

FIFTEENTH ZIONIST CONGRESS IN BASLE EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN WEIZMANN ADMINISTRATION

Praises British Government as Mandatory Power But Censures Strongly Palestine Administration for Passive Attitude; Lists Reforms Necessary to Facilitate Progress of Jewish Upbuilding Work in National Home; Administration's Policy Up to Now Not in Accordance Either with Letter or Spirit of League of Nations' Trust, Congress Asserts in Resolution

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Basle, Sept. 9.—Confidence in the policy of the Weizmann administration of the international Zionist movement and in the good-will of the British government as the mandatory power in Palestine under the provisions of the Mandate of the League of Nations was expressed by the Fifteenth Zionist Congress at its session Friday morning in a resolution adopted by a majority vote following a heated debate.

While expressing appreciation for the work of the Palestine government the resolution contains, nevertheless, a censure of the policy of the government which it charges is not in full accordance either with the spirit or the letter of the Palestine Mandate due to the "Palestine administration's passive attitude toward Palestine Jewry and the achievements of the Jewish people in Palestine."

The resolution enumerates a number of demands to the Palestine government, particularly the adjustment of its taxation system, safety, industrial development necessary to facilitate the establishment of the Jewish National Home in the country.

The Congress closed its session today at six o'clock in deference to the Sabbath. The Congress will be prolonged by one session which will take place Saturday after sunset. At this session it is expected a new Executive will be chosen and the Congress will be adjourned.

The resolution submitted by the political committee of which Dr. Stephen S. Wise was the chairman and as adopted by the Fifteenth Zionist Congress read as follows:

GERMAN IS APPOINTED TO MANDATES COMMISSION

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, Sept. 10.—Ludwig Kastle, prominent German industrialist, was appointed representative of the German government on the Permanent Mandates Commission, in accordance with the decision of the Council of the League of Nations to grant a seat to Germany on the Commission.

Herr Kastle was formerly in German Southwest Africa.

"The upbuilding work done in Palestine under Zionist auspices for decades, especially since the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, has created the foundation for the Jewish National Home and thereby the Mandatory Power as well as public opinion of the world have been shown that the Jewish people are capable of performing the task and are determined to justify the grave responsibility imposed upon it by the Mandate.

"The Mandatory Power during this commencement period has restricted itself to establishing order and a working administration, safeguarding security and thereby creating two fundamental conditions for the sound development of Palestine.

"The Fifteenth Zionist Congress in session assembled at Basle regards it, nevertheless, as necessary to emphasize that the Palestine administration's passive attitude toward the

Yishub (Palestine Jewry) and the achievements of the Jewish people is in accordance neither with the spirit nor with the letter of the Mandate. The great value of the Jewish upbuilding work in Palestine, which is serving the whole country economically and culturally is no wise sufficiently acted up to by this attitude. The Mandatory Power has not given sufficient aid either to the settlement work or to the cultural work of the Jews. The elementary citizenship requirements in the fields of education, health, etc. of Palestine Jewry have not been satisfied by the Palestine administration to the same extent as it has been for the other parts of the population.

"With appreciation the Fifteenth Zionist Congress declares that the Palestine government has lately been interesting itself more strongly in
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FIFTEENTH ZIONIST CONGRESS APPROVES JEWISH AGENCY PLAN SPONSORED BY WEIZMANN

Reiterates Previous Decisions in Safeguarding Zionist Character of Palestine Work; President of Z. O. Must Always be Jewish Agency President, is Clause; Expects Other Communities and Groups to Join

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Basle, Sept. 9.—The plan for forming the Jewish Agency, sponsored by the American Zionists and having the support of non-Zionist Jews in the United States, was approved by the Fifteenth Zionist Congress in session here.

Notwithstanding the strong opposition which developed, particularly among the Zionist Revisionists and Radical Zionists, the Congress adopted by a majority vote a resolution which endorses the extension of the Jewish Agency to include non-Zionist Jews.

The Jewish Agency is recognized by the Palestine Mandate as a public body endowed with the power of acting in an advisory capacity to the Palestine government in all matters pertaining to the upbuilding of Palestine as the Jewish National Home.

