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United Front Again Prevails in American Zionism as 33rd Zionist Convention Vests Z. O. A. Control in Coalition Committee of 18, 6 Administration Members and 12 of Brandeis-Mack Group

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cleveland, July 2.—The disunion in the ranks of American Zionism created at the Cleveland convention of 1921 when the Brandeis administration was ousted was replaced by a new spirit of harmony and good will at another Cleveland convention, the 33d, which closed here last night by turning the leadership of the Zionist Organization of America over to a coalition committee of 18, twelve representatives of the Brandeis-Mack group and six adherents of the present Zionist administration.

After waiting patiently for three days while the spokesmen for the two groups in American Zionism negotiated an agreement which replaced the Brandeis-Mack memorandum, the nearly 500 delegates burst into cheers when the coalition proposal was finally adopted. In addition to the committee of 18, in which control of the Z. O. A. is vested, the convention chose an executive committee of 40, divided equally between the two groups and a national council of 150, fifty to be selected by the Brandeis-Mack group. It was also decided that the next convention of the Z. O. A. should be held not later than December, 1931.

The report of the negotiators submitted at the afternoon session by Harry Freidberg of Kansas City presented the names of Israel Brodie, of Baltimore; Jacob de Haas of New York; Judge Julian W. Mack of New York; Mrs. Edward Jacobs of New York; Samuel J. Rosensohn of New York; Abraham Tulin of New York; Rabbi Louis I. Newman of San Francisco; Emanuel Neumann of New York; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland; Robert Szold of New York; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York and Dr. Nathan

Ratnof of New York as the twelve representatives of the Brandeis-Mack group.

The names of Louis Lipsky; Abraham Goldberg of New York; Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati; Judge William M. Lewis of Philadelphia; Morris Rothenberg of New York, and Nelson Ruttenberg of New York, were presented as the six representatives of the present Zionist administration.

Tulin and Wise Boosed

When the names of Mr. Tulin and Rabbi Wise were read they were greeted with hisses and boos. After the convention had heard the list of names read, from all parts of the hall delegates clamored for the floor. When quiet had been restored, Jacob Fishman, managing editor of the "Morning Journal," was recognized. He declared that although he and his associates on the administrative committee were compelled to "swallow many bitter pills," forcing them to accept Mr. Tulin and Rabbi Wise constituted "the worst yet." Despite the objections of Mr. Fishman and Abraham Spiechandler and a number of others who demanded that the names be voted on seriatim the delegates ordered the convention secretary to cast one vote for the entire ticket of eighteen. With Mr. Lipsky urging the delegates to for-

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Jews Barricade Themselves in Houses as Pogrom Threatens

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, July 2.—A renewed pogrom panic prevails in the South of Bukovina, according to alarming reports reaching the Austrian papers here. The situation is particularly critical in the anti-Semitic centers of Vama and Kimpolung where the legendary "Prince" Dranila, a notorious anti-Semitic agitator, has assembled 2,000 peasants for pogroms.

The Jewish population in these regions is completely panic-stricken. They have hastily closed their shops and are barricading themselves in their houses. Even the police authorities are unable to cope with the peasants who are reported to have attacked the police officials, making a special target of the district police prefect Coparannu and the police chief Obilansky who vainly endeavored to maintain order.

While the fate of the Jews is still unknown military assistance from Suceava is on the way to the affected districts and automobile loads of gendarmes have also been dispatched to aid the local police.

Commission Told That Jews Paid for Tiles Near Wall Sometime Around 1895

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 2.—Evidence that in about 1895 the Jews laid new tiles on the pavement in front of the Wailing Wall was given this morning before the Wailing Wall Commission by Elihu Eisenstein, former secretary to the former Chief Rabbi Salant. Mr. Eisenstein recalled that Rabbi Salant had appropriated ten napoleons for the repairs. Chairman Loefergren overruled the objection of Abdul Auni Bey, Arab counsel, that the evidence was only hearsay.

Witness Cross-Examined

Auni Bey cross-examined the witness regarding the use of benches and a screen at the Wailing Wall. Mr. Eisenstein maintained that the details were not engraved on his memory but he testified that he himself had used benches at the Wall. The Arab counsel interrupted him to remind him that he "should know that 300,000,000 Moslems all over the world object to the Jews using the screen and therefore the question is of the utmost importance."

