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AMERICANS AT BASLE CONGRESS GAIN VICTORY IN ELECTION OF NEW ZIONIST EXECUTIVE

Triumverate Chosen for Jerusalem Administration; Dissatisfied Factions Declare Lack of Confidence; Congress Concludes Sessions

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Basle, Sept. 12.—Dr. Chaim Weizmann, leader of the international Zionist movement, was reelected president of the World Zionist Organization and Nahum Sokolow was reelected chairman of the Zionist Executive at the Saturday night session of the Fifteenth Zionist Congress which ended here late at night.

The reelection of the new Executive and particularly the composition of the Jerusalem Executive marked a definite victory for the proposal advocated by the American Zionist delegation and came after an all night session which lasted until six o'clock this morning. The deliberations were frequently interrupted to call caucuses of the separate groups to obtain their support for the American proposal.

Dr. Weizmann, president, Nahum Sokolow, chairman, Dr. A. Eder of London, Felix Rosenbluth of Germany and Louis Lipsky, president of the Zionist Organization of America, were elected members of the Zionist Executive in London.

Miss Henrietta Szold, honorary president and founder of the Hadassah, American women's Zionist organization; Harry Sacher, English jurist resident in Jerusalem and Colonel Frederick H. Kisch were elected as the members of the Jerusalem triumverate which was given wide power in the administration of Zionist affairs in Palestine. Miss Szold is the first woman to be elected to the Zionist Executive.

It was the difficulty to reach an agreement on the choice of the Jerusalem triumverate which held the congress in the throes of a crisis for over a week and called for the holding of a special session on Saturday

LUBAWITSCHER REBBE TO SETTLE IN LATVIA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Riga, Sept. 12.—Rabbi Schneerson of the famous Chassidic Chabad school will leave Soviet Russia and settle here, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent learns.

It was stated that the Latvian government has granted permission to the Lubawitscher Rebbe to come to Latvia.

night. The victory for the American proposal was obtained due to the fact that the representatives of the Palestine labor groups refrained from voting, thus making it possible for the American proposal to be passed.

The delegates of the Mizrahi, the Orthodox wing of the Zionist movement, the Zionist Revisionists, the Radical Zionists and several minor factions voted against the proposal. Weizmann and Sokolow were elected by a vote of 113 to 54, while the members of the Executive were elected by a vote of 83 to 62.

Following the announcement of the results of the election, the representatives of the Palestine labor organizations expressed lack of confidence in the new course of the Executive. The Saturday night session which witnessed the victory of Weizmann

BASLE ZIONIST CONGRESS CONCLUDES ITS SESSIONS; £632,000 BUDGET ADOPTED

Resolution Protests Against Anti-Zionist Persecutions in Russia
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Basle, Sept. 12.—The budget of the World Zionist Organization for the next two years as adopted by the Fifteenth Zionist Congress at its last session here Sunday calls for the raising of the amount of £632,000 (\$3,180,000) each year.

The Congress closed its sessions late Sunday evening following addresses delivered by Dr. Weizmann, who left before the conclusion, and by Nahum Sokolow.

The closing session took place in the Casino Hall where the first Zionist Congress was held 30 years ago. The session was under the chairmanship of Miss Henrietta Szold, American Jewish women's leader, the first woman to be elected to the Zionist Executive.

The Congress adopted a resolution protesting against the anti-Jewish persecutions in Russia and urging the Soviet government to release the Zionists held in prison. The resolution also expressed the hope that other Jewish organizations will join in this protest.

At a meeting of the General Council (Actions Committee) the Commit-

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tee of the American Zionists' proposal for an efficiency executive was held in an irritating, nervous atmosphere. The delegates, tired from the all night session and recalling the last moments of the Fourteenth Zionist Congress when the Zionist assembly disbanded without electing an Executive, and also under the pressure of the Palestine crisis, were anxious to avoid recurrence of the same situation as two years ago.

