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19TH WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS OPENS IN LUCERNE

Dr. Sokolow's Opening Address to 19th World Zionist Congress at Lucerne, Switzerland, Made Before 480 Delegates, 1,500 Guests Including Diplomats Many Nations and Representatives of Great Britain and Swiss Government.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPEECH BY SOKOLOW:

Called for unity among Zionists. Asked understanding with Arabs. Stated adherence "in work and spirit" to Palestine Mandate. Declared Jewish National Home must "grow and develop. No man has the right to fix the boundaries of the march of a nation. No man has the right to say: Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther." Stated "100 years ago Israel stood with downcast eyes and bent back, a Wandering Jew, outlawed by the world. Now Israel stands a proud and erect laborer, a pioneer of civilization in the East." Stressed industrial development of country; cited agricultural progress on Jewish National Fund Land; hailed cultural achievements of Zionism, describing revival of language of the Bible as "the greatest miracle of our age."

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BRILLIANT THROG AT OPENING

LUCERNE, August 20. (JTA) -- With a record attendance of 480 delegates and 1,500 guests from all parts of the world, and with 300 newspapermen present to report its deliberations, the nineteenth biennial World Zionist Congress opened here tonight in the great hall of the Congress and Arts Palace.

Before the brilliant gathering which included diplomats of many nations and official representatives of the British and Swiss governments, Dr. Nahum Sokolow, 74-year-old president of the World Zionist Organization, delivered two addresses.

In the first, Dr. Sokolow declared the Zionist movement's adherence to the terms of the Palestine Mandate "in the word and in the spirit." He voiced a plea for unity among Zionists and an understanding with the Arabs. Reviewing the developments in Palestine within the past two years since the last Congress at Praha, Czechoslovakia, the veteran Zionist leader gave vigorous expression to the demand that the restrictions placed upon immigration to Palestine and expansion within the country be removed.

In his second address, delivered after an interval during which James G. McDonald, League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, spoke, Dr. Sokolow reviewed the world situation of Jewry and Zionism.

CITY FLAG-BEDECKED

The entire city of Lucerne, particularly Government buildings, was decorated in honor of the occasion with the blue-white flag of Zionism. The hall in which the Congress convened was bedecked with blue-white flags and bunting. Dr. Sokolow and the other speakers occupied a flag-draped rostrum, directly behind which was placed a huge portrait of Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism who 38 years ago convoked the first Zionist Congress at Basle.

This is the first Congress to be held in Lucerne and is the first since Hitler came to power in Germany that has been attended by a delegation of German Zionists. The German delegation of 34 has asked the Actions Committee not to include on the agenda discussion of the situation of the Jews in Germany, warning that if the question arose they would be obliged to leave the hall.

Switzerland has been the favorite site of the biennial Congress, nine of them having been held in Basle and one in Zurich. In 1909, the Congress was held in Hamburg, Germany. Several have been held in Czechoslovakia and in Austria.

DR. WEIZMANN TO PRESIDE

Prior to the opening of the Congress, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, veteran Zionist leader, former president of the World Zionist Organization and expected to be a leading candidate for the presidency, was named by the Actions Committee as the presiding officer of the nineteenth Congress. Named to the praesidium were the following: Joseph Sprinzak, Schlomo Kaplansky and Anselm Reiss, Laborites; Dr. Nahum Goldmann of the progressive Group "A" Zionists, and Dr. Leo Mossensohn of the Group "B" or conservative Zionists.

Following Dr. Sokolow's opening address, Mr. McDonald spoke briefly, voicing the appreciation of himself and the League of Nations refugee commission of "what has been done and will be done by the Zionist Organization and the other bodies comprised in the Jewish Agency for the Jews entering Palestine from Germany."

"I have sometimes said," Mr. McDonald stated, "that our daily grace after meals should be 'Thank God for Palestine.' Without that homeland the prospect for the Jews in Germany during these last two and a half years would have been black indeed. It is a great thing that in these days when the doors of nearly all countries, the biggest and the smallest, are almost entirely closed against immigration, Palestine should have been able to give a home to some 30,000 Jews from Germany."

Mr. McDonald revealed that he had several conversations with the Colonial Secretary about the position in Palestine, and also with High Commissioner Wauchope.

"I still hope," he concluded, "that before I lay down my office I shall have the opportunity of going to Palestine, and seeing with my own eyes what is so vivid in my mind, this combined Jewish people."

