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## Closing Session of Agency Meeting Names d'Avigdor Goldsmid Council Chairman; Dr. Frankel, Joint Chairman; Prof. Speyer And Robert Szold, Vice-Chairmen; Hexter Elected to Executive (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BASLE, July 17—The Council of the Jewish Agency concluded its meeting this afternoon with the election of a new Executive, a new president of the Jewish Agency, a new chairman of the Council and a new administrative committee and a great ovation to Dr. Cyrus Adler.

Nahum Sokolow, president of the World Zionist Organization, was elected president of the Jewish Agency, succeeding Dr. Chaim Weizmann. O. E. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, was named chairman of the Council, and Dr. Lee K. Frankel, vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, was named joint-chairman. Professor M. Speyer of Belgium and Robert Szold, chairman of administration of the Zionist Organization of America, were elected vice-chairmen.

The new Executive of the Jewish Agency consists of five persons, in addition to the five members of the Zionist Executive. The five who were elected by the Council are, Dr. Maurice

Hexter of New York, a member of the former Executive; Dr. Werner Senator of Berlin, also a member of the old Executive; Dr. Bernard Kahn of Berlin, European director of the work of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; Isaac B. Berkson, director of the Jewish Agency school system in Palestine, and Harry Viteles, general manager of the Central Bank of Cooperative Institutions in Palestine.

The Council also elected a new ad-  
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## New Actions Committee at First Meeting Reelects Leo Motzkin as Its Chairman (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BASLE, July 17—The newly-elected Zionist Actions Committee, the governing Zionist body in the interim between Congresses, held its first meeting today and decided to hold a session of its presidium every three months in order to control the activities of the Zionist Executive. Dr. Leo Motzkin, chairman of the old Actions Committee, was reelected chairman.

The Committee, consisting of 52 members and six so-called co-opted members, is divided by parties as follows: General Zionists, 18; Laborites, 15; Revisionists, 10; Mizrahi 7 and Radicals, 2. The six-co-opted members are Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the retiring president of the Zionist Organization; Menachem Mendel Ussishkin, president of the Jewish National Fund; Dr. Leo Motzkin, Isaac Naiditch, Victor Jacobson and Schmarja Levin. Only the first three have the voting right.

The Committee includes six Americans, all from New York. They are Louis Lipsky, former president of the Zionist Organization of America; Jacob de Haas, chairman of the organization committee of the Zionist Organization of America; Mrs. Edward Jacobs, president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America; Berl Locker, general secretary of the Zionist Socialist Party of America; Rabbi Wolf Gold, and Abraham Goldberg.

Pearl Franklin of Chicago, Elihu Stone of Boston, Mrs. Archibald Silverman of Providence and Abraham Tulin of New York are the American alternates on the Committee.

The Committee also named the following vice-presidents: Kurt Blumenfeld, Ben Zion Mosinson, Joseph Sprinzak, Rabbi Meyer Berlin, Richard Lichtheim, Deputy Isaac Gruenbaum and Salman Rubaschow.

## Greek Diplomat in Warsaw Blames Communists for Saloniki Anti-Jewish Riots (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, July 17—Blaming Communists for the recent anti-Jewish outbreaks in Saloniki, the Greek consul in Warsaw stated today during a visit to the office of the Warsaw Jewish community that the Greek people were never inclined toward anti-Semitism and that Premier Venizelos of Greece is a friend of the Jewish people.

The Consul was greeted by the Kehillah leaders, Prof. Abraham Schorr and M. Feldstein. In greeting the Consul, Prof. Schorr pointed out that the Greek government is under obligation to fight anti-Semitism in Greece and to compensate the Jewish victims of the recent Saloniki pogrom.

The visit of the Consul to the Warsaw Kehillah office was in connection with the proposal of the local rabbinate to declare a "cherem," or religious boycott, against esrogim (a kind of citrus fruit used in the Succoth religious services) that are imported here every year from Greece, in retaliation for the recent pogrom in Saloniki.