The witness replied that such questions do not concern him, saying that they were the business of the government. Pressed to state exactly when he saw the benches at the Wall and how many there were, Mr. Eisenstein turned to the Commissioners and asked "Does the learned counsel wish to waste time?"

Testifies Regarding Film

Professor Boris Shatz, director of the Bezalel Art School, testified regarding the film presented yesterday which showed incidents at the Wailing Wall nineteen years ago. He declared that he had shown the film himself in New York and that he had also sat on the benches without being disturbed while he painted. Professor Shatz pleaded

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Jews of Czechoslovakia to Declare Selves as of Jewish Nationality for Annual Census

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, July 2.—The Czechoslovakian government today issued a decree that permits Jews to declare themselves of the Jewish nationality while other inhabitants of the country will have to register their nationality according to their mother tongue in the forthcoming national population census which is to be taken December 1.

This privilege removes the fear that the Jews will be unable to declare themselves of the Jewish nationality. In the 1921 census only 181,000 Jews were reported while 365,000 declared themselves of the Jewish nationality and but 80,000 reported Yiddish or Hebrew as their mother tongue.

See End of Bloody Wars Among Bedouin Tribes

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 2.—An indication that the hereditary tribal laws that have governed relations between the various Bedouin tribes for centuries will be abolished is seen in an agreement reached today by a number of prominent Bedouin chieftains at Beer-sheba. After a number of days of pourparlers they have agreed that henceforth disputes arising from inter-tribal raids, blood-feuds, real or fancied insults, property rights and other matters of interest to the nomadic tribes will be adjusted in the ordinary law courts instead of as in the past by means of sanguinary tribal wars.

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Chancellor Asks Arabs' Promise of No Disturbances While He Is Out of Palestine

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Jerusalem, July 2—Prior to his departure on his annual vacation, High Commissioner Chancellor asked the Arab leaders to reassure him regarding reports received by the Colonial Office that plans were on foot for disturbances in Palestine once the High Commissioner was gone, according to a report in the Arab paper, "Al Hayat." A similar report appeared today in the Cairo "El Mokkatam."

Members and officials of the Arab Executive are reported to have informed the High Commissioner that the rumors were false and that they emanated from persons "fishing in muddy water."

This rumor indicating that even authoritative sources abroad entertain exaggerated notions of insecurity in Palestine is supplemented by two unconfirmable rumors of an equally sensational nature. One is that the British government has insured the lives of the three members of the Wailing Wall Commission who are investigating Arab and Moslem claims to the Wall. The second is that an American insurance company has demanded a special premium for every day spent in Jerusalem by Dr. M. Huderich, an American international lawyer who is arbitrating a claim for damages against the British government for property losses suffered during the 1927 earthquake.

Although the rumor of disturbances timed to break out when the High Commissioner leaves is not credited in any authoritative circles here it is being recalled that the riots of last August occurred while the Commissioner was out of the country.

There will be no issue of the Bulletin published on July 4, a legal holiday.

Roumanian Government Acts to Check Anti-Semitic Offenses

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, July 2—In accordance with the recent promises made to the Jewish population in general and to visiting delegations of Jewish leaders by King Carol, the Roumanian government has begun to deal seriously with anti-Semitic excesses and their perpetrators. The ministers of justice and of the interior are ordering drastic police measures and prompt legal prosecution of all offenders in anti-Semitic disturbances.

Indications of this policy are seen in the energetic action in Baltzi where a number of anti-Semitic peasants found guilty of having participated in the recent incidents there have been sentenced to prison, and the report of a government inspector that Baltzi police officials had encouraged the anti-Semitic agitators. Similarly the arrest of Jan Trifan for the desecration of a Jassy synagogue and the establishing of the fact that he was also guilty of last year's anti-Semitic excesses on the railroads in connection with the students' congress are seen as further signs of the government's intention to keep its promise not to tolerate anti-Semitism.