The resolution as adopted read: "In accordance with the decisions of the Fourteenth Zionist Congress for the extension of the Jewish Agency

for the effective cooperation of all Jews in the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in the spirit of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate of the League of Nations, the Fifteenth Zionist Congress decides that the principal decisions adopted at the Fourteenth Zionist Congress held in Vienna are to be considered unchangeable and the basis for the work of the Jewish Agency, namely: the continuous strengthening of Jewish immigration to Palestine, the redemption of the soil as a national possession, agricultural colonization based on Jewish work and the development of the Hebrew language and culture are to be the foundations of the constitution of the extended Jewish Agency. Equally, it must be laid down in the constitution of the Agency that the president of the Zionist Organization in every case is to be the president of the Jewish Agency and all the members of the various organs of the Agency can in their absence be represented only by
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BRITISH LOYAL TO BALFOUR
PLEDGE. COLONIAL SECRETARY
RY STATES BEFORE S.A. JEWS
Foundations Good; Funds Necessary
to Tame Things Over

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Johannesburg, Sept. 10.—A reply to the criticism of the Zionist opposition leaders against the British policy in Palestine, voiced at the Fifteenth Zionist Congress in Basel, was made by Col. Leopold H. Amery, British Colonial Secretary, who is on a visit here.

In an address he delivered last night before a gathering of representatives of the Jewish community in South Africa, headed by the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, the British Colonial Secretary stated that the administration of Palestine "while it is anxious not to offend the susceptibilities or prejudice the interest of any section of the population, is apparently sincere and loyal in its determination to fulfill both the spirit and the letter of the pledges given by Lord Balfour to the Jewish people and repeated in the Palestine Mandate."

"These pledges are conscientiously being carried out by everyone holding office in the British government or a responsible position in the administration of Palestine," Col. Amery said.

Commenting on the present economic situation prevailing in Palestine, the Colonial Secretary declared that "the foundations which were laid for the building of Palestine are of the right type and sounder or later the superstructure which will be erected on these foundations will be a fair and noble one. However, the

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the affairs of the Yishub. It gave assistance in more cases recently. The Congress, nevertheless, finds itself compelled to establish regretfully that no basic change in the Mandatory's system is yet observable regarding active assistance in the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home. This is shown by various measures and ordinances lately promulgated which are designed to hinder the development of the Jewish settlement.

"With deep regret the Fifteenth Zionist Congress points to cases where the recent practice of the administration violated the basic rights and the vital interests and even the respect for the Yishub, such as the question of the frontier defence force, and the attitude of the Mandatory Power toward the Jewish Holy Places.

"The development of the Jewish people's upbuilding work in Palestine demands active support and the participation of the Palestine government in the spirit of the Mandate by creating special conditions and facilities for the settlers during the early period of their work. The economic development of the Yishub (Jewish settlement) demands especially the following reforms.

(a) "A reduction of the Warka, the occupation tax payable by the purchaser.

(b) "A reduction of the costs of the Kushans (land deeds) and that this should not be based on the purchase price.

(c) "To release the new settlements during the first year from the payment of the Osder (tithe).

(d) "To replace the tithes by a definite annual payment until the land tax system is reformed.

(e) "To exempt the new factories from the occupation tax for ten to fifteen years.

(f) "To speedily carry out the provisions of Article 6 of the Mandate

practical difficulties are very great because of the fact that Palestine is a small country and immigration to it is small, although it has been very high judging it relatively with the population and the economic capacity of the country.

"Undoubtedly Palestine is now passing through a very difficult economic period. The good beginnings made will need all the support they can get in the next few years. From that viewpoint, I warmly sympathize with the fund-raising activities carried on by the Zionists for the purpose of 'taming things over,' he declared.

concerning the granting of state lands for Jewish colonization. In cases where the borderlines between state and private property are doubtful, those parts of state lands which are beyond dispute should be allocated and the remainder held over for later decision.

(g) "More active support by the government for trade and industry, especially through the creation of better opportunities to develop new industrial undertakings.

(h) "To effect labor legislation in order that the rights of the workers be legally secured, especially a standard of wages, an eight hour day, and the protection of women and children workers. The government should also participate in the costs of an approved method of social insurance in favor of the economically weaker sections of the population.