## Central Verein Director Denies Nazis' Charge Jews Responsible For Reich's Financial Crisis (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BERLIN, July 17—Ludwig Hollander, director of the Central Association of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith, today vigorously repudiated the characteristic allegation of the Hitlerites that Jacob Goldschmidt, managing director of the closed Darmstaedter und National Bank, as well as other Jewish bankers, are responsible for Germany's present financial catastrophe.

Writing in the organ of the Central Association, Herr Hollander points out that not only are the Jews blameless but that the Hitlerites themselves are responsible. Herr Hollander shows that the Jews assisted in rebuilding Germany's post-war economic life and were instrumental in obtaining foreign capital for German enterprises.

The Hitlerites, on the other hand, he declares, shattered Germany's confidence in its own future and alienated foreign support. This was the result of the Nazi parliamentary victory last year coupled with their organized street terror against Jews and the announcement that when the Nazis assumed power they would confiscate the capital of all financiers, notwithstanding the fact that the Nazis supported the financiers who subsidized the Hitlerite movement, Herr Hollander asserts.

## Palestine Chief Secretary Warns Mufti's Organ Against Publishing Inciting Articles (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, July 17—Sir Mark Aitchinson Young, chief secretary of Palestine, today sent a warning to Al-Jamea al Arabia, the semi-official organ of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, against its publication of inciting articles in connection with the Arab campaign against sealed armories in the Jewish colonies. In his warning Sir Mark stressed the fact that similar articles were responsible for the 1929 riots.

Notwithstanding his warning the campaign itself continues unchecked and in full swing. The chief of the Arab scouts, speaking at a meeting convened to protest against the armories, rejected mere protests as useless and called for action. "Your land, your lives and your property are endangered and if we do not awaken we will be killed by Jewish fire kept in the colonies," he declared.

On the other hand the Jewish press today points out that in the last week alone 26 Arabs have been arrested for carrying arms. The papers cite this to prove to what extent measures for the safety of the Jewish colonies remain most essential. The Arab campaign began when the government distributed sealed armories to the more remote Jewish colonies.

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### Youthful Victim of Ratom Anti-Jewish Outbreak Dies

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WARSAW, July 17—Pinchas Osher Litwak, the 17-year old Jewish student who was injured during the anti-Semitic disturbances in Ratom on June 13 and 14, died here today of his injuries. The government authorities at Ratom have refused to permit Litwak's body to be brought to Ratom for burial, giving as the reason for the refusal the fear of new disturbances during the funeral.

As a result of the action of the Ratom officials, Litwak will be buried in Warsaw. He died in a Warsaw hospital to which he was removed after the outbreak.

### Fear Two Missing Jewish Children Murdered in Palestine

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, July 17—The Jewish press today called on the Palestine police department to take immediate and vigorous steps to clear up the mystery of the disappearance of a Jewish boy and girl who have been missing since June 29 when they were last seen on the promenade in Tel Aviv. The missing children are Salia Zohar from the colony of Ben Shemen and Johanan Stahl from the settlement of Kiryat Brenner.

The Jewish papers are of the opinion that the missing children have been murdered.

### Arab Opinion Not Changed By Election of Sokolow

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, July 17—The election of Nahum Sokolow as president of the World Zionist Organization in the place of Dr. Chaim Weizmann does not change Arab opinion because the program is the same, "continuing Weizmann's bad way," Auni Abdul Hadi Bey, one of the prominent Arab leaders, declares today in the Al Hayat.

He points out that the Arabs do not care "for a person but for the program."

### Split in Revisionist Party As Jabotinsky Takes Six Months Leave of Absence

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BASLE, July 17—The oft-repeated threat of the Zionist Revisionists that they would secede from the World Zionist Organization in the event that their demands were not met by the Zionist Congress today created a breach in the ranks of the Revisionist party when Vladimir Jabotinsky, founder and leader of the party, took a six months leave of absence because of serious differences within the party.