The victory of the Weizmann administration and the American Zionists' proposal which virtually introduces in Palestine a dictatorship of 3, eliminating party and faction rule, emerged through the labyrinth of political maneuvers common in democracies, through the persistent, tireless negotiation carried on by Dr. Weizmann. The situation changed from hour to hour, at one time it being probable that the new Executive would be elected by the center group in alliance with the Right Orthodox wing, and an hour later it became most likely that the Executive would be elected due to the vote, or lack of vote, of the Left labor wings.

The session was often interrupted to provide breathing space for the group leaders to drop old agreements and assume new negotiations.

At the beginning of the session the Congress voted on the proposals of the organization committee laying down the rule that officials of the Zionist administration should not be eligible for election to the Actions Committee. This rule would also include the officials of the Jewish National Fund, the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Colonial Trust. The labor representatives employed all methods of parliamentary procedure attempting to sidetrack this issue. They then introduced an amendment to the resolution to include in the

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PILICHOWSKI IS HONORED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Sept. 12. — Leopold Pilichowski, well-known Jewish artist, has been appointed by the French Government a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

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JEWISH TEACHERS SUMMER INSTITUTE ENDS ITS COURSE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 12.—The Summer Institute for Jewish Teachers, the first of its kind, closed its third annual session following a seven weeks course here. While the courses were given primarily for the teachers of the Associated Talmud Torahs, a constituency of the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Charities, invitations were also sent to the teachers of the Hebrew Sunday School Society, private religious schools, in and around Philadelphia, and to the advanced students of Gratz College. Sessions were conducted regularly each week day from 2 to 6 o'clock.

Of the 67 people who enrolled in the courses this summer, 43 were engaged in teaching. Twenty seven of the registrants were young women.

The courses offered included Hebrew Grammar and Composition, Biblical, Post-Biblical and Modern Hebrew literature and the Study of the Prayer Book. A course in music for Jewish schools, was also given.

Jewish history and a course devoted to the pedagogic aspects of Jewish education, were also given. The lecturers at the Institute included Dr. David Bethlachmy, Principal of the North Philadelphia Hebrew School; S. L. Blank, Instructor, North Eastern Talmud Torah; Meyer Cohen, Principal of the Agudath Achim Hebrew School; Abraham Handelman, Head Teacher Hebrew High School; Dr. Louis L. Kaplan, Director, Extension Activities; Joseph Levitsky, Principal of the North Eastern Talmud Torah, Instructor in Hebrew, Gratz College, and Ben Rosen, Director of the Asso-

FUR CHARITY CHEST EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX, TREASURY DEPARTMENT RULING SAYS

The Charity Chest of the Fur Industry was exempted from making income tax returns on the collections made by it, in an opinion handed down by the Treasury Department at Washington.

"The evidence furnished shows that the organization was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in 1925, without capital stock, to collect and distribute funds intended for charitable use; and that its actual activities consist of the collection of funds from individuals, firms, or corporations engaged in the fur industry in the City of New York, which funds are distributed without discrimination as to age, sex, color, or religious inclination to individuals, charitable or benevolent societies, organizations and associations found worthy and deserving of voluntary financial aid and assistance," the opinion read. "The fur organization was formed primarily to eliminate from the fur industry of the City of New York indiscriminate, continuous and annoying separate drives and solicitations for voluntary charitable contributions and to definitely create a charitable fund. No income is credited to surplus or may inure to the benefit of any private individual."

"The activities of your organization appear to entitle it to exemption under the provisions of Section 231 (6) of the Revenue Act of 1926."

"In accordance with this ruling, based on the evidence submitted, your organization will not be required to file a return for 1926 and future returns will not be required so long as there is no change in the organization, its purposes and method of doing business."

A threatening note signed "R.K.K." was received by Benjamin Cohen, manager of a co-operative camp Nigadagist, at Beacon, N. Y. The note warned the campers "to withdraw" from the vicinity of Beacon or "severe methods" would be taken. The note ended: "You know the methods and tactics we apply. We close with despise and hatred to you. R.K.K."

Leo Wolfson, President of the United Romanian Jews of America, returned from Europe. Mr. Wolfson was one of the delegates of the American Jewish Congress to the Zurich Conference. He also visited Palestine.

ciated Talmud Torahs. In addition the following special lecturers participated: Lou's Nushbaum, Assistant Superintendent Public Schools; Dr. Philip Borer, Director Department of Educational Research of Philadelphia Public Schools, and Samuel Berman, Principal of the William S. Pierce Public School.