(i) "A more proportionate engagement of Jewish workers at the proper wage rates on government undertakings, including the railways and government public works. A fair wage clause should be made a part of all government contracts.

(j) "Proper appropriations to be made from public funds for the medical and sanitary requirements in the districts inhabited by Jews.

"The Fifteenth Zionist Congress expresses its confidence in the Executive and urges it to present these demands and to defend our vital interests and our guaranteed rights. The Executive is further instructed to demand that the government, in effecting current programs for public works, take into consideration the state of the labor market and give the Zionist Organization every support in securing credits for upbuilding purposes, especially for amelioration works in the undeveloped agricultural areas.

"The Congress recognizes the value for public opinion in the Executive's information and enlightenment work done in the circles of the League of Nations and through the establishment of the Pro-Palestine Committees in various countries. The Fifteenth Zionist Congress hopes that the Executive will continue and extend this work in Europe and America and in the Arab and Moslem world.

"The Fifteenth Zionist Congress regrets that the Palestine government has formed a frontier force without taking into account the urgent representations and just demands made by the Jewish settlement, thereby violating the rights of the Yishub. The Congress demands that the Jewish Yishub be represented according to the just demands and requirements for the safeguarding of its national and religious interests. The Congress de-

D. C. STATEMENT REPLIES TO CHARGES OF MAX D. STEUER

Critics Quoted by Lawyer Had Praised Committee's Achievements; Leaders Chose Course of Service in Hour of Need Rather than Postponement Until Currency Became Stabilized.

The men quoted by Max D. Steuer as his authority for the criticism of the Joint Distribution Committee indulged in the most unqualified praise and approval of the achievements of the Committee, declared a statement issued by the Joint Distribution Committee over the signatures of Felix M. Warburg, Chairman, Herbert H. Lehman, Vice-Chairman of the Reconstruction Committee, and Paul Baerwald, Treasurer, replying to the charges made by Mr. Steuer on his return from Zurich.

The statement which gives a review of the entire work of the Joint Distribution Committee since 1914, lays particular emphasis on Mr. Steuer's charge concerning the alleged loss of 40 per cent. of the moneys forwarded to Europe prior to 1925 through the fluctuation of East European currency. The leaders of the Joint Distribution Committee declare that they were aware of the difficulties and chose their course with "eyes wide open," it being a question of either extending help in the hour of need or postponing it beyond time when any help from American Jewry to the suffering masses abroad would be needed.

"It is misleading to imply that money was lost or stolen either through carelessness, thievery or incompetence," the statement declares. "Not a cent of the money so generously contributed by America was lost or diverted from the real purpose for which it was given. Had the J. D. C. altered its work because of an inevitable currency depreciation during the time the Polish mark went from 800 to the dollar to 250,000 to the dollar, or had refused to give help to the needy simply because their loans probably could not be repaid when due, they would have been inexcusably remiss both in their duty to those whom they represented here and to those unfortunates whom they were trying to succor abroad.

"Fortunately, we of the J. D. C. appreciated the situation and refused to pursue the cowardly course, which would probably have saved us from

mands the participation of Jews according to their strength in all police, security and defence formations in the country.

"Palestine citizenship is a fundamental national duty and the Congress demands that every Jew living in Palestine accept this duty."

irresponsible criticism now voiced, but which undoubtedly would have meant the suffering and destruction of untold thousands abroad, and would have subjected us to the more serious charge of sacrificing the lives of those whom the Jews of America sought to save from starvation. Our work had to be carried on under conditions created by the unprecedented calamity which had overwhelmed Eastern Europe and which had destroyed its entire economic structure, and had isolated it from the rest of the world.

"To show that we chose our course with our eyes wide open, we beg to quote the following resolution adopted after full discussion and consideration by the J. D. C. in executive session in December, 1922:

"This Committee is now and has been since the inception of its work fully aware of the risk of depletion of its funds through a depreciation in the currency of the various countries in which we are operating, and through other causes. It has considered the matter from every angle and it has been faced with the following choice:

"1. 'To discontinue its credit activities until the currencies of the countries in which we are operating become stabilized, or

"2. 'To continue its work in the face of almost certain substantial loss or diminution of capital.