The differences are the result of a varying attitude among the Revisionists on the question of whether or not they should remain within the Zionist Organization, and if they do remain, to what extent they will participate in the work of the Organization. In an endeavor to settle this question the Revisionists are planning to convoke a world Revisionist conference in December. At this conference the possible return of Jabotinsky to the leadership of the party he founded in 1925 will also be decided.

The bloc of 52 Revisionist delegates kept the Zionist Congress which has just concluded agog throughout its 15 days of sessions by their oppositionist tactics. On one occasion they walked out of the Congress hall en masse led by Jabotinsky when the Congress refused to permit one of their minority resolutions to be voted upon.

### Leaders See Congress' Results in Varying But Optimistic Lights

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BASLE, July 17—With the delegates to the Zionist Congress making ready to disperse to the four quarters of the globe, the outcome of the Congress was interpreted in a variety of ways by leaders of the different parties and groups in brief statements issued to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency tonight.

Vladimir Jabotinsky, Revisionist chieftain, who at one point of the Congress led his followers in a dramatic walkout of protest, said "the Congress concluded with resolutions which mean a new policy and with an Executive which will continue the old policy which is just like all Zionist Congresses."

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, whose bitter indictment of British policy in Palestine and sharp criticism of the retiring Zionist leader, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, was one of the highlights of the Congress, characterized the gathering as "one of forward-looking hope. The change in leadership proves to the doubting that the Zionist movement is greater than any man. The Jewish National Home will yet be our own."

#### End Better Than Beginning

Dr. Leo Motzkin, who as chairman of the Congress' presidium, presided over most of the sessions of the Congress, said meaningfully that "the end of the Congress is better than its beginning." Rabbi Meyer Berlin, leader of the Mizrahi, Orthodox Zionists,

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### Lavine, Seattle Labor Leader, Elected to City Council

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

SEATTLE, July 17—David Lavine, for many years a labor leader of this city, was selected a member of the Seattle City Council today to fill the place made vacant by Councilman Robert Harlan, who has been named mayor as a result of the recall of Mayor Frank Edwards.

Mr. Lavine is president of the Seattle Central Labor Council, an office which he has held for many years, and is very popular in labor union circles in Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. He is also vice-president of the International Jewelry Workers' Union and secretary of the Jewelers' local here.

"Dave" Lavine, as he is usually called here, came to this country at sixteen from Berditchev, Russia, where he was a yeshiva student. He is forty-seven years old.

### 88-Year Old Minneapolis Jew Leaves for Palestine Alone

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

ST. PAUL, July 17—An aged St. Paul Jew who has wandered over three nations and who now is 88 years old has left here alone for Palestine, that he may realize a lifelong desire to "die in the Holy Land."

From the time when he was a small boy in Poland and his grandfather told him stirring tales of the ancient Hebrews under David and Solomon, Louis Michnisky has been intensely anxious to visit the homeland of his ancestors.

When he grew to manhood, moved to Germany, and, 50 years ago, came to St. Paul, he still harbored that desire. A visit to Palestine to trod the paths of his fathers was his greatest dream. To live the last years of his life there and die "in the Holy Land," would be the consummation of all his wishes.

The responsibilities of caring for a family kept Mr. Michnisky from realizing his dream. He established a clothing store in St. Paul. It prospered. His children grew up, moved away and prospered in turn. Four years ago, with his wife, he moved to the Jewish Home for the Aged here.

There his interest in religion and his piety earned him a reputation. Though he had no training he often was placed in charge of services at the home. And to the old people living there he was known simply as "Rabbi" Michnisky.

Two years ago Mrs. Michnisky died. Mr. Michnisky once more was alone. Reminiscing during the long nights and days over the ambitions and desires of his boyhood, his old desire to visit Palestine again possessed him.

There was opposition, of course, from his children, who told him he was too old, but, as Mr. Michnisky said yesterday before he left to live in Palestine:

"I was determined to go. I told them I would go whether they allowed me or not. So I'm going."

Mr. Michnisky will first visit a son at Kansas City and grandchildren at Chicago.

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ministrative committee of 20 Zionists and non-Zionists. The new committee went into immediate session to elect its chairman.