MAX D. STEUER ISSUES NEW STATEMENT; ASKS J.D.C. FOR ACCOUNTING ON ITS FUNDS

Max D. Steuer issued another statement in which he demands that the Joint Distribution Committee make a public accounting of its collections and distributives.

"Where in that statement is the evidence to be found that a substantial part of the moneys that were transmitted were not diverted?" Mr. Steuer asks in his statement. "Where in that statement is the proof to be found that the whole of the money was devoted to the purposes for which it was sent? On the contrary, in my opinion, the inference from it may be drawn that even those who prepared the statement had knowledge or suspected that in the manipulation of the exchange a substantial part of the money that was sent over disappeared."

"Otherwise, what is the purpose of calling attention to the fact that in 1921, in the forepart of the year, there were 800 Polish marks to the dollar, whereas in 1923, in the latter part of that year, there were 250,000 Polish marks to the dollar?"

"If by that it is meant to convey that by reason of this fluctuation in the exchange, for which the members of this committee are in no wise responsible, bankers or others in these foreign countries were placed in a position such that by a manipulation of the exchange they were enabled lawfully or unlawfully, to enrich themselves at the expense of the needy, then let that fact be stated in unambiguous terms. Not only should the proof not be suppressed, but the facts should be given the widest publicity."

"I observe that in the statement the committee asserts it has no apology to make. None was asked so far as I know, and none expected. I have no apology to offer to the committee nor to any one else. I withdraw not one word of what I have said."

"When a trustee claims to have expended moneys consisting of trust funds he must account. Every donor is entitled not merely to request but to demand an accounting. I was a donor. I request an accounting," Mr. Steuer declared in his statement.

"The assertion made by me" he continued, "that I was informed that 40 per cent. of the money transmitted from the United States for charitable purposes to foreign countries had been diverted by European bankers by manipulation of the exchange was not hearsay. That is a statement of fact upon personal knowledge, which I could testify to in any court of law in any land."

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category of the ineligible also the officials of the Hadassah, the Zion Commonwealth and the United Palestine Appeal in the United States. When this amendment was adopted, the general Zionists introduced an amendment to include in this rule the officials of the labor institutions, Ha'mashbir, Solel Boneh and the labor bank. The labor delegates then offered a new amendment to the effect that the congress recognize in principle the ineligibility of Zionist officials for membership in the Actions Committee but refer the issuance of specific regulations to the Actions Committee.

This amendment was defeated on the motion of Vladimir Jabotinsky, the labor leaders exclaiming ironically that this was Jabotinsky's first victory at the Congress. The session was then interrupted for a meeting of the Committee on Committees which was to consider the proposal of an alliance between the center group and the Mizrahi, eliminating the Left.

While the negotiations were going on the session was reopened under the chairmanship of Kaplan, the Congress voting on the resolutions of the colonization committee. The vote was a very stormy one concerning the question of whether or not the Zionist colonizing agencies are to include individual contracts with the settlers or with representatives of their society, Nir, as advocated by the settlers and labor leaders. Several roll calls were demanded before the resolution was adopted calling for individual contracts. Berl Katznelson, labor leader, declared when the vote was announced that the labor groups considered the vote as having shown "deep hostility to labor" and has prevented an understanding between the classes in Palestine. "We pledge ourselves to continue to increase the power of Palestine labor," he declared.

Wrought to a high pitch of excitement, the labor delegates rose and sang Hatikvah, the other delegates joining in respect to the Zionist hymn. Suddenly Dr. Weizmann appeared, asking the chairman to declare a recess for half an hour. It was learned that the Mizrahi representatives in the Committee on Committees had declared the party's final decision to vote against the Executive and that Dr. Weizmann had undertaken new negotiations with the labor groups.