"It is felt that to postpone the work until economic conditions become so stable that there will be no longer wide fluctuations or depreciations in the currency would be both inconceivable and indefensible. Our funds have been given to the Joint Distribution Committee with the understanding that relief or reconstructive aid would be furnished at a time when such relief or aid was urgently needed, as is now the case. To postpone our work until the currency becomes stabilized would mean in all probability postponing it beyond the time when any help from American Jewry to the suffering masses abroad would be needed. Such help is obviously needed to-day in Russia, Poland, Rumania, Lithuania and elsewhere, and it is the opinion of the committee that there is no doubt as to its duty in offering such help as we can even in the face of almost certain very great losses or diminution in capital.

"This point of view has been publicly expressed by our Chairman on

LEAGUE COMMITTEE, IN CONFERENCE, CONSIDERS QUESTION OF REFUGEES'

Three Jewish Organizations are Admitted to Membership

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, Sept. 10.—Jewish organizations were represented at the International Conference of the Committee on Refugees Aid which is meeting here under the auspices of the League of Nations. Lucien Wolf, representing Anglo-Jewish organizations and Zvi Abersson, representing European organizations, were among the delegates. Three new Jewish organizations were admitted to membership on the Committee.

The Committee took up the legal aspects of the question of aid to Armenian and Jewish refugees as well as the problem of extending the protection of the League of Nations to the Staatenlose, men without a country, domiciled in European states.

These questions were taken up on the basis of a report submitted by Dr. Abersson.

Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, writer and pacifist, celebrated her fiftieth birthday yesterday.

Mme. Schwimmer received a testimonial letter signed by her co-workers during the World War which includes many prominent writers.

Dr. Jacob Grossman, former rabbi of Temple Beth-El, Brooklyn, was installed as rabbi of Temple Gates of Prayer, Flushing, N. Y., Sunday evening.

Many occasions at meetings and conferences of the Joint Distribution Committee, the American Jewish Relief Committee, and of gatherings of others interested in economic help abroad.

"We are proud of this decision made in 1922 and have no apologies to make of the course followed by the committee since that time. We know from our own investigations and from the testimony of thousands of those who have been helped abroad that the work has been thoroughly worthwhile, and that the staff here and abroad has brought to it devotion, loyalty and honest effort.

"Famine and disease and the hand of death could not be stayed until the financial downfall could be rehabilitated. We were confronted by a question of life and death and not one of making a good or bad bargain.

"The very men who are now quoted as the authority for the criticism now voiced by a single individual, who does not pretend to have personal knowledge, have, in the past, indulged in the most unqualified praise and approval of the achievement of the Joint Distribution Committee," the statement concludes.

LEAGUE COUNCIL GIVES APPROVAL TO MANDATE COMMISSION'S REPORT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Geneva, Sept. 10.—The report of the Permanent Mandates Commission on the situation of the mandated territories, including Palestine, which was adopted at the Commission's eleventh session held in July, was approved without discussion by the Council of the League of Nations. The Council also decided to send expressions of sympathy to the British government and to the population of Palestine because of the earthquake.

In its report the Mandates Commission declared itself satisfied with the information furnished by the British government, recommended the continuation of the policy of restricted immigration in accordance with the capacity of the country's absorption and asked for more detailed information on the development of the self-governing institutions. The Commission also stated that the memorandum of the Zionist Organization which provides valuable information calls for no comment on its part. The report of the Mandatory Power to the council raised in the Zionist memorandum were declared by the Commission to be wholly satisfactory.

SOCIAL WORKERS' SCHOOL TO HOLD 2nd GRADUATION

Dr. John H. Finley will be the principal speaker at the second Commencement Exercises of the Training School for Jewish Social Work, to be held at the Hotel Astor, September 15th, it was announced yesterday by Louis E. Kirstein, President of the school.

The class of 1927, the second group to be graduated from the school, includes ten students representing eight cities in the United States and one city in Canada. In the class are: David Arefzof, Brooklyn; Jeanette Arefzof, Winnipeg; Emanuel Borenstein, Dorchester; Lena Farber, Seattle; Samuel Levine, Weissport; Jacob Mirvis, Minneapolis; Esther D. Schwartz, Corvallis; Mary Joyce Siegel, Portsmouth; Rose Sorkin, Philadelphia and Janet G. Weisman, Minneapolis.