ON IMMIGRATION

In his opening address, referring to the limitations of immigration into Palestine and the plight of persecuted and unemployed Jews all over the world, Dr. Sokolow said:

"How much longer will the Jews be criticized, on the one hand, that they are abstaining from doing productive work, while on the other hand they are being hindered from really engaging in such work in the only place in the world where it is at all possible for them to do so?"

"We have full confidence in the wisdom of the Mandatory Power," he said, "and we rely upon the sense of justice of the British people that these difficulties will be gradually removed."

Dr. Sokolow reviewed the progress of Zionism since the first Congress 38 years ago, and pointed out as one of the achievements of the movement that "no Jew now thinks of giving up Eretz Israel (the Land of Israel) thus cutting the thread which connects the Jewish people with its history of the past 4,000 years."

CITES ADVANCE IN 2 YEARS

Describing Palestine in the past two years, he declared that during this period an advance has taken place along the whole line, "not by ostentatious advertisement and high-flown phrases, but by concrete performance of a thoroughly obvious and commendable nature."

"New life has appeared everywhere," Dr. Sokolow said. "The consolidation of our agricultural settlement on the land of the Jewish National Fund has been in vigorous and active progress. New plantations, gardens and farms are being added under intensive expansion to the old ones for the development of which the Keren Hayesod labors constantly."

"In addition to this, we have undertaken a new great reclamation work in the recently acquired Huleh concession territory which opens a new field to Jewish pioneer labor. The workers are now being called upon to drain the swamps that have existed as pest-holes for thousands of years, to introduce hygienic conditions there, and to bring large parts of Eretz Israel under cultivation by irrigating arid soil."

"The outside world is looking with admiration on the rapid material and spiritual development of Eretz Israel. Our pioneers have penetrated the Emek district which in 1920 was still an empty, pathless desert. They have covered the Sharon valley with blossoming gardens and beautiful orchards."

STRESSES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Sokolow also stressed the industrial development of the country and the accomplishments of the hydro-electric enterprises on the Jordan and the mineral extraction enterprises at the Dead Sea. He hailed the cultural achievements of Zionism, describing the revival of the language of the Bible as the greatest of these. Calling this "the greatest miracle of our age," he urged the intensification of efforts to spread the Hebrew language and called for the support of this work by the Congress.

Reporting on the financial progress of the Zionist movement, Dr. Sokolow declared: "In financial matters we have set our house in order after having won for Zionism the respect of the world by quiet, systematic and productive labor."

Dr. Sokolow's survey contained also a statement of the fundamental principle of the Zionist movement. "We stick to the Mandate in word and in spirit," he said. "Our basis is the Jewish National Home and nothing else. This home, however, is to grow and develop. No man has the right to fix the boundaries of the march of a nation. No man has the right to say: Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther!"

PEACE, TRUTH HELD ZIONIST KEYNOTE

Declaring that the keynote of Zionist progress is "peace and truth," the veteran Zionist leader set forth as of primary importance the establishment of harmony with the Arabs, the opening of Transjordan for settlement and the removal of restrictions hampering development and unity of the Jewish people.

Dr. Sokolow concluded his address with a strong appeal for mutual understanding and unity in Zionist ranks. "It is not the difference itself which divides brothers," he said, "but the demand that brothers should not differ. Should our organization be so narrow that it should not be able to embrace different outlooks? Not the spirit of Zionism divides, but the evil spirit of the Exile.

"We have faith in the prophets of Israel. We have also faith in our nation. We believe that in spite of all the misery of the present time, we will maintain that process of revival which commenced as Love for Zion in times more unfavorable, and under hard conditions has developed to a considerable extent.

"Israel is the oldest and at the same time, in its work of rebuilding, the youngest of civilized peoples. A hundred years ago Israel stood with downcast eyes and bent back, a Wandering Jew, outlawed by the world. Now Israel stands a proud and erect laborer, a pioneer of civilization in the East.

"This new Eretz Israel Jew does not think of dominating the Arabs or anyone else. He is a free agent -- he thinks, speaks, acts for himself; he enjoys the fruit of his own industry; he follows the career suited to his own genius and taste; he explores fearlessly the secrets of time and nature; he is law abiding, demanding justice as his right only when his right has been invaded."