At the same time the Council voted to establish a special office in London to maintain relations with the Mandatory Power.

Before closing a scheme for a million members of the Jewish Agency paying five dollars annually was accepted today by the Council. The plan was fathered by Joseph Sprinzak, Palestine Labor leader. The Council appointed a special committee to investigate during the year the workability of the plan and means for its realization.

The scheme was discussed in the report rendered to the Council by its acting-chairman, Dr. Cyrus Adler. He said that while he was not sure that the idea was feasible he thought it correct and urged its favorable consideration so that there might be a reasonable certainty with regard to budget and income.

At the same time a special effort to raise \$1,000,000 in order to meet the extraordinary financial position in which the Executive of the Jewish Agency finds itself was decided upon. The decision was made after the Council had heard a detailed report from Dr. Bernard Kahn on behalf of the budget committee.

Of the \$1,000,000 to be raised, \$500,000 is needed within the next few months in order to make possible the continuation of the Jewish work in Palestine. The second \$500,000 is required as a reserve for a stabilization fund to be set aside after the requirements of the regular budget have been satisfied.

In his report Dr. Kahn pointed out the need of raising \$500,000 within the next few months in order to meet the obligations of the Jewish Agency. He cited figures to show that until September \$780,000 is necessary.

The Council also resolved to appoint a joint committee from its Executive and the Jewish National Council of Palestine which is to consider proposals for the transference of the Palestine health work to the National Council and to the Hadassah. In other resolutions the Council urged economy and the merging of the various offices of the Keren Hayesod, the Agency's chief financial instrument, in order to consolidate the administration of these offices.

The Council took note of the negotiations with the National Council concerning the transfer to the Palestine Jewish community of all financial responsibility for health and educational institutions and for individual teachers. The Agency Executive was empowered to bring these negotiations to a close and to take all necessary steps so that the transfer may be effected not later

than the beginning of the school year, October, 1932.

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BASLE, July 17—In a unanimously adopted resolution the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine this morning went on record again with a "sincere desire for the creation of a durable understanding between Jews and Arabs in Palestine on the basis of mutual confidence and respect" and declared that it is the Council's conviction that "Jews and Arabs have a common interest in the peaceful development of Palestine."

In the same resolution the Council instructed its Executive to continue its work "for the establishment under the Mandate of harmonious relations between Jews and Arabs based on the acceptance of both parties of the principle that neither is to dominate or to be dominated."

At the same time the Council unanimously approved a resolution protesting against the difficulties attaching to Jewish land purchases in Palestine, Jewish immigration to Palestine and the employment of Jewish labor on public works despite the assurances contained in Premier MacDonald's letter.

This resolution declared that "the Council draws attention to the continuous difficulties attached to the purchase of land by Jews, to Jewish immigration and to the employment of Jewish labor on public works despite the Premier's letter. Moreover, the Tenants' Protection Ordinance has been amended in a manner which very seriously impedes the acquisition of land by Jews. The Council accordingly urges the Mandatory Power to take immediate steps with a view to satisfying on the basis of the Mandate the justified claim of the Jewish Agency in respect to the aforementioned matter."

## Basis for Future Discussion

In another resolution, also unanimously approved, the Council approved of the action of its representatives in the negotiations which led to the MacDonald letter and characterized this document "as a basis for further discussions of the Jewish Agency with the Mandatory Power to the effect of implementing the assurances to the Jewish people contained in the letter and the creation of such conditions as will ensure the uninterrupted development of the Jewish National Home."

The text of this resolution reads as follows: "The Council of the Jewish Agency approves of the action of its representatives in the conduct of the negotiations which led to the issuance of the Premier's letter, and takes note of the Premier's statement as to the authoritative character of this document. The Council expresses appreciation of those assurances and definitions in the letter which show a desire

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# Rabbi Silver Finds Zionist Congress Acquired Itself Well

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

CHOCORUA, N. H., July 17—In spite of besetting difficulties the just concluded World Zionist Congress acquitted itself remarkably well and has again manifested the practical idealism and good sense which are traditional in this parliament of world Jewry, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, acting chairman of administration of the Zionist Organization of America, declared today in a statement issued at his summer home.