Dr. Greenberg Heads Southern Region of B'rith Sholom

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Norfolk, Va., July 2—Dr. J. A. Greenberg of Baltimore was re-elected today grand master of the regional Independent Order of B'rith Sholom, which convened here for its twenty-eighth annual gathering with a three-day session. H. H. Morewitz, who is chairman of the convention and prominently connected with the Norfolk order, was honored as fourth deputy grand master.

Others chosen were Samuel Steinbach, Baltimore, first deputy grand master; Harry Madanick, Baltimore, third deputy, and B. A. Jacobs, Richmond, fifth deputy grand master. Alexander Pogorelskin, of Baltimore, was re-elected grand secretary, and William Blumberg, Baltimore, treasurer. Mrs. Bessie Blumfield of Baltimore was elected grand matron of the Ladies' Assembly.

Jewess Named Trustee of Hunter College

Miss Ruth Lewinson, a lawyer, has been reappointed by Mayor Walker as a trustee of Hunter College for a second nine-year term, being at the same time sworn in as a member of the Board of Higher Education. Her appointment was endorsed by many prominent people, among them Senator Robert F. Wagner, John W. Davis, Henry W. Taft, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, District Attorney Crain and Lieutenant-Governor Lehman.

She was first appointed a Hunter College trustee in 1921 by Mayor Hylan. She is chairman of the adult education committee of the New York City Federation of Women's Club.

Congressman Celler Challenges Wickersham Board Member's Slur on Jews and Italians

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Washington, July 2—Challenging the remarks of Frank Loeser, a member of the Wickersham Commission on Law Enforcement, who stated in an address at the University of Iowa that Jews and Italians, not the "real Americans," furnish the gangsters of this country, Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York in a letter to Mr. Loeser declares that the latter's remarks in this connection are false, display prejudice and will do incalculable harm.

Congressman Celler's letter to Mr. Loeser is as follows:

"In the course of your remarks at the University of Iowa on June 30th you said: 'The real Americans are not gangsters. Recent immigrants and the first generation of Jews and Italians are chief offenders, with the Jews furnishing the brains and the Italians the brawn.'

"Such slanders cannot go unchallenged. They are utterly false. Burke told us many years ago that you cannot bring an indictment against a whole people. Jews and Italians are naturally entitled to their proportion of ne'er-do-wells. So are the Germans, the English, the Mayflower descendants, the Americans have no monopoly upon virtue. Forbes, Sinclair, Doheny and Daugherty prove that. The Americans Major Campbell and U. S. Attorney Tuttle of New York, are now accusing each other of Prohibition wrongs, far more important than your ridiculous aspersions upon Jews and Italians. You would not put a bar sinister upon Americans as a class because these men are accused of wrongdoing.

"Why do you single out Jews and Italians, just because a comparatively few of these people are gangsters? What of the vast preponderating majority of law-abiding and industrious Jews and Italians? Jews, for example, furnished more soldiers in the World War than any other class in proportion to their total number.

"Your statement will do incalculable harm. You display a prejudice that disqualifies you as a member of the Wickersham Commission. I, for one, shall surely oppose extension of its activities beyond Prohibition. You cannot impartially gauge crime data. Furthermore, your statements are downright 'wicked' and 'sham,' like the Commission of which you are a member."

Syrians Plan Boycott on English Products

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 2—The recent report of a boycott against British goods in Syria is apparently well-founded as the Damascus paper, "El Shaal," says that a committee has been formed to carry out this boycott and that all Syrian merchants found purchasing British goods will themselves be boycotted.

Would Ban "Merchant of Venice" in Schools of Small Towns

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, July 2—After achieving the elimination of the study of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" from the curricula of most of the high schools of larger cities, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League is now directing its efforts to the smaller communities.

"Many school superintendents," says a report of the Anti-Defamation League, "still seem to think that the only basis for objection is that some of the Jewish pupils in the schools may feel personally embarrassed during the study of the play, and that, therefore, if there are no Jewish students in the class, there is no necessity for elimination of the play."

"Were all teachers of English in our schools broad and well-informed, the 'Merchant of Venice' might then become a most forceful lesson of tolerance. Instead of being held up as a typical example of a race stigmatized as vengeful, bloodthirsty and pitiless, Shylock would take his place in literature and current thought as one of the great mass of human beings, Christians and Jews alike, who resent results, who love when loved, who hate when hated and who seek revenge commensurate with their individual passions."