Felix M. Warburg is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the school, which was founded in January 1925. Admission to the school is limited to graduates of regularly accredited colleges. The course of study is over a period of fifteen months. Maurice J. Karpf is Director of the school.

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CALLS IRISH PRESS ATTACK ON JEWS 'MISDIRECTED ZEAL'

The anti-Semitic agitation raised by several Irish newspapers in connection with the showing of the Macrogoldwyn-Mayer film, "The Callahans and the Murphys" is disapproved by "The Monitor," Irish weekly of New Jersey.

In its recent issue in an editorial entitled "Misdirected Zeal," the paper states:

"The Jewish Daily Bulletin is right when in its issue of August 22 it points out the foolishness of turning the fight against 'Stage Irishman' photo plays into an anti-Jewish campaign. The Bulletin quotes from the Jewish Tribune, the Morning Journal and The Day condemning these plays and showing the Jews themselves have often been victims of like caricatures."

MEAD PRAISES PALESTINE AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Sept. 10.—Professor Elwood Mead of the United States Reclamation Service and one of the Jewish Agency Commission experts, expressed satisfaction with the progress made by the Jewish agricultural colonies in Palestine since his visit in 1923, in a statement he made at a meeting of the agricultural committee of the Zionist Executive.

Commenting upon the new purchases made by the Zionist agencies in the valley of Jezreel and in the Acre Bay region, he stated that the new acquisitions of land were valuable and important.

Congregation Kanawath Israel-Beth Shalom of Kansas City, Missouri will dedicate its new synagogue and school building during the week of Sept. 11. The new synagogue and school building were erected at a cost of \$400,000. The synagogue has a seating capacity of 1250. The banquet room can accommodate 500. The school building contains 14 class rooms, a library, a memorial chapel, the rabbi's study, the administrative office of the congregation.

The dedication of the new Avudale Synagogue Congregation Adath Israel, in Cincinnati took place yesterday afternoon. The Hon. Murray Seasonoff, the Jewish Mayor of Cincinnati, addressed the gathering. The dedicatory address was delivered by Dr. J. A. Neuman, Rabbi of Mikveh Israel Congregation in Philadelphia. Dr. David Philipson pronounced the invocation. Rabbi James J. O'Neil gave the benediction, and Rabbi Benaim Epstein made the dedication prayer. Mr. Samuel Glass, Chairman of the Building Committee, presented the building to the President.

The new synagogue and center has an auditorium seating 400, and was dedicated by Oscar Schwartz of Cincinnati.

Congregation Adath Israel, organized in 1947, is the oldest Orthodox congregation in Cincinnati.

SACRAMENTO SYNAGOGUE OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Sacramento, Cal. Sept. 6. — The seventy-fifth anniversary of Congregation B'nai Israel was celebrated here Friday evening. Its house of worship dedicated on September 3rd, 1852 was the first synagogue building west of the Rocky Mountains.

A large audience of members and guests, many of whom had come from other cities, attended the anniversary celebration. The principal address was delivered by Rabbi P. Magnin of Temple B'nai Brith of Los Angeles.

Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen of Temple Beth Israel, Tacoma, Washington; and Rabbi Michael Fried of Temple Shalom, San Francisco, both former rabbis of the Sacramento Temple addressed the gathering as did Bishop William H. Moreland of the Episcopal Church and Rev. Berkeley Blake, San Francisco leader in the Unitarian Church, and Peter J. Stiebel, judge of the Superior Court. Albert Elkus, president of the congregation made the address of welcome, and Rabbi Harold F. Reinhardt, the local rabbi, the concluding address.

Fifteenth Zionist Congress Approves Jewish Agency Plan

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permanent deputy members.

"In accordance with earlier decisions, the Fifteenth Zionist Congress avails with definiteness that the Jewish Agency will contain representatives of the chief Jewish communities in the world, chosen on a democratic basis and also to include representatives of organized Jewish labor. The Congress calls on the Zionist Executive to continue its negotiations with Jewish communities in various countries.

"The Fifteenth Zionist Congress takes cognizance of the appointment of the Joint Palestine Commission according to the Weizmann-Marshall agreement of January 17, 1927 and hopes the Commission's work will be successful."

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