Characterizing the Congress as "the most weighty and difficult one since the famous Uganda Congress in 1903," Rabbi Silver, who is spiritual leader of the Cleveland Temple, said that while the Congress was a stormy and impetuous one "it left Zionist ranks unbroken, cleared the air, and opened the way for a full program of constructive Zionist effort in the future."

The retirement of Dr. Chaim Weizmann from the presidency of the World Zionist Organization and of the Jewish Agency "is no reflection on him nor on his great and unforgettable service to the cause of Israel's national liberation," Rabbi Silver declared. "He has written his name large on the pages of Jewish history for all times. The White Paper of the British government, issued last October, was responsible for Dr. Weizmann's original resignation, and the government's continued attitude of non-cooperation made his return to the leadership of the movement, at least for the time being, practically impossible. A new leadership was required, and a new leadership has been chosen."

"The movement fortunately will not be without Dr. Weizmann's counsel, for he has accepted membership on the Actions Committee. The separation of the program for private economic development from political activities and the setting up of an independent agency for the stimulation of economic undertakings in Palestine are steps dictated by sound economic judgment which has long been entertained by many Zionists, both here and abroad. The budget which was adopted is undoubtedly a limited one, but it is compatible with the present resources of the movement and with world-wide economic conditions."

Rabbi Silver also lauded the Congress for restating the Zionist position, and for its refusal "to sacrifice the best historic purposes of the Jewish people for temporary expediency" as well as for its rejection of "every attempt to minimize the fundamental aim of Zionism."

## Deutsches on Committee for 1932 World Jewish Congress

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

BASLE, July 17—Bernard S. Deutsches, president of the American Jewish Congress, and a New York attorney, today was elected a member of the provisional committee which is making plans for calling a world Jewish congress in the summer of 1932.

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of the Mandatory Power to allay the grave misgivings of the Jewish people aroused by the White Paper of October, 1930.

"The Council notes that the letter is not a complete statement of policy and that it contains reservations which afford ground for apprehension in this respect. The Council hopes that His Majesty's Government will reach a satisfactory settlement with the Jewish Agency in the spirit of the Mandate. The Council regards the letter as a basis for further discussions of the Jewish Agency with the Mandatory Power to the effect of implementing the assurances to the Jewish people contained in the letter and the creation of such conditions as will ensure the uninterrupted development of the Jewish National Home."

### Development Scheme Discussed

At this morning's session of the Council a sharp difference arose between the Zionist and non-Zionist members when the Agency's political commission's resolution on the Palestine development scheme came up for a vote on the floor of the Council. After a lively debate it was decided by a vote of 28 to 17, with many members not voting, that the resolution should not be put to a vote. The resolution was then removed from the agenda.

D'Avigdor Goldsmid of England, on behalf of the political commission which discussed the resolution throughout the night, submitted it to the Council with Dr. Cyrus Adler's suggestion that it should not be read but considered as confidential and only the gist of it read to the Council which should vote on it on the basis of the gist of it.

The gist of the resolution declares that the Council of the Jewish Agency leaves the question of the Agency's participation in the development scheme to the decision of its Executive. This suggestion created considerable excitement among the Zionist members, Menachem Mendel Ussishkin, president of the Jewish National Fund, asking Mr. Goldsmid whether the resolution had been unanimously adopted by the political commission.

When Mr. Goldsmid replied in the affirmative, Oscar Gruenbaum, Austrian Zionist, protested, declaring that it had been adopted against the opposition of the Zionist members of the commission. Mr. Goldsmid then declared that his reply had been based on a misunderstanding and that actually no unanimity existed in the political commission. Louis Lipsky, on behalf of the Agency's Zionist members, then declared that it was impossible to vote for a resolution the contents of which remain confidential.

Following this declaration a vote was taken and by 28 to 17 it was decided not to put the resolution to a

vote and it was removed from the agenda.