Revisionists Postpone World Conference to August 10

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, July 2—The world conference of Zionists-Revisionists, which had been scheduled for August third has been postponed until August 10, preparations for the conference having been delayed owing to the likelihood that there would be a world Zionist Congress in the Fall. The statement issued by the executive of the Zionists-Revisionists adds that the recent decision of the Zionist Executive makes it clear that a Congress is not likely before December.

Anshe Chesed Temple, Erie, Celebrates Completion of Temple

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Erie, Pa., July 2—The three-day program in celebrating of the completion of the building of the Anshe Chesed Temple was concluded on Sunday with a community service in which various Christian pastors of Erie participated. Rabbi Max C. Currick, of the temple, presided, and the main speaker was Edward M. Baker of Cleveland. At the dedication services on Friday evening and Saturday the main speakers were Rabbi Samuel H. Goldenson of Pittsburgh and Dr. Gerson B. Levi of Chicago.

A dedication souvenir has been issued by the Temple Sisterhood, of which Mrs. Leo Weil is president. Through advertisements obtained for this booklet, the Sisterhood has been able to pay off its pledge of \$10,000 to the Building Fund.

Chicago Jewish Charities Gets \$16,171, Large Acreage and \$25,000 N. Florsheim Fund

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Chicago, July 2—A gift of 115½ acres of land adjoining the Winfield Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Winfield, Ill., by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rubens, to the Jewish Charities of Chicago, was announced today. The gift was made in memory of their parents, Louis and Caroline Rubens and Isaac and Kate Meyer. It is planned to erect in the near future the first unit of a convalescent home and eventually to develop the entire tract for this and other Jewish community needs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rubens have been active in affairs of the Chicago Jewish community for many years.

Officials of the Jewish Charities also announced that a gift of \$25,000 has just been received from Mrs. Ida S. Florsheim, widow of Norman S. Florsheim, to be designated as the Norman S. Florsheim Fund. This is announced as an unrestricted bequest left to the charities by the will of Mr. Florsheim.

Other bequests received by the charities and announced today are \$6,000 from the estate of Laura Strauss, \$5,000 from the estate of Joseph Byfield, \$3,000 from the estate of Charles Haas, \$2,000 from the estate of Pauline Hilb, \$500 from the estate of Sigmund M. Eisendrath, \$421.04 from the estate of Haiman Lowy and \$250 from the estate of Barnett Pruzan, making a total of \$16,171.04.

Immigration to Palestine for May Shows Falling Off

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 2—Compared with the figures for recent months, the entrance of 358 people to Palestine during May represents a reduction and foreshadows the results of the stoppage of Jewish immigration. Of the 358 who entered in May, 267 were Jews, 67 Christians and 24 Moslems. During the same period, 66 Palestinian Jewish citizens, 122 Jewish aliens, 32 Christians and 55 Moslems left. The Jewish immigrants include 44 who entered as travelers and were allowed to settle.

Arab Financiers Create Bank in Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, July 2—A new Arab bank has just been established here by a group of Arab financiers. It is known as the El-Rabi Bank and its purpose is to provide credits to small merchants in the urban areas of Palestine. Though the bank has an authorized capital of \$75,000, only \$20,000 has been paid in thus far, and it is therefore expected that its limited funds will not enable it to carry on activities on a large scale.

The new Arab bank does not expect to give any credit to farmers. Among the Arab financiers who have helped to establish the new bank is Abdul Hamid Shamaan, who formerly lived in the United States and became an American citizen.

Will Make Nation-Wide Tour in Interests of Judaism

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Cincinnati, July 2—A nation-wide tour in the interest of Judaism will be made by a committee of 200, according to plans contemplated by David A. Brown of New York, chairman of the Board of Finance of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Some of the outstanding rabbis and laymen in the United States, Mr. Brown told the Executive Board of the Union at its recent meeting, will participate in this enterprise during November, 1930.

The five million dollar drive for the Hebrew Union College has reached about \$4,500,000, Mr. Brown stated, due to the efforts of Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the "New York Times" and chairman of the fund. Despite the recent economic depression, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations showed new sources of income amounting to \$138,000 and representing a net increase of \$73,000 in the annual income of the Union, said Mr. Brown.