SOKOLOW REVIEWS WORLD SITUATION

Declaring that experiences of the past few years have taught the Jewish people to be surprised at nothing, Dr. Nahum Sokolow in a second speech delivered at the opening session tonight reviewed the situation in world Jewry and in Zionism.

"Interest is still focused principally on the hardpressed Jewry of Germany," he declared, adding that "the campaign against Judaism in Germany is not slackening, but on the contrary is being intensified."

"We have not the slightest intention," the veteran Zionist leader declared, "of taking up the time of the Zionist Congress with German, French, English or any other foreign politics. Zionism has no desire to interfere as such in international politics.

The objects for which Zionism strives and which as a Jewish renaissance it has to cherish are of permanent worth, and therefore far too valuable to be misused as a pawn in the game of another nation's current policy for the attainment of a fleeting advantage."

He emphasized further that "we have no inducement to occupy ourselves in a Zionist Congress, from the standpoint whether of international or of German politics, with what is called Nazism. In respect of the situation in Germany," he declared, "we are interested here only in two points which are in themselves non-political. The first is world peace, for which we all long, and the second is the war which German anti-Semitism is carrying on against the Jews of Germany and against Judaism the world over."

Speaking on the question of international peace, Dr. Sokolow stressed the point that "not only on sentimental grounds, but also on material grounds is peace an urgent necessity for the Jewish people, than which no people on earth has suffered more from the horrors of war."

"The ideas of outlawing war," he said, "of disarmament, of the peaceful settlement of all disputes, of the assembling of all nations in a league of equal members, in spite of many deep disappointments, are more highly prized in Jewish public opinion than in any other.

DEPICTS PLIGHT OF POLISH JEWRY

Going on to review the situation of Jewry in other parts of the world, Dr. Sokolow devoted a large part of his address to depicting the plight of the Jewish masses in Poland and in Eastern Europe.

"In Poland the economic distress of the Jews has reached its lowest depths," he said. "Its enormous volume defies even the gigantic schemes of charity. It is impossible to cope with the great masses of the proletariat or impoverished middle-classes, all class distinctions have become fictitious. The vast majority of the Jewish population consists of rapidly increasing masses without means and earning only the most precarious livelihood, and is not dependent upon public charity in the matter of food, but is also to a large extent homeless."

Declaring that Zionism is the only hope for hundreds of thousands of Jews in Poland, Dr. Sokolow emphasized that "Zionism in Poland is not only a great longing for a better and more beautiful world, but it has besides, in recent times become the last resource -- through money coming from Eretz Israel -- for the support of bare life."

Concluding his address with the question "what is to become of our unhappy brethren?" Dr. Sokolow said: "We Zionists do our share through Eretz Israel, but the question as a whole for the immediate future is unsolved. It can never be solved save through Zionism, for the wings of old-fashioned Jewish philanthropy are growing weary and will soon droop."

LABORITES DEMAND IMMIGRANTS PLEDGE TO WORK ON SOIL 3 YEARS

LUCERNE, August 20. (JTA) -- The demand that the Zionist Congress obligate every Jewish immigrant entering Palestine on a labor certificate to spend at least three years on the soil, was voiced today by the Laborite delegation at its final conference before the opening of the nineteenth World Zionist Congress.

The laborites, who have a clear majority at the Congress, adopted this demand following a report by M. Dobkin, head of the immigration department of the Palestine Federation of Labor.

Dobkin reported that although more than 100,000 legal Jewish immigrants entered Palestine since the last Congress two years ago, there is still an acute shortage of Jewish labor as a result of which more than 18,000 Arabs were employed in Jewish enterprises during this period.

Dobkin further disclosed that of the 350,000 Jews now in Palestine, 283,000 are located in the cities and only 67,000 are settled in the colonies. This situation, Dobkin declared, threatens the future of the Jewish upbuilding work in Palestine, since the alleviation of economic ills from which Jews suffer everywhere is possible only with large scale Jewish settlement on the soil in Palestine.

The American General Zionists and Hadassah delegates at a session yesterday decided to join the General Zionist Confederation consisting of so-called Group "A" Zionists who are the more liberal wing of the center Zionist party.

REPORT JEWS WOUNDED IN AFGHAN CLASHES

JERUSALEM, August 20. (JTA) -- Dozens of Jews were wounded in anti-Semitic excesses in Kabul, Afghanistan, it was reported here today by Davar, Jerusalem Hebrew labor daily.

