly to the proposals brought by the American delegation, which insists on carrying through the reforms urged by American Zionists, viz: the election of a new efficient Executive in Jerusalem and the placing of Zionist activities in Palestine on a sound budgetary basis.

The American proposal was to the effect that the Jerusalem Executive be composed of a triumvirate, the members to be chosen on the basis of their expert administrative ability and not on their party affiliation.

This plan is being opposed by the Right and Left Wings at the Congress, the Mizrachi and the labor groups, who were largely represented on the previous Executive. The opposition is not only against the creation of the new Executive, but also against the numerical limitation. The difficulties were increased in view of the unhelpful attitude of Dr. Weizmann, who will in all probability be re-elected president. The three suggested for the triumvirate are Harry Sachar, prominent English jurist who is a resident of Jerusalem, Theodore von Friesland, Dutch Zionist and financier, and Col. Frederick H. Kisch, political representative of the former Zionist Executive in Jerusalem.

The finance committee continued its discussions yesterday, laboring under great difficulty because of the divergence in party opinion. The difficulty consisted chiefly in the lack of a detailed plan and the decision to reduce the budget, which prevents the committee from meeting the demands of the various parties. The political committee listened to enunciations of Dr. Weizmann who was questioned primarily on the economic policy. Abraham Tulin, American delegate, drew a comparison between the Zionist achievements in Palestine and the budget of the Palestine government, showing the Zionist activities to be greater than those of the Palestine government.

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JEWISH WOMAN LEAVES $350,000 TO LARGEST CONGREGATION IN JERUSALEM

Sephardic and Ashkenazic Communities Make Claim for Fund

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)
Jerusalem, Sept. 5.—Jewish congregations in the city of Jerusalem are eager to prove their numerical superiority as the proof of their numerical strength will mean the receipt of a large bequest.

The competition was started by the announcement made by the Palestine government that Lady Bellius of Hongkong, who died in July, left the amount of $90,000, the will providing that the sum is to constitute an endowment fund, naming the beneficiary of the interest on this fund the "largest Jewish congregation in Jerusalem."

The government of Palestine was named executor of the will.

Both the Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities of Jerusalem submitted claims that they dominate in numbers.

MARTHA INVITES STEUER TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE ON CHARGE OF FRAUD IN RELIEF FUNDS

Louis Marshall, president of the American Jewish Relief Committee, expressed his astonishment at the sensational charges made by Max D. Steuer on his arrival from Europe concerning the alleged existence of fraud in the administration of unnamed Jewish relief funds prior to 1925.

In a statement he issued to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mr. Marshall invited Mr. Steuer to communicate to the Joint Distribution Committee any facts bearing upon the subject to which he has referred. Mr. Marshall is ready, he stated, to call a meeting of the Executive Committee at the convenience of Mr. Steuer for the presentation by him of any evidence that he may have.

The statement also urged that judgment be suspended until trustworthy, first-hand evidence is produced to justify such charges.

Mr. Marshall's statement read: "I am astounded at the statement purporting to have been made by Mr. Max D. Steuer on his return from his trip abroad, with regard to the expenditure of funds collected in the United States by Jewish agencies for the relief of suffering Jews in Europe. He is credited with saying that the moneys collected since June, 1925, have reached the proper destination, have been received in good faith and have been administratively and economically administered but that the moneys contributed prior to that time have been administratively and economically administered and a substantial part of them have never reached those for whom they were collected and intended. He goes so far as to say a part of the money was actually stolen by American representatives.

"The principal collecting and distributing agency during the past thirteen years has been the Joint Distribution Committee and its constituent organizations. The moneys collected and distributed prior to June, 1925, for the relief of Jews in Europe have been received and disbursed under identical circumstances or the same circumstances as those which functioned since June, 1925."

"Apparantly Mr. Steuer is not speaking from personal knowledge. It does not appear that he has actually been

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GIVES QUARTER MILLION TO CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

Chicago, September 6.—A gift of $250,000 to the University of Chicago from Louis B. Kuppenheimer was announced by Vice President Frederick C. Woodward.

The money will be used to establish an endowment fund to be known as the Louis B. and Emma M. Kuppenheimer Foundation. The income is to be used for the study of the structure, functions and diseases of the eye, and for the support of teaching and research in the department of ophthalmology. The department has already been organized under the leadership of Dr. E. V. L. Brown.

Mr. Kuppenheimer's gift endows the first of the special fields of surgery in the new medical school as distinct from the department of general surgery. Among other gifts announced were those of General Abel Davis, who gave $1,500 and that of Mrs. Joseph Schiffner who gave $100 to be used for student aid in the memory of Jane Morgenthaus, a former student of the university, who died a year ago.

EXPLOITS Z. O. CONGRESS FOR ANTI-ZIONIST PROPAGANDA

(London, Sept. 5.—The Daily Express, continuing an anti-Zionist campaign, reported the proceedings of the Fifteenth Zionist Congress at Basle in a manner tending to show the failure of the Zionist movement.