Rabbi Koch Heads B'nai B'rith District No. 4

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

San Diego, Cal. July 2—Rabbi Samuel Koch of Seattle was today elected grand president of the district Grand Lodge No. 4 of the B'nai B'rith at the conclusion of the annual convention. Other officers chosen are Sigmund Lipman of Los Angeles, vice-president, Jack Findling of Salt Lake City, second vice-president, Harry K. Wolfe of San Francisco, treasurer and for his eighth term Richard Gutsadt, executive secretary.

Junior Hadassah Convention Opens in Cleveland

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Cleveland, July 2—The annual convention of the Junior Hadassah was opened here today by Miss Lesser, national president. Florence Snyder of Pittsburgh and Stella Berman of Cleveland were elected a praesidium. Mrs. Robert Szold, president of the Hadassah, spoke about the work of women in Zionism. Miss Lesser gave her annual report, pointing out that during the last year Junior Hadassah collected over \$80,000 in Zionist funds, for the Palestine Emergency Fund and other funds.

German Students' Group Turns Down Numerus Clausus Plan

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Berlin, July 2—A conference of representatives of German student organizations held in Freiburg yesterday voted 22 to 3 against the proposal of the anti-Semitic National Socialists to institute numerus clausus restrictions against Jewish students in German universities. Speakers at the conference, which was well attended, declared themselves in opposition to anti-Semitism in the colleges of Germany.

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get their personal feelings in the matter for the sake of harmony in the Zionist movement, the resolution was carried.

Giving way under the strain of the prolonged and expectant waiting for the outcome of the conferences, the delegates and visitors gave vent to a tremendous outburst of enthusiasm when the result of the vote on the resolution was made known. Mr. Lipsky then invited the representatives of the Brandeis-Mack group at the convention to the platform. As Jacob de Haas, Robert Szold and Israel Brodie stepped up to the dais it was the signal for a renewed thunder of applause as the trio shook hands with Mr. Lipsky whose administration they had strenuously opposed for nine years. With Mr. Lipsky and his erstwhile opponents clasping hands as a symbol of the newly created unity in the ranks of American Zionism, the delegates spontaneously burst into song with Hatikvah.

Silver Makes Thanksgiving Address

When the enthusiasm at the conclusion of the long awaited peace had somewhat subsided, Rabbi Silver made a short address of thanksgiving in which he declared that henceforth there would not be two parties in American Zionism and that the expression "Brandeis-Mack group" would disappear from the parlance of Zionists. Rabbi Silver assured the delegates that the slate would be wiped clean of all personal ill-will and the Z.O.A. would now go before American Jewry as a united group.

Following his eloquent appeal to wipe out the deficit of the Z.O.A. the enthusiastic delegates pledged upwards of \$100,000 within twenty minutes. This sum with the \$25,000 pledged Sunday night leaves \$32,000 still to be raised.

The terms of the peace agreement also provide that the Brandeis-Mack group should have representation on the council of the Jewish Agency. In order to effect this representation it was indicated that Judge William M. Lewis of Philadelphia, now a member of the council, would resign and Judge Julian W. Mack would be appointed in his place.

Deplore Ban on Jabotinsky

Among the other actions of the convention before it adjourned was the adoption of a resolution calling upon Great Britain to revoke its ruling forbidding the entrance into Palestine of Vladimir Jabotinsky, leader of the Zionists-Revisionists and founder of the Jewish Legion which, under General Allenby, aided in the conquest of Jerusalem. His exclusion from Palestine was termed a nullification of the spirit of the Balfour Declaration.

The convention also sent the following message to President Hoover.

"Hon. Herbert Hoover,
President of the United States.

"We the delegates of the thirty-third annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, wish to express,

to you, on behalf of the Zionists of America, our deep appreciation and gratitude for the inspiring words which you sent to us in your message to the opening of the convention.

"Your interest in the rebuilding of Palestine as the Jewish National home has been a source of encouragement for many years. It has been expressed to us on many occasions when your words have given Zionists courage and hope. But your message at this critical period attains in our eyes an enduring significance.