The periodical reports that the situation of Afghan Jewry is hopeless before the constant terrorism to which it is subjected.

NEW HISTADRUTH COLONY OPENED

TEL AVIV, Palestine, August 20. (JTA) -- The Histadruth, Palestine Jewish federation of labor, today inaugurated a new colony named Beth Brenner near here. Among those present at the dedication ceremonies was Herbert Morrison, British Laborite and head of the London County Council.

The colony is named after Joseph Chaim Brenner, Hebrew writer who was killed in 1921 by Arabs.

CITRON URGES U.S. TO STAY OUT OF OLYMPICS

WASHINGTON, August 20. (JTA) -- Representative William M. Citron (Conn.) today called upon sportsmen of the United States to cancel participation in the Berlin Olympic games in an address on the floor of the House.

He charged that Germany has broken her pledge of equality of entry for her citizens. "Neither Jews, Catholics, or Masons have a fair opportunity to compete in that country," he declared. "The Olympic Association of the United States should withdraw its relations with the Olympic Committee of Germany."

Mr. Citron accused "the rulers of Germany" of "using the expected Olympics for their propaganda of hate and persecution. America's youth should not be subjected to propaganda against democracy," he asserted.

MAHONEY DECLARES DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWISH ATHLETES PROVED

NEW YORK, August 20. (JTA) -- Declaring that there is "irrefutable proof" of discrimination against Jewish athletes in Germany, Jeremiah T. Mahoney, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, demanded that United States withdraw from the Olympic games in Berlin in a nation-wide radio address last night.

He declared he will throw his influence as a member of the American Olympic Committee for withdrawal. "I feel the greatest aid that America can give those countless millions suffering in Germany at the present time is to make positive declaration to the Hitler government that we will not take part unless the unjust, inhuman and unsportsmanlike conditions which have been created are eliminated forthwith," he asserted.

NAZI LEGAL ORGAN BACKS S.S. DEMAND ON JEWS

BERLIN, August 20. (JTA) -- Deutsche Justiz, the organ of the Reich Ministry of Justice, today approved the demand of the Schutz Staffel, Hitler's Black-shirt guards, for the prosecution of Jewish business-men who induce "Aryan" competitors to remove signs reading, "This is a German store."

The publication declared that such action is an insult to "Aryans" because it implies that they are not free to acknowledge their racial origin.

Meanwhile, despite Economic Minister Schacht's warning to Nazis not to meddle in business, from various parts of the country incidents illustrating the drive against Jews in business were reported.

At Wismar near Luebeck, a special consecration ceremony was held for the installation of a pillory listing names of "Aryans" who patronize Jewish shops. A storm troop leader solemnly read the names from the list.

At Stralsund, owners of hotels and barber shops posted signs to the effect that Jews were unwanted and would not be served.

A commission agent in Schwerin was excluded from the Nazi union because he received treatment from a Jewish physician.

TORONTO MASS-MEETING SENDS PROTEST TO HITLER

TORONTO, August 20. (JTA) -- A protest to Reichsfuehrer Hitler was sent today by the Canadian League against War and Fascism as the result of a resolution adopted at a mass-meeting of Catholics, Jews and Protestants at Massey Hall last night.

The resolution and protest message called on Hitler to cease "repression of working classes and minority groups." Speakers at the meeting were Rabbi Joseph Fink of Buffalo, N.Y.; Rev. A. B. Belden of England, and Dr. S. B. Hurwich of the Toronto Jewish Workers Conference.

REPORT NASHASHIBI WILL HEAD COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, August 20. (JTA) -- Ragheb Bey Nashashibi, mayor of Jerusalem, is expected to be appointed president of the Legislative Council which the Palestine government contemplates inaugurating, the Arab publication, Al Balagh reported today.

Nashashibi will be named vice-president of the council in the event a Briton is named to the presidency, the newspaper declares.

CONGRESS PUTS MASS RESOLUTION ON RECORD

WASHINGTON, D.C. August 20. (JTA) -- Vice-president John N. Garner, president of the United States Senate, today ordered the resolution adopted by the Massachusetts House of Representatives in protest against Nazi persecution of Jews and other minorities printed in the Congressional Record and referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts filed the resolution with the Senate.

Meanwhile, copies of the anti-Hitler resolution were filed in the House by Representatives Andrew, Martin, Rogers and McCormack, all of Massachusetts.

In the House, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.