In line with a suggestion of Mr. Ussishkin, the Council unanimously decided to leave to the Agency's administrative committee the framework of the budget within the limits of the budgets adopted by the Zionist Congress and that recommended by the Agency's financial committee. The Congress' budget is \$1,800,000 and the one adopted by the Agency totals \$1,750,000. The difference of \$50,000 was left to the administrative committee to settle.

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found that the Congress "began with despair and concluded with hope. The new Executive means not only new people but also a new path."

Isaac Naiditch, French leader, asserted that the Congress "had killed a man but did not kill the system" while M. Haskel of South Africa said "it now remains for Dr. Weizmann to respect the Congress' decision and not to participate in any action which might prejudice the work of the new Executive."

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, a member of the new Executive and a confidant of Dr. Weizmann, pointed out that the Congress was "signalized by the departure of Dr. Weizmann from leadership but this does not mean that the Congress rejected the fundamentals of the policy which Dr. Weizmann brilliantly led for so many years."

"The statement of policy by the new Executive as well as the composition of this Executive makes this clear. Jewry has sacrificed its leader, I believe, temporarily in order to demonstrate the grave apprehension created by the events of the last two years. I hope Jewry, and particularly the Zionist movement, will now be in a position of determination to work together for the realization of our aims."

### Spirit Not Broken

"The Congress showed that our spirit as a nation is not broken. On the contrary, we stand united in the firm will to achieve in Palestine Herzl's dream and the internationally recognized aim of a Jewish National Home."

Emanuel Neumann, one of the two Americans on the new Executive, asserted that "it was a difficult Congress, coming after a series of political reverses. The overwhelming majority deeply appreciated Dr. Weizmann's unquestioned devotion and contributions to the cause, but the Congress clearly expressed a desire for a change in the political and economic spheres. The Zionist Organization emerged from the Congress unbroken and unshaken in its determination to go forward towards its unchanging goal."

The other American member of the Executive, Berl Locker, said he con-

## Lessing Rosenwald Named Vice-President of Sears, Roebuck Company Board of Directors

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

CHICAGO, July 17—Lessing J. Rosenwald, eldest son of Julius Rosenwald, internationally known philanthropist and businessman, was elected vice-chairman of the board of directors of Sears, Roebuck & Co., and also chairman of the executive committee today. Lessing Rosenwald is a resident of Philadelphia.

Lessing Rosenwald, who is 40 years old, worked his way up from the bottom. After his graduation from Cornell he joined Sears, Roebuck & Co. in a minor capacity. In 1920 he was appointed manager of the Philadelphia plant and three years ago was elected vice-president of the firm.

In addition to following in his distinguished father's footsteps in the business world, Lessing Rosenwald has also carried on the Rosenwald tradition in philanthropy and civic work. He is now president of the Federation of Jewish Charities of Philadelphia. He played a leading role in Philadelphia's drive against unemployment and made a personal gift of \$100,000 to the unemployment fund.

## Hear Palestine Preparing Immigration Law Changes

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, July 17—The Palestine government is now preparing an amendment to the immigration law that will permit the entrance of immigrants under the so-called capitalist category even if they have less than the present required minimum capital of \$5,000, it was learned today. In 1930 a total of 191 such immigrants were admitted to Palestine. Of this number 178 were Jews.

considered the results of the Congress under the circumstances created, satisfactory. "It is certainly the firm decision of all members of the new Executive, without giving up their principles, to work together loyally and sincerely along a common program under the slogan of upbuilding work under any circumstances," Mr. Locker said.

Jacob Fishman, managing editor of the Jewish Morning Journal, asserted that "Weizmann was ostensibly the scapegoat but in reality he emerged bigger than before. The vote of the majority of the American delegation was solemnly dictated by a policy of revenge against Weizmann."

Mrs. Archibald Silverman, an alternate member of the Actions Committee, said "a change of leadership was absolutely necessary at this particular juncture in Zionist affairs. I was not against Dr. Weizmann, but I voted against him as a protest against the British government."

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