"It indicates to the Jews of the United States, as well as of the entire world, that the Government of the United States is keeping a watchful eye on the progress of the ideal of rebuilding the Jewish national home, which it approved in a unanimous joint resolution of Congress in 1922.

"It tells us that the hopes of 4,000,000 American Jews have the sympathy of our fellow-citizens.

"Your expression of hope that 'the discouragements of the moment will presently be removed' gives us assurance that you are deeply concerned with the grave problems which confront the ideal of Zionism today.

"We extend to you our best wishes and thank you for your message, which brings to us reassurance and inspiration."

Elect New Executive Committee

The new executive committee elected is as follows: Isaac Allen, Baltimore; Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, Cleveland; Charles A. Coen, New York; Mrs. Judith Epstein, New York; Benjamin Everts, Holyoke, Mass.; Jacob Fishman, New York; Edward Friedman, Far Rockaway, L. I.; Dr. Harry Friedewald, Baltimore; Pearl Franklin, Chicago; Judge Harry M. Fisher, Chicago; David Freiburger, New York; Israel Goldberg, Brooklyn; Isador Goldberg; Rabbi Solomon Goldman, Chicago; Abraham Goldstein, Hartford, Conn.; Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, New York; Laurence Levine, New York; Israel Matz, Brooklyn; Dr. S. Margoshes, New York; Morris Margulies, Brooklyn; Bernard G. Richards, New York; Louis P. Rocker, New York; Mrs. Sol Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh; Dr. A. J. Rongy, New York; Bernard Rosenblatt, New York; Herman G. Robbins, Arverne, L. I.; Herman R. Segal, New York; Norman Salit, New York; Elihu D. Stone, Boston; A. Spiechandler, Brooklyn; Mrs. Robert Szold, New York; Mrs. Archibald Silverman, Providence, R. I.; Dr. Israel Wechsler, New York; Leo Wolfson, New York; Morris A. Zeldin, Brooklyn; Prof. Gustav Klausner, St. Louis; Peter Levitt; Max Shulman, Chicago and Joseph Weiss, New York.

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with the Commission to aid in improving the hygienic conditions in the neighborhood of the Wall.

Replying to Auni Bey, Professor Shatz disputed the sanctity of the Wall to the Moslems but declared that it was most precious to the Jews not only as a relic of the Temple but owing to the continued lamentations at the Wall. He also stated that it was no more important whether the Wall was archaeologically authentic than if the Holy Sepulchre marks a holy spot.

An intimation that Zionists utilize the worship at the Wailing Wall as propaganda to bring Jews to Palestine was made by Abdul Auni Bey, Arab counsel, in the course of a question he addressed to Rabbi Ben Zion Meyer Uziel, chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, who took the witness stand at yesterday afternoon's session of the Wailing Wall Commission.

In his persistent attempt to provoke a political discussion Auni Bey asked Rabbi Uziel, a native of Palestine and a descendant of a long line of Palestinian-born Hebrew scholars, whether "Zionists believe that praying at the Wall helps the propaganda for bringing Jews to Palestine?" Later Rabbi Uziel expressed resentment at Auni Bey's question whether the Rabbi was a Zionist. While Rabbi Uziel replied "I am a Jew and I attended the last Zionist Congress", the chairman of the Commission, Eliot Loefgren, ruled the question out of order.

Supplements Eliash's Statement

When Rabbi Uziel took the stand he supplemented a written statement on the liturgical service prepared by Dr. Mordecai Eliash, chief of the Jewish counsel. Vigorously deprecating the attempt of the Arab lawyer to make him testify in Arabic, Rabbi Uziel emphasized that congregational services anywhere require the Torah scroll and the lahav (palm). He declared that High Commissioner Chancellors recent temporary regulations at the Wall excluding these appurtenances as well as the praying shawl and phylacteries do not meet the Jewish requirements.

While Rabbi Uziel reiterated that during the long service at the Wall the opportunity of sitting down is an essential convenience, Commissioners Barde and van Kemper questioned him closely on when the Jews first commenced to pray at the Wall. The witness told the Commissioners that Jews the world over had turned towards the site of the Temple ever since the days of Solomon.

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