At 4:30 Sunday morning Dr. Motzkin reopened the session. The delegates waited with suspense for the

statement of Dr. Weizmann concerning the result of his negotiations with the labor groups. Weizmann, in his statement in accordance with Congress rule, outlined the program of the new Executive, it having been understood that the Palestine labor groups would refrain from voting, thus enabling the American Zionists' proposal for a Jerusalem triumvirate to gain a majority. In his statement Dr. Weizmann declared "that the apprehensions of the labor groups with regard to the proposed Executive have no ground and that there is no reason to consider this move as hostile to labor. The Executive recognizes the labor federation and its institutions as the legitimate representatives of Palestine labor. The Executive obligates itself to employ only union labor. The Executive will be bound by the budget as adopted by the Congress and wishes a free hand, within the limits of the statutes, to make reductions in necessary cases. The Executive will seek to coordinate the work and to effectively control, within the limits of the statutes, the Zionist funds, the Keren Hayemeth and the Jewish National Fund. In addition, the Executive will seek to raise, outside of the budget, a budget for unemployment aid on a large scale," Dr. Weizmann declared in outlining the policy of the future executive.

When Kurt Blumenfeld, chairman of the Committee on Committees rose to announce the list of the proposed Executive, M. M. Ussishkin, head of the Jewish National Fund, whose ire was aroused by the mention of control with regard to the Jewish National Fund asked for the floor. The chairman, Dr. Motzkin, refused him the privilege on the ground that there is no discussion during the vote. Ussishkin and other delegates protested that the Weizmann program statement was being accepted without a debate. "You want to overpower the Congress and to impose upon us a program without debate," Deputy Gruenbaum exclaimed.

It was finally decided that the debate be opened on Weizmann's statement. Ussishkin, who was then given the floor, attacked the new Executive and sought to safeguard the interests of the Jewish National Fund. "To not allow the new people to ruin the old and sound institutions," he appealed to the delegates. He charged that Harry Sacher, the proposed member for the Executive, has demanded a change in the statutes of the Jewish National Fund. He pro-

TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS EXTEND ACTIVITY; UNDERTAKE RELIGIOUS SURVEY

Extension of its program to increase religious activity among the Jewish youth was decided on by the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods at the annual meeting of the Executive Board held Sunday at Union Temple, Brooklyn.

A country-wide religious survey will be undertaken. Alexander Cahm of New Haven, Conn., Chairman of the National Committee on Propaganda, will be in charge of the survey. Questionnaires will be sent to 20,000 Jewish young men in various educational institutions and elsewhere. They will be asked to state frankly their attitude on Jewish religious activity.

A study will be made of the replies and the necessary program will then be outlined and followed in an effort to increase religious activity among the Jewish youth.

The establishment of a Brotherhood Month was suggested. During this period special services and lectures would be part of the program at the various temples.

The National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods now has 17,500 members and 108 subordinate organizations.

Roger W. Straus of New York presided.

tested against what he termed "surprises" and "secret negotiations," concluding his appeal "Save the Jewish National Fund, the only healthy institution."

Rabbi Berlin, speaking in behalf of the Mizrahi, supported Mr. Ussishkin. He charged that Weizmann has two statements in his pocket, one suitable for the Orthodox Mizrahi if the agreement would have been reached with them and one suitable for the labor group if the agreement is reached with them.

Deputy Gruenbaum attacked Harry Sacher as "a man unknown to Zionists who dictates his conditions wishing to play the role of a small Mussolini in Jerusalem." He exclaimed, "Beware of an Executive which had to be begged to take over the conduct of a ruined undertaking."

The debate lasted until six o'clock when the elections were held and the new Executive chosen. While the majority rendered an ovation to Weizmann and Sokolow, the opposition delegates heckled the leaders, declaring that they obtained only a small majority due to the retirement of the labor group.

There was, nevertheless, general satisfaction that the crisis in the Con-

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JUDGE CARDOZO DECLINES POST IN HAGUE COURT

Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals has declined the invitation of President Coolidge to be one of the representatives of the United States in the International Court of Arbitration at The Hague.

"I have declined not to accept the invitation," Judge Cardozo said at his summer home in Allenurst, N. J. "I reached this decision regretfully, but I felt that I could not undertake the work without conflict with my work as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals."