Its reports, which were greatly featured appear under the following headlines: "Zionists refuse Israeli demands," "Major Lebanese leaders opposed to Zionism." The Express made the reports appear to be an indication of the failure of the Zionist movement.

Jewish circles interested in promoting health work among the Jews of Poland, will endeavor to form a committee to take charge of the work.

Mr. Sroscy was prominently connected with numerous welfare activities in Poland. The Order of the Cross of the Star was conferred upon him for his services rendered during several decades in the restoration of the Polish Republic. He took an active part in the patriotic Polish movement under the leadership of Marshall Pulaski and visited the United States a year ago with the mission of obtaining the liberal recognition of Poland in the United States.
DISCUSSION BY ZIONIST LEADERS AT BASLE CONGRESS SESSIONS CONTINUES

New Land Purchases in Palestine Made With Canadian Funds; Jabotinsky Explains How He Signed "White Book"; Mizrahiist Criticizes Agency

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Basle, Sept. 6.—Further enunciations of Zionist leaders representing the various constituencies on the present state of affairs in the Zionist movement and in Palestine were made at an extraordinary session called for Monday night.

The session was called to provide opportunity for those spokesmen of the various groups who could not participate in the general debate before Weizmann's reply, as well as to those oppositional leaders who desired to make reply to Dr. Weizmann's statement.

The session took place under the chairmanship of Rabbi Meyer Berlin and demonstrated a continued determination of the oppositional groups to oppose the Weizmann policy. Dr. M. Solowitschik of Berlin, representing the group known as Radical Zionists, expressed his group's disapproval of the policy of the Executive, which again will vote against the re-election of all members of the former Executive, he stated.

Richard Lichtheim of Berlin, Revisionist, read a statement in behalf of his group in which the external and internal policies, as well as the method of Palestine work of the Zionist Executive, were condemned. He stated that his group will vote lack of confidence in the Executive.

Vladimir Jabotinsky was given the floor to reply to Weizmann's question why he had agreed when he was a member of the Zionist Executive to accept Churchill's White Book which puts a new interpretation on the Balfour Declaration. Jabotinsky explained that he had given his consent under an ultimatum, when he returned to London from America and had had no choice in which to consider the proposal. He had to accept Weizmann's assurance "that the battle was lost" and because of his loyalty to Weizmann, he decided to share the responsibility of his colleagues. "I regret today that the undeserved loyalty is being exploited," he said.

The delegates listened with great attention to the paper read by Dr. Arthur Ruppin, Palestine colonization expert, on the subject of "The Problems of Palestine Upbuilding." He praised the achievements of the Palestine labor organizations, stating that they are a step on the road to economic policy. He warned against excessive pessimism among Zionists, recalling that the Zionist budget for Palestine in 1908 amounted to only $500. "In 1914 Zionists had not yet discovered America," he said.

Dr. Ruppin urged that the labor settlements be placed on a sound, self-supporting basis and that steps be taken to pave the way for a Zionist loan. He demanded that the Palestine government change the land taxation system.

M. M. Ussishkin, head of the Jewish National Fund of Jerusalem, announced that he had just received a telegram from Palestine that in the next few days the purchase of a large area of land, made possible through the contribution of Canadian Zionists, will be accomplished. He stated that the future of Palestine lies in the solution of the land problem. "The basis of Zion is the Jewish National Fund. The hopes placed in private initiative have not been fulfilled. The prospect that state lands will be given for Jewish colonization are small," he said. Mr. Ussishkin praised the action of the Canadian Zionists who have accomplished a great deal, standing the fact that they are only a handful. He expressed the hope that the Canadian land-purchase is not a mere episode, but will become a system. "Their achievement will be inscribed in the Golden Book of the National Fund," he declared.

The views of the Mizrahi, the Orthodox wing of the Zionist movement, were expressed by Deputy H. Farstein of Warsaw, one of the Mizrahi leaders. While declaring that his organization "will not place any obstacles in the way of realizing Weizmann's Jewish Agency plan," the Mizrahi spokesman had a number of grievances to voice.

"The Mizrahi will patiently wait the decisions of the experts commission, but it does not fail to realize that the Agency may become a calamity for the entire Zionist movement. The Marshall - Weizmann letters have caused embitterment and pain in the hearts of Orthodox Jews," he stated. "According to this correspondence, Palestine is to have no priority in Jewish life; it is being on the same level with Brazil or the Crimea. We are told to conclude an agreement concerning Palestine with these people and conduct a common activity in Eretz Israel. That means, to strike out Eretz Israel from our hearts and prayers.

"If this at least would mean a guarantee for the obtaining in America of the necessary funds, it might be all right, but even this is not probable," he added. "Without the Chaluzin, Palestine cannot be built, but the Chaluzin alone without the middle class will not be able to build Palesti-

TRANSJORDAN INDEPENDENCE TO BE RECOGNIZED, IS RUMOR

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Sept. 6.—Sensational reports concerning a new treaty between Great Britain and Transjordan, recognizing the latter as an independent state were published by the Arab weekly, "El Yarmuk."