Judge Cardozo, who received no direct invitation from President Coolidge, said he had written to former Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, one of the American representatives in the Court, informing him that he could not take the place.

ANTI-SEMITIC PARTY EXISTS DESPITE GOVERNMENT BAN

(J. T. A. Mail Service)

Berlin, Sept. 1. — The prohibited National Socialist Party is still in existence in Berlin, the investigations carried out by the police in connection with the arrest of 450 National Socialists on their arrival from Nuremberg where they had been taking part in a Hitlerist parade, revealed.

The police searched the homes of twenty-six leading members of the Organization. A search was also carried out in the building where the prohibited party formerly had its offices. Much important material of an incriminating character was found, including receipts for membership subscriptions, which show that the organization is still in existence despite the Government prohibition.

JEWISH CENTERS TO CELEBRATE 'CONSTITUTION DAY'

The Jewish Welfare Board is taking steps for a widespread observance of Constitution Day on September 17th, when the 140th anniversary of the adoption of the constitution of the United States will be celebrated.

Constituent societies of the Board have been requested to arrange appropriate exercises, and for their guidance the Welfare Board has prepared a bulletin containing suggestions for a Constitution Day program, including songs, slides, motion pictures, and copies of selections in prose and verse.

The American flag will be displayed from all Jewish Community Center buildings on that day.

Rabbi A. L. Feinberg of Temple Israel of New York City has returned from a trip to Europe and Palestine.

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gress was averted and that a repetition of the Vienna Congress closing was prevented.

The result of the elections was announced with the dawn of the morning. Immediately the representatives of the opposition groups ascended the platform to submit declarations in behalf of the factions. Sharp words fell in the irritating atmosphere. When the labor groups expressed their lack of confidence in the new Executive, the opposition leaders charged them with insincerity as having come with belated statements. The labor leaders replied that it was because of their devotion to the vital interests of Palestine that they decided to give the Weizmann executive a fair chance and to save the Congress from a deadlock.

Berl Locker, speaking on behalf of the Poale Zion expressed dissatisfaction with the situation. His party has no confidence in the new course, he stated. He was frequently interrupted by the Mizrahi delegates. He concluded by saying "Labor will survive the concentrated attack of the bourgeoisie and will avert the danger threatening the Jewish National Fund." At this someone exclaimed, "You will succeed just as with the Jewish Agency."

Kaplan, speaking in behalf of the Hitachduth, stated "that the Congress was a disappointing one. The middle classes have broken down, labor will prepare itself to capture the Zionist Executive at the forthcoming Congress," he said.

Rabbi Meyer Berlin, speaking in behalf of the Mizrahi, expressed lack of confidence in the new executive which he termed "alien to the people, free of Judaism and without an economic program." His party, which declines responsibility for the new Executive, has voted unanimously against it, he stated.

Zalman Rubaschow, speaking for the Poale Zion expressed complete lack of confidence in the Executive, which, he stated was hostile to labor.

Dr. Arlissaroff attempted to read a declaration, but the delegates prevented him, several Americans exclaiming, "Enough time has been wasted. Where is the chance you promised the new Executive?"

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL CONFERENCE CALLED IN N. Y.

A conference of the United Palestine Appeal will be held at the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York, next Sunday morning.

One of the features of the Conference will be the report of the American delegates to the World Zionist Congress in Basle which has just closed. This will be the first official Zionist gathering at which such reports will be made, covering the decisions of the Congress in their effect upon the future work in the rebuilding of Palestine.

Morris Rothenberg, Acting President of the Zionist Organization of America, will preside at the Conference. Judge William M. Lewis of Philadelphia, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, and Judge Julian W. Mack, Honorary Vice-Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal will address the conference.

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tee was reconstituted following the elections. Dr. Leo Motzkin was re-elected president of the General Council. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, H. Farstein, Kaplansky and Sprinzak were elected vice-presidents.

An Associated Press despatch from Basle stated. The Zionist Congress before its adjournment today received a message from Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York declaring that the incident which led to his withdrawal from the conference was "a thing or relatively small importance."

He assured the Congress that he would remain a member of the Political Committee and continue faithful collaboration.

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