The Arab newspaper publishes what is purported to be the draft of a treaty between Great Britain and Transjordan. The treaty provides for the recognition of Transjordan's independence under Emir Abdullah and for the creation of a legislative council at Amman. Great Britain is to provide adequate technical advisors for the Transjordanian government.

The treaty is to be in force for two years, the paper states.

FUNERAL OF MARCUS LOEW, FILM MAGNATE, THURSDAY

The funeral of Marcus Loew, who died early Monday morning will be held Thursday morning from his estate in Glen Cove. Burial will be at Mainziques Cemetery, Cypress Hills.

No estimate was obtainable of the size of Mr. Loew's fortune, but the extent of his interests and operations indicate it is a very large one.

In 1924, Mr. Loew bought "Pembroke," the late Captain Joseph R. de Lamar estate for an announced price of $1,000,000 and he is said to have spent several millions more on it since. In February of this year he was reported to be carrying life insurance of $5,000,000, being one of the nine men in the country insured for that much or more. His holdings are said to be concentrated in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures Corporation and Loew's, Inc.

The middle class has its idealism. We must take the Jewish people as it is. We cannot transform it through a chemical formula.

"The Zionist Executive is not free from blame for the conditions prevailing in Palestine. Weizmann is satisfied with the government's activities in the economic field, but the fact of the matter is that the customs policy, the railway tariff and taxation policy are strangling every industry in the country," he declared.

The speaker also urged that Zionist leadership appreciate the traditional Jewish element which is organized in the Mizrahi and do not ignore their wishes.

At the opening of the session Nahum Sokolow read a list of those Zinist workers who died during the past two years and the delegates paid tribute to the dead leaders by rising.
MARSHALL INVITES STEUER TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE REGARDING CHARGE OF FRAUD

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in any of the countries in which the great bulk of the funds collected was expended. He mentions no names. He does not identify his informants. He gives no details. He has been long acquainted with the officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee, and one would have supposed that the natural procedure would have been to have conveyed to them such information as he has, especially in view of his complimentary allusions to the manner in which they are now administering their trust. He would certainly have received the most respectful consideration and any information on so vital a subject as that of the honesty of the representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee would have been gratefully received.

This is the first suggestion in all these years that any of the representatives of this important organization has been dishonest. Considerations of justice and fairness would have prompted a method of communication devoid of sensationalism. There is nobody connected with the organization who would not have been grateful for such information, hearsay though it be, as Mr. Steuer or anybody else may perceive with regard to this or any other subject connected with the administration of the trust reposed in the Joint Distribution Committee.

“We respectfully invite Mr. Steuer to communicate to this organization any facts bearing upon the subjects to which he has referred, and to that end we are ready to call a meeting of the Executive Committee at such time as shall suit his convenience for the presentation by him of any evidence that he may have.

“The public is well acquainted with the men connected with the Joint Distribution Committee in an official capacity. Those who were sent abroad to distribute the funds collected are also well known and were chosen after the most careful investigation. During the first six years they rendered their service under the most trying conditions, at the risk of their lives. Two of them were murdered while in the performance of their duties. Others contracted typhus. The task imposed upon them was of a most trying character. The countries in which they visited were in a state bordering on anarchy. The people of the various countries in which these representatives served made no complaint, but gave the most eloquent expression of gratitude. Re-

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Govermnent. The committee on immigration determined yesterday on a budget of £17,000 which will be used for extending aid to the new arrivals and for maintaining a staff in Palestine and in European centers. The program provides for the admission of a minimum of 1,500 Chaluzim during the coming year.

The determination of the American delegates to carry through their plan was handicapped by the fact that they were unable to name an American to the triumvirate as was demanded by Dr. Weizmann. The carrying out of the American efficiency program without naming an American to put it into effect would be "Brandeisism without Brandeis," Dr. Weizmann is reported as having told the American delegation. He appreciated the Americans' attitude on the project, but expected them to delegate their own men to carry through the program. The labor groups and the Mizrahi have declared that they are opposed to the American plan but advocate a coalition Executive which would assume responsibility for the political and economic work. At this moment the Americans were induced to abandon their original triumvirate proposal and agree to an executive of four, it being understood that the fourth member is to be Dr. Arthur Ruppin, the Zionist colonization expert. Dr. Ruppin, however, has declined to accept nomination on the Executive.

The Committee on Committees has extended an invitation to Messrs. Sacher, Kisch and Friesland to appear before it and present their program. It was stated that Dr. Weizmann was persuaded to agree to an Executive of five in Jerusalem and it is understood that he will submit his list to the Committee on Committees today. In the meantime, many of the delegates are leaving Basle, including several Americans.

Simon Rief, prominent Baltimore leader, died Monday, aged 65.

Among the many projects with which Mr. Rief was identified were the Tal- mud Torahs and the United Hebrew Charities. He was a leader in the Zionist movement in Baltimore.

He was formerly President of Miech- kon Israel and B'nai Israel